

Hardwick and Cambourne Community School

Newsletter – Monday 21st March 2016



Dear Parents and Guardians

There will be another newsletter with team news at the at the of the week, but there were a few items that we wanted to bring to your attention before the end of term.

Mrs French and Mr Matthews

Cleaner Needed for our Cambourne Site

We are in the midst of recruiting for a number of roles at the moment as we get staff in place for September, and both last week and this week have been holding interviews for teaching posts. We will have several more classes next year as we continue to expand over both sites. We have been delighted with the exceptionally high calibre of the applicants, especially when so many of our colleagues are struggling to recruit. However, we desperately need a cleaner (or two!) for our Cambourne Campus to start as soon as possible. Many of you may know that our Site Manager, Eric, has been very poorly all this academic year, and this combined with the new phase of the building opening means we urgently need someone to do lots more hoovering and other related tasks. The application pack is on our website and available from our school offices on both campuses. We can be flexible over the timings and number of hours worked, so if you know anyone who might be interested do spread the word. It could be before or after school, or partly towards the end of the school day. The closing date is this Thursday but we will extend it until we find people!

Farewell to Katie Girling

Our Cambourne families will know Katie well, she has been a pink ray of sunshine in our Cambourne school office since we opened the Blue school site back in September 2012. She has decided to take a break from work for a while to focus on her family, and whilst we are very sad to lose her, we're sure that you will join with us in wishing her well. She has been a vital part of our Cambourne team and so much part and parcel of the school she will be really missed by all the staff and children. She has promised us she will pop in voluntarily and continue to support the school, so you will still see her around from time-to-time, but if you are passing the office in Cambourne do wish her well, her last day will be this Thursday.

Birthday Tables

We will no longer be running birthday tables on either site next term. As the school continues to grow over both sites the pressure on space in the dining halls, the additional work it places on the kitchen staff, and the increased admin it causes for the office staff means they are no longer possible. We have also had issues with children getting upset if they are not invited to a table, as the limit on the numbers makes this tricky, and due to the size of the Hardwick hall we can only offer one table per day so this causes additional problems when children have birthdays on the same day. Mrs French is happy to serenade children with her guitar to make up for it! Mr Matthew's legendary inability to sing would make this a torment rather than a pleasure if he attempted it though...

Book donations and the Book Fair

Thank you all so much for the donations of some really lovely books for the school libraries which Mrs Hitchings is happily cataloguing, and for supporting our Book Fair so strongly. Teachers are now selecting some new books for their classrooms from the commission we earned from the sales at the Book Fair.