



Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

I'd like to wish all of our community a happy new year! It's been lovely to see the pupils return to school refreshed and ready to face the spring term with enthusiasm.

As always, we've got a busy term ahead. Here are some dates for your diary – although we're sure more will be added as we go through the term!

### Forthcoming events...

Y6 SATs Parents' Information Evening	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January, 6pm
Year 7&8 Flu vaccinations (sprays)	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> January
Year 7&8 Praise Assembly (invite only)	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> January, 2pm
Year 5&6 Praise Assembly (invite only)	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> January, 2pm
Ski trip parent meeting	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January, 6pm
Staff twilight training (no after school clubs)	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February
Year 8 Mental Health Workshop	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February
Spring Term Interim reports published*	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February
*(Main reports are published in summer term)	
School closes for half term	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February
School reopens	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February
Staff twilight training (no after school clubs)	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February
Ski trip (Years 7&8)	6 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup> March
Mother's Day lunches	13 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> March
Parents' Evenings**	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March, Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March
**(Appointments available in person and remotely)	

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## **Extra-curricular Opportunities**

We are proud of the wide range of extra-curricular opportunities available to our pupils, the vast majority free of charge. I am sure we are all grateful to our staff for providing such broad provision. I have attached this half term's timetable for extra-curricular activities for your reference (please click link) [Extra-curricular timetable](#)

## **Staffing Changes**

As we begin the new term, I wanted to let you know about some staffing changes that will be happening in school this January. Mrs Dickson, who teaches many of our pupils French, will be absent from school for health reasons for a while. We wish her all the best for a swift recovery. Miss Watson has also begun her maternity leave and we have arranged long term cover for her by Mr Bowman. This now makes four members of our staff who are beginning maternity leave this month. We send Miss Watson, Mrs Gaydon, Miss Gilbert and Miss Roberts all the very best and many congratulations!

## **Parent Survey Results**

Thank you to everyone who completed the parent survey. We are very heartened by the overwhelmingly positive results. It is lovely to read that more than 95% of parents say that their child is happy at our school, that they feel safe and that they do well at our school. Over 95% of parents also felt that there was a good range of subjects and extra-curricular activities available. Thank you to the 97% of parents who said they would recommend the school too!

It was good to hear that 82% of parents said that their child has not experienced bullying at our school – this is much higher than the 60% of pupils in the national figures from OFSTED. No school can honestly claim to be free of bullying and we continue to strive to prevent it but when it does happen, we will always try to deal with it quickly and effectively. This is definitely an area where communication between school and home is very important.

One thing we can do better on is letting you know what your child will learn during the year. We'll try to find more opportunities of sharing this sort of information with you. As a starting point, this is where we share all of our curriculum overviews:

<https://www.codsallmiddleschool.com/curriculum-overview>

## **Codsall Citizens**

You'll be aware of how important it is to us that our pupils develop as well-rounded Codsall Citizens, achieving their personal bests academically and engaging fully with the world around them. We continue to think about our school values (Considerate, Ambitious and Proud), focussing especially on being considerate members of our community, so it has been wonderful to see our pupils running our senior citizens party, supporting a local foodbank, performing in our carol concert, as well as singing at the Village Hall Christmas Fayre, litter picking in the local community, making Christmas cards for a local residential home and our Ambassadors and Champions have been working to make the school a better place for all of our community.

We look forward to seeing what our wonderful Codsall Citizens achieve this term!

Please remember, if you have any questions or concerns. We are always happy to help!

Yours sincerely



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**Head of School**



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