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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone for your engagement and support so far, the children are settled into their classes now and are producing excellent work! Below are a few reminders of upcoming events and how we ask parents to work with us at CPJA:

Parents' Evening

As already highlighted on our dates newsletter, Parents' Evening is the week beginning 22nd October.

Year 6 Parents' Eve – Monday October 22nd

Year 5 Parents' Eve – Tuesday October 23rd

Year 3 Parents' Eve – Wednesday October 24th

Year 4 Parents' Eve – Thursday October 25th

A Bloomz message will be sent out to you for you to book an available appointment electronically. There will be opportunity to attend throughout the afternoon and into the evening to accommodate working parents. If you are not currently using Bloomz, please download the APP and get your access code from a member of school staff. If you are unable to do this, please let us know.

Homework

We believe it is important that our pupils have time to see their friends and family and take part in a range of enrichment opportunities after being at school for the day, so we do not expect a large amount of homework. We do, however expect them to continue to build their fluency in the basic skills of English and Maths that they will continue to need throughout their life:

- All classes have a reading reward chart in place that rewards a child who has read at least three times a week. Understanding of the text and the ability to explain their thoughts and opinions is just as important as mechanical reading so please ensure you are discussing the book with your child and acknowledging their hard work by signing their planner to emphasise their efforts.
- All children have a 'Times Tables Rockstar' log in to battle against each other to improve the recall of their times tables, which really helps with their understanding of a range of more complex areas of maths.
- The learning of spellings is important in the same way – as the more spelling rules your child begins to recognise, the better their spelling will become.
- Alongside this, many parents have asked for support to be able to explain the maths that we learn in school as it is different from the way they were taught. This is why we provide a maths video each week on Bloomz that outlines upcoming learning and gives an opportunity for you to practice with your child before they start this. We know that some parents are struggling to access the videos, although they do play when they are tested in



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school. Our IT team are trying to help us overcome this issue at the moment but you are also welcome to come to our IT suite on a Friday after school to log on and see it whilst you are still at school.

Attendance

Below, is a table that outlines the impact of time off on children’s learning. Just a week of absence results in 30 hours of lost learning! Attendance is a statutory requirement and we thank all our parents who work hard to get their children here every day. We all want your children to achieve their passions and reach their dreams. Being at school and having the opportunity to learn new things and challenge themselves to improve, will help your child with this. Where your child’s attendance is beginning to decline, we will be contacting you – to ask how we can help you meet this aim.

What is good attendance?

Descriptor	Threshold Attendance	Actual Attendance	Whole Days Absent	Learning Hours Lost
Excellent	100%	190 days	0	0
	99%	188 days	2	10
Good	98%	186 days	4	20
School Target (96.5)	97%	184 days	6	30
Cause for Concern	96%	182.5 days	7.5	37.5
	95%	180.5 days	9.5	47.5
	94%	179 days	11	55
	93%	177days	13	65
	92%	175 days	15	75
Critical cause for concern that could lead to further serious investigation	91%	173 days	17	85
	90%	171 days	19	95
	89%	169 days	21	105

Punctuality

Punctuality is also important for the structure of your child’s day and late comers do disrupt other learners. School doors open at 8:50am with registration taking place at 8:55am so please endeavour to get your child to school before 8:55am to ensure they do not get a late mark.

Thank you for your support and we hope to see you in school soon.



Miss Law



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