



# Cam Everlands News

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## Winter is coming

Dear parents and carers,

The first term of a new school year has been and gone in the blink of an eye! No matter how long you have been teaching, the first term is always one of the busiest and most exciting.

The biggest change for teachers is that the class that they spent a year working with, developing, nurturing and shaping into wonderful learners are cruelly ripped from their grasp as they pass on to the next class teacher. In their places are the callow faces of a new cohort of children who look at least 3 years younger and about half the size of the children who left 6 weeks before.

This is, of course, the natural way of things in school and something which you become used to over time, but it doesn't get any easier. All teachers take pride in finding out how their previous classes are getting on — even if the children seem to forget who they are very quickly!

We have welcomed our new Reception class into the school and look forward to seeing them grow and flourish in their time with us at Cam Everlands. They are getting used to the daily routines, finding their way around the school and getting used to how everything works. No doubt our older children who know the ropes will look out for them and ensure they feel part of the family very quickly.

We have a lot of exciting developments planned for the year ahead, both inside and outside the classroom. We are always looking at ways in which we can improve what we do so that the children have the best experience and best start in their educational lives. If you have any skills which you feel could be utilised to help us in any way, please do not hesitate to speak to us.

We have had a great first term in school and are looking forward to the year ahead.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Dominic Knill

Headteacher

## Parent Governor Vacancy

From January, we will have a vacancy on our Governing Body for a parent governor.

The role of the parent governor is to bring a parent's perspective to the Governing Body. The role of the wider Governing Body is to support and challenge me the strategic direction of the school and the decisions being made in that regard.

In terms of commitment of time, the Governing Body meets 6 times each year, with meetings beginning at 4.30pm and lasting approximately 90 minutes.

Soon into next term, we will send an email with more details, including what you need to do if you would like to stand for election.

### Term 1, 2023/24

#### Diary dates

##### 2023-24 key dates

6.11.23	Children return to school Year 6 residential week
17.11.23	Non-uniform day
24.11.23	School Association Quiz
8.12.23	School Association Christmas Fair
11.12.23	Reception and Year 6 height and weight checks
13.12.23	Infant Nativity (2pm)
19.12.23	KS2 Christmas Singalong
22.12.23	INSET
9.2.24	Mid-year reports to parents
10.2.24	Half term holiday
19.2.24	INSET
20.2.24	Children return to school
21.2.24	Parents' evening
22.2.24	Parents' evening
20.3.24	Y3&4 Performance(1.30pm)
8.5.24	Class photos
6.6.24	Sports day

##### 2023/24 term dates

Term 1	5.9.23 — 26.10.23
Term 2	6.11.23 — 21.12.23
Term 3	8.1.24 — 9.2.24
Term 4	20.2.24 — 22.3.24
Term 5	8.4.24 — 24.5.24
Term 6	3.6.24 — 19.7.24

##### 2023/24 INSET staff training days

4.9.23	INSET 1
27.10.23	INSET 2
22.12.23	INSET 3
19.2.24	INSET 4
22.7.24	INSET 5

## Attendance

Overall attendance term 1:

**93.6%**

Year to date:

**93.2%**

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

### Reminder!

Reading is vital for the future success of your child. Please ensure that you read with them 5 times every week.



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## Out of school achievers

Every Friday afternoon, we hold our Celebration Assembly in the school hall. We join together as a school celebrate those children who have shone during the week, either as writing star, maths star, star of the week or those who have had entries in our Gold Book.

We also like to celebrate those who have achieved great things out of school as well. Recently, we have celebrated those who have achieved their latest swimming certificate, those who have raised money for charity, those who have been part of successful sporting teams and many more.

If your child achieves something amazing out of school, please do send any information (and ideally a photo) to me on [head@cameverlands.org.uk](mailto:head@cameverlands.org.uk)

## Cross Country



On Saturday 21st October, Mr Payne accompanied our cross country team as they attended the first event of the year at Dursley Rugby Club. All members of the team did incredibly well and should be very proud of themselves; we are definitely proud of them! They showed determination, perseverance and grit when competing against the runners from other local primary schools. We have no doubt that they will continue to improve and show their mettle in future events. A big thank you to Mr Payne for attending with the children and giving up his Saturday morning and to the parents who cheered the children on.

## School Association

Our amazing School Association have been really busy planning events for the year ahead.

The children shared their best dance moves and top knee slides at the infant and junior discos this week — an event which left the children hot and sweaty but with beaming smiles as they left!

In the next term, they have organised a Quiz Night on Friday 24th November which is being held at the Dursley Community Centre. See details to the right.

Then, on the evening of Friday 8th December, we have our Christmas Fair where there are plenty of stalls to pick up last-minute Christmas gifts along with food and drink and games for the children to play.



### Quiz Night!

Friday 24 November 2023

@Dursley Community Centre, GL11 4BX

Entry from 7pm, Quiz starts at 7.30pm

Join us for a fun evening's entertainment & be in with a chance to win some great raffle prizes - all whilst raising funds for our fantastic school. And for those in need of 'liquid luck' there is also a fully stocked bar!

Friends, family, everyone welcome - so please help us spread the word...

**£3 per person to play, teams of up to 6 people**  
(Cash payable on the door please)



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## Gallery



The whole school enjoyed a performance of Beauty and the Beast which was put on by M&M Theatre Group during the last week of term.



Years 5&6 took part in a dance workshop which was held at Red-nock School.



Our extra-curricular clubs started this term, including board games club (above)



Forest School Club have been busy splitting logs!



We now have a cost corner on the playground thanks to the School Council's fundraising



Local author Gabriele Dylan visited to talk to the children



Year 3 had a fantastic day out, visiting Stonehenge. They had a great day, learned lots and had a memorable experience.



Our Year 6 children have been spending time with their friends in Year 1 this term, listening to them read.