



THE COSTON CATCH UP

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Welcome to a new school year.

One of the (many) lovely bits about a new school year is seeing the children coming back into school after the long summer. So many have grown over the break, they all look smart in clean, and in many cases new uniform, new shoes, fresh haircuts etc. Most are excited about the fresh start a new school year provides and keen to get started in their new classroom, with a new teacher.

We welcome a number of new staff to the team this term: Mrs Porter - class teacher in Kingfishers and also Leader for Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4; Miss Bendsten – class teacher in Nightingales; Miss Ali – class teacher in Wrens and Miss Badoo – class teacher in Owls. I am sure you will all join me in welcoming them to our school community.

‘The two words ‘information’ and ‘communication’ are often used interchangeably, but they signify quite different things. Information is giving out, Communication is getting through’
ANON

Thank you to all those parents who took time to respond to our Communication Survey at the end of last term. We have looked through your comments over the summer break, and value both your positive comments, as well as the constructive suggestions to help us improve communications with you. Communication is the bridge from school to our community, and more especially you, as parents. It brings understanding, which in turn will help create strong relationships and establish stability in our community.

Each Monday we will put a poster on the notice board at the front of school advertising the events for the week ahead, so please do check this regularly.

We do send out most communications by email now, largely to the cost of duplicating 470 copies of everything, but also to save the paper copies getting lost between school and home. Please do make a point of checking your emails daily as this is it is an extremely effective and quick way of getting messages out to you all. Please keep an eye on the social media accounts (Instagram and Facebook) as we will be publicising more key events on these this year.

If you would like to make an appointment to meet with me, your child’s class teacher, or to speak to any member of the Leadership Team please either call the office, or send an email to admin@coston.ealing.sch.uk which goes to Miss Taylor and she will be happy to arrange this for you.

Last year the staff, children and governors worked to create a new Mission Statement for our school, and voted on which statement they felt best reflected our school community and our aims.

We are delighted to share with you the new Mission Statement

Coston is an inclusive and safe learning community that inspires us to achieve standards of excellence in all we think, say and do.

LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

Thank you to those parents who have taken time to email their views about our changes to ‘homework’ this year, and to those parents who attended the open meeting this morning.

One of the observations we have taken on board is that parents would like to see their children’s work more regularly. We have decided to introduce ‘Sharing Weekends’ each half term. The children will bring their Maths book home one weekend, and their English skills and Writing books the next weekend. Please take time to look at their work with your child and then, together, complete the feedback form in the book to share what impressed you most about your child’s work, and one thing you would like them to work to improve by the next time you see their book. We will also ask the child to identify the work they are most proud of.

This term Maths books will come home on Friday 4th October/ Friday 15th November and English and Writing books on Friday 11th October/ Friday 22nd November

We hope that you will value this opportunity, but it is really important that you do ensure the books come back into school on Monday morning.



A FEW REMINDERS

- The school office does not open till 8.30am and closes at 4.00pm.
- The gates do not open until 8.20am and no parent should be coming through behind a member of staff or visitor to the school.
- The gate shuts at 8.40am and all late arrivals need to come through the office and record their lateness and collect a late slip.
- Nursery parents in the afternoon need to be here before 12pm to drop off their child as it makes it very difficult for the office staff to have to take them if you are late to the class.
- If your child is unwell, please call the school before 9am and leave a message on the attendance line. Please make sure you state your child’s name, class and the reason for absence. We do not accept ‘unwell’ so please be more specific.
- If another adult is collecting your child, please call the school before 2.30pm on the day so let us know.
- If another adult is collecting your child regularly, please give their name and contact number to the office and we can update your child’s record.
- No under 16s are permitted to collect children from the school.
- If your child is cycling or using their scooter to get to school, they need to be securely locked to the bicycle racks outside. The school does not take any responsibility for lose or damage to your property.
- Children can wear all black trainers to school as part of the school uniform. No colourful or white soles on stripes or laces.
- Girls hair must be tied back at all times.
- No jewellery should be worn into school unless it is for religious reasons. Only small ear studs are permitted.
- Socks, hair ties and hijabs need to be white, black or navy.

