



Cam Everlands News

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Welcome back

Dear Parents and carers,

After such a wonderful summer, it has been a delight to see all of the children return to school this week.

A new term brings excitement, nerves, new uniform and many other new things. Speaking to the children and staff, everyone has settled in well and is getting back into the groove of learning. We have introduced a new curriculum which promises to ensure that our children have a broad and balanced curriculum which promises to deliver lots of new knowledge and skills through a wide range of topics.

One area which we hope will enhance the learning for the children is for them to go on trips or have visitors in to school. Seeing something with your own eyes or having a subject brought to life by an expert can really enhance engagement. However, we are very aware of the current financial pressures that everyone is experiencing and are trying to ensure that we get the best value.

As I said, it is great to see everyone back in school and to have the classrooms buzzing with the sound of children learning and having fun. Should there be anything we can help you with, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher or any member of the senior leadership team. We will be happy to help in any way we can.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Dominic Knill

Headteacher

What's in the diary?

We appreciate that people have very busy lives and that getting time off work can be challenging. To help plan ahead, every newsletter will have a range of dates for your diaries, from term dates to key school events such as parents evenings. These are found in the bar on the right of the front page of the newsletter but are also on the school website. As with all schools, the diary is a dynamic and ever-changing thing so it is important to keep an eye on upcoming events but we will keep fix key dates (such as parents' evenings).

Where can I find...

Not sure about what day your child has PE? Want to know what uniform to buy? Unsure what is on the school dinner menu? The answers to all of these questions can be found on our school website (www.cameverlands.org.uk). We are currently updating the site to ensure that the information is up to date so you may notice some changes. One think you can be assured of is that your child's class teachers will be regularly updating the 'Class Page' with key information and photos.

School Association

Our fantastic School Association are busy organising more fantastic events which help to raise money for the children of our school. This term, there is a disco on Wednesday 16th November and the Christmas Fayre will be on Friday 9th December. Get the dates in your diary now!

Term 1, September 2022

Diary dates

19/10/22	Parents evening
20/10/22	Parents evening
31/10/22	Y6 Residential departs
4/11/22	Y6 Residential returns
16/11/22	School Association disco
9/12/22	Christmas Fayre
29/3/23	Parents evening
30/3/23	Parents evening
8/5/23	Y6 SATs week begins
8/6/23	Sports day (KS2 am, KS1 pm)

2022/23 Term dates

Term 1	6/9/22 - 21/10/22
Term 2	31/10/22 - 16/12/22
Term 3	4/1/23 - 17/2/23
Term 4	27/2/23 - 31/3/23
Term 5	17/4/23 - 26/5/23
Term 6	5/6/23 - 21/7/23

INSET staff training days (school closed to children)

INSET 1	5/9/22
INSET 2	25/11/22
INSET 3	3/1/23
INSET 4	24/7/23
INSET 5	25/7/23

Attendance

Overall attendance in 2021/22: **92.7%**

"Good" attendance is **95% or above** (source: DfE).

Reminders

Please ensure that you are reading regularly at home with your child. It is the single most important thing you can do to support their learning across all subject areas. Speak to your class teacher if you have any questions around this.



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The importance of children attending school cannot be underestimated. Simply put, **if a child is absent from school, they are missing learning**. Whilst this may not seem a big issue, it is worth remembering that our curriculum is built on a spiral structure. This means that what is learnt on one day is built on the next day, week and may be revisited later in the year or in subsequent years. Should there be gaps in the learning, much like a wall missing bricks, it is almost impossible to build up further if there are gaps below.

The government have said that they feel that **'good' attendance equates to 95%**. Last year, across our school, the overall attendance was 92.7%, considerably below what we would hope. Whilst this was impacted by COVID, analysis of the reasons for absence shows that a lot of children had holidays during term time. We acknowledge the reasons behind this—everyone who works in education is very aware how expensive holidays are during the school holidays—but we cannot authorise holiday absences purely on the basis of affordability. We do have the discretion in exceptional circumstances to authorise absence during term time, but most requests will not be authorised.

To see the impact of absence rates, please see the table below.

95%	=	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	=	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN?

BE SMART BE THERE!

Percentages based on 190 academic days

Housekeeping

Contact details

If you have recently changed your mobile phone number or email address (or any other contact details), please can you ensure that our admin team know. It is vital for the safeguarding of the children that we have **at least two current contact numbers**. Thank you.

Labelling

The nature of school uniform all looking the same, it is essential that all clothing is clearly labelled. Should items then be 'misplaced', they are much more likely to be reunited with their owners.

Earrings

If your child has earrings, please make sure that they can either remove them for PE or have micropore tape with which to cover them. This is to prevent them from potentially being torn out during PE lessons.

Out of school achievers

Should your child do something amazing out of school, please let us know. Our celebration assemblies are on a Friday afternoon and it is a joy to be able to share what great things our children have been up to outside of school. You can either send the information (and any photos) to Mr Knill directly or their class teacher. Email addresses are available on the 'Teaching Team' section of the school website.

Parking

Please can we remind you to refrain from parking directly outside the driveways of our neighbours. Thank you.