



Wednesday 2nd November 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

This week, it's been lovely to welcome our pupils back after what we hope was a happy half term break. As we move from autumn into winter, we will be expecting our pupils to be working hard, as well as experiencing the exciting build up to Christmas and all the other events that we have planned this term. I thought I would write and let you know about some of the things we have going on at the moment.

Forthcoming events...

Year 7 Parent workshop – Hate Crime	Monday 7 th November, 5pm
Year 7 Pupil workshops	Tuesday 8 th November
Autumn Term Progress Reports – all years	Friday 11 th November
Parents Evenings (see further information in this letter)	Wednesday 23 rd November
	Monday 28 th November
Year 6 Think Tank Trip	Friday 9 th December
Choir Performance – Codsall Village Hall	Saturday 10 th December
Carol Concert	Monday 12 th December
Christmas lunch/jumper day – all years	Wednesday 14 th December
Term ends	Thursday 15 th December

Christmas Shop

Our very popular Christmas shop will be opening this week to raise money for the school library, selling Christmas presents suitable for Mums, Dads and other family members. Items will be very reasonably priced between £1.00 and £5.00. Wrapping paper and gift tag is included in the price, so that pupils can do their shopping, wrap their own gifts and bring it home ready to go under the tree!

Safeguarding

We take safeguarding very seriously at CMS and always work hard to look after the 'whole child'. For your information, our Designated Lead for Safeguarding is Mrs Deas; Mrs Reade and Mrs Davison are our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads - this means that between them they have the main responsibility for making sure pupils are healthy, safe and happy. If pupils need to talk, they will listen and, of course, pupils can talk to any adult within the school, including their form tutor and Head of Year.

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Parents' Evenings

Thank you to the many parents who shared their preferences about parents' evenings. These are the results, with two thirds of parents preferring the opportunity to come into school and meet us in person.

● Virtual (at home)	84
● In person at school	151



Many of us see the benefits of remote parents' evenings – the convenience of taking appointments from work or home, the prompt appointments and quiet surroundings. However, it's hard to beat the personal touch and getting to know your child's teachers face to face.

In response to those survey results we have decided to make our parents' evenings 'hybrid' – a mixture between in person and online. Parents will have the choice about which type of appointment they book. More details will follow about this, closer to the date.

School Values

As you will know, we believe in the importance of developing our pupils as engaged individuals who contribute positively to the community: hence our school values – considerate, ambitious and proud. It's always a delight to meet our Values Stars and to hear the stories behind their nominations. I thought I'd share some of the 'bigger' contributions from our pupils that are happening this half term – there may well be more!

Codsall Citizens making us proud!

- Our Head Girl and Head Boy will be attending the Remembrance Ceremony at the Cenotaph in Codsall on 11th November.
- 8ZY have volunteered to carry out litter picking in the local area throughout November.
- We have chosen our school charity – it's Promise Dreams! Pupils are in the process of planning fund-raising activities.
- Year 8 pupils are entering the Christmas Tree Festival at St Nicholas' Church.
- Our pupils raised nearly £2000 for the school library during our Readathon. Fantastic effort! Thanks for your contributions.

Great work everyone!

Thanks very much for your continuing support. Please do contact us if you have any questions or concerns. We are always happy to help!

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Reade
Head of School