- Children should bring in their PE kits on Monday but if they do forget, they have PE on the following days;

Reception	Wednesday
Year 1	Thursday
Year 2	Friday
Year 3	Tuesday
Year 4	Friday
Year 5	Monday
Year 6	Tuesday

- Children from Years 2-6 have to bring in their own stationary. Pencil cases will be available to buy online via the School Gateway from next week. We also sell individual stationary at a very reasonable price from the school office.
- We will be sending more information by email, so please make sure that the school office has your up to date email address.
- If you move house or change your telephone numbers, you need to inform the school office.
- Please make sure that you download and log on to School Gateway—we will not be taking any payments for trips and visits in the office. Miss Taylor is happy to help you log on for the first time, so please come and see her if you are having difficulty.
- Afterschool clubs will be starting the week beginning 26th September, more information about which clubs will be running will be sent via email shortly.
- Fit for Sport will still be running breakfast and after-school clubs. If you are interested in enrolling your child on to their club, please contact them directly. <https://www.fitforsport.co.uk/> or 0208 742 4990.

HEALTHY EATING

A reminder to all parents that we are aiming to become a Healthy Eating School. Please ensure that if your child would like to bring in a snack to eat mid-morning this should be either fruit or vegetables. They **MUST NOT** bring in sweets, biscuits or packets of crisps.

Similarly we are **NOT** going to continue to hand out birthday treats from children to their class **UNLESS** they are healthy snacks, or non-food items.



HARRISON SCHOOL MEALS

Please make sure that your child’s account is topped up regularly. Any child in the red will not be given a school meal until the debt is cleared. Please ensure the school meal account for your child is always in credit. All children who are now in year 3 have to pay for their meals. If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals, please collect a form at the school office and we will be happy to apply for you. The cost of one child meal is £2.35. You can register your child to have school meals on https://payment.cypad.net/schoolmeals_ealing/#nb or call Harrisons on 0208 280 0312.

You can view the Harrisons menu by visiting our website www.coston.ealing.sch.uk . We also have copies available in the school office. Halal options are only available on Tuesday and Thursdays. If you child is allergic or has an intolerances to foods, you need to up date us.

KEY DATES FOR SEPTEMBER

Friday 6 th	9am Meeting for parents regarding changes to Homework
Monday 9 th	Reception children start 6pm Meeting for Y6 parents – High School applications/ PGL (in Falcons classroom)
Tuesday 10 th	Nursery Staggered Start 3.15pm Y6 Meet the Teacher meeting
Wednesday 11 th	3.15pm Y5 Meet the Teacher meeting
Thursday 12 th	3.15pm Y4 Meet the Teacher meeting
Friday 13 th	9.00am Headteachers Coffee Morning – Welcome 3.15pm Y3 Meet the Teacher meeting
Monday 16 th	Reception and Nursery children start full time
Tuesday 17 th	3.15pm Y1 Meet the Teacher meeting
Wednesday 18 th	3.15pm Y2 Meet the Teacher meeting
Friday 20 th	Jeans for Genes Day – children and staff may wear jeans for donation. No ripped jeans please
Tuesday 24 th	3.15pm Reception Meet the Teacher meeting
Wednesday 25 th	8.45am AM Nursery Meet the Teacher meeting 3.15pm PM Nursery Meet the Teacher meeting



COSTON TERM DATES: 2019-2020

Autumn term 2019

Monday 02 September	School Closed (Staff Training Day)
Tuesday 03 September	School Closed (Staff Training Day)
Wednesday 04 September	Start of Term

Monday 21 – Friday 25 October: Half term

Monday 28 October	School Open
Thursday 19 December	<u>End of term</u> (School closes at 1:15pm)

Christmas Holiday: Friday 20 December 2019 to Friday 03 January 2020

Spring term 2020

Monday 06 January	<u>Start of Term</u>
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Monday 17 – Friday 21 February: Half term

Monday 24 February	School Open
Friday 3 April	<u>End of term</u> (School closes at 1:15pm)

Easter Holiday: Monday 6 to Friday 17 April 2020

Summer term 2020

Monday 20 April	School Open
Friday 8th May	School Closed (May Day Bank Holiday)
Friday 22 May	School Closed (Staff Training Day)

Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May Half term

Monday 01 June	School Open
Friday 17 July	<u>End of term</u> (School closes at 1:15pm)
Monday 20 – Tuesday 21 July	Staff Training Days (School closed to pupils)
Wednesday 22 – Friday 24 July	Occasional Days (School closed to pupils)