



Tuesday 13th September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

It was wonderful to see pupils back in school last week, and I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome new parents to the CMS community. We believe that a partnership between school and home is vital in providing pupils with the very best learning experiences, so please always contact us if you have any queries or concerns.

Every school year brings exciting challenges. Here are a few for this year...

Heads of Year

This year, we have appointed Heads of Year. This role is intended to give parents a clear line of communication which, wherever possible, will remain the same throughout their time at CMS. Your child's Head of Year will be hoping to inspire them into going the extra mile, supporting them when needed, and will be communicating with you about the positives as well as dealing with concerns or behaviour issues.

The Heads of Year will all be familiar faces to the pupils:

- Year 5 – Miss Mayer (cm@codsall-middle.staffs.sch.uk)
- Year 6 – Mrs Hydon (NHydon@codsall-middle.staffs.sch.uk)
- Year 7 – Mrs Brookes (e.brookes@codsall-middle.staffs.sch.uk)
- Year 8 – Mrs Hilton (hhi@codsall-middle.staffs.sch.uk)

New teachers

We are really pleased to welcome Miss Culverwell (Maths) and Mr Harvey (Music) to our school.

English Mastery

We believe in the use of research findings to inform our planning so we are really excited that we have been accepted on to an Education Endowment Foundation (EEF)/Sheffield Hallam University research trial called 'English Mastery'. The EEF are a highly respected organisation within education and their research forms the basis of many government policies. This trial will begin in Year 7 this year and an extra letter is attached for Year 7 parents to explain in more detail

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Dates for your diary

As usual there is lots going on this term. Here are some of the things we have lined up already:

Thursday 15 th September	Year 5 Laches Wood Team Building Day
Tuesday 20 th September	New Parents' Information Evening at 5.00pm
Thursday 22 nd September	School Photographs
Saturday 1 st October	School Open Morning with many pupils volunteering to represent their school
w/b Monday 3 rd October	Readathon Week
Thursday 13 th October	Year 5 Space Centre Trip
w/b Monday 17 th October	Book Fair

I have also attached our extra-curricular timetable for this half term for your reference.

Planning for Residentials

We are really proud of our enrichment offer at CMS. There are few schools that offer the broad range of extra-curricular, enrichment and residential opportunities. However, we are aware that pupils are not necessarily as resilient as they were before COVID and times are difficult financially. Residentials can seem expensive and we have no control over the costings. That is why we sent out a parent survey to gauge your thoughts. Thank you to those parents who have already completed it. Once we have seen those results we will let you know our plans for this year. We'll also include our plans for the next few years so parents and pupils can make informed decisions about which residentials are attended.

Parking

Thank you for your support in keeping our car park safe by not driving onto site. We ask all parents not to drive onto the school premises between the times of 8.15-8.40am and 3.00-3.25pm. We've also received a heartfelt plea from the residents and carers at Pendrell Close for parents to please refrain from driving into the close.

Bank Holiday for the Queen's funeral

School will be closed on Monday 19th September for the bank holiday to mark the Queen's funeral.

Yours sincerely



Mrs K Reade
Head of School