Cutenhoe Hill Primary School and Nursery

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Headteacher's Corner...

Autumn 2 - November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term. We hope you all had an enjoyable half-term break.

As the weather becomes colder and wetter, we kindly ask that all children come to school with a warm coat each day and are dressed appropriately for the colder temperatures, this includes school PE Kits.

We are looking forward to a busy and enjoyable few weeks ahead, packed with exciting learning experiences, creative activities and special events.

Please take a look at our **Important Dates** and make a note of any upcoming events. We would love to see as many families as possible supporting these occasions, as your involvement means so much to the children.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We look forward to another fantastic half-term together.

Warm regards

Mr L Geer
Acting Headteacher

Our School Day:

Our school day begins at **8:45am** and ends at **3:30pm**.

We take attendance very seriously here at Cutenhoe Hill Primary, and want your child to attend school every day and on time.

If your child is going to be absent from school please call or email the school office to let us know why.



Donuts for Dads / Movember

This November, Cutenhoe Hill Primary School will be getting behind MOVEMBER, helping to raise awareness and valuable funds for men's mental health and wellbeing.

Movember is about much more than growing a moustache! It is a chance to start important conversations and remind men that it is okay to talk, ask for help and look after their mental health. The Movember charity supports men's mental health and suicide prevention, as well as raising awareness of prostate and testicular cancer.

Some of our very own staff will be taking part in Movember, sporting their moustaches throughout the month and helping to spread the message that no one should struggle alone.

We have two exciting fundraising events planned:

Wednesday 11th November – **Donuts for Dads!**
Friday 27th November – **Break the Rules Day!**
Look out for more information via ClassDojo!

Important Dates:

Event	Date	Additional details
LKS2 Celebration Assembly (Year 3 & 4)	Friday 6th November 9:05 – 9:25am	Parents and Carers welcome
Donuts for Dads (and Mums!): Use the link below to sign up for this event! https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/naeCzasVAR	Wednesday 11th November 9:00 – 10:00am	Everyone welcome!
EYFS & KS1 Celebration Assembly (Years R, 1 & 2)	Friday 13th November 9:05 – 9:25am	Parents and Carers welcome
SEND Coffee Morning	Tuesday 17th November 9:00 – 10:00am	SEND parents/carers welcome!
Share A Book All year groups	Friday 20th November 8:45 – 9:15am	Parents/Carers are invited to join their child in class for reading
Break the Rules Day!	Friday 27th November ***All day – for one day only!***	Check out ClassDojo for further information.
Inset Day	Monday 30th November	**School Closed**
UKS2 Celebration Assembly (Year 5 & 6)	Friday 4th December 9:05 – 9:25am	Parents and Carers welcome
Christmas Movie Night 	Tuesday 8th December 3.30 – 5.30pm	Ticket only event – check ClassDojo for details
EYFS Nativity Performance	Thursday 10th December From 9:15am	EYFS parents and carers invited!
Christmas Jumper Day 	Wednesday 16th December	Pupils can wear a festive jumper to school for £1.00 (Children to wear uniform, apart, from their school jumper)
School Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 16th December	Special Festive Lunch served today for pupils and staff
KS1 & KS2 Carol Service (Years 1 – 6)	Thursday 17th December 9:05 – 9:30am	Parents and carers invited
End of Term	21.12.26 - 01.01.27	**School Closed**
Inset Day	Monday 4th January	
Children return to school	Tuesday 5th January	Spring Term begins

BBC 500 Words Competition

Last half term, Mrs Blackwell posted about a BBC Bitesize competition called BBC 500 words. In order to enter, the children needed to write a story of 500 words of fewer over the half term holidays and bring it in.

Mrs Blackwell would like to say a big well done and thank you to the following children: Alexis B, Kleart, Zara, Anna M, Sofia C, Amelia J, Aarush, Minahil, Leo and Ahmed. She thought all of your stories were fantastic. In fact, some of them moved her to tears.

All of the children were rewarded with five dojos and two prizes from Mrs Blackwell's prize box.

We are about to submit them to BBC Bitesize for them to be judged – fingers crossed.

Here are some exerts from their amazing stories:

Alexis:
She hurried into the girls' bathroom but as soon as the door closed something strange happened. Everything started floating. She glanced in the mirror and gasped in shock. Her navy-blue hair was sparkling like tiny diamonds, and bright sparks were glowing from her fingers.

Kleart:
The lights suddenly went out. A bell rang three times. 'You must find your missing memory before midnight,' the woman whispered, 'otherwise it will be lost forever.'

Zara:
Once upon a time, a little girl, by the name of Sasha, lived with her mum and sister. One day, she had a dream. She really, really wanted to become a chef!

Anna M:
The next day, the elves read the letter and decided to fly to Ruby's home and sprinkle some magic dust onto the Christmas tree. Magically, all of the beautiful colours came back again.

Sofia:
They stayed up all night laughing at jokes like: Knock, knock. Who's there? Luke. Luke who? Luke through the keyhole and you'll see.

Amelia:
After being lost for a while, Sam started to cry, missing his mum. The rest of the group helped him to feel better.

Minahil:
One sunny morning, I came downstairs and something was wrong! My honey was missing! I looked everywhere but couldn't find it. 'Who took my honey,' I shouted. I was going to find out!

Aarush:
While I was walking in the village, I saw a deer shouting and crying. I went to see why he was crying. The deer was crying because he was stuck in the fence.

Leo & Ahmed:
One night, Dave couldn't wait no more as he was becoming inpatient, so he snuck out of the house. Dave walked for miles and miles. He had never been more tired before. Just as it looked like he was going to quit, something caught his eye, something big, something cylinder-shaped, A ROCKET!