



Wednesday 4th September 2024

Dear Cantley Primary School Families,

Welcome back to a new school year at Cantley Primary School! Whether you are returning or joining us for the first time, we are thrilled to have you as part of our school community. We hope you had a restful summer and are as excited as we are to begin this new chapter together.

At Cantley, relationships are at the heart of everything we do. We believe that strong connections between school and home are essential for your child's success. We encourage you to stay connected with us through our website, social media platforms, and most importantly, face-to-face interactions on the playground before and after school. Additionally, we will be hosting half-termly parent events where we can come together, share updates, and strengthen our school community. Look out for the dates of these events, which will be released this week.

Over the summer, we have been busy refreshing some areas of the school to create an improved learning environment for our children. We are particularly excited about our new library, which has been beautifully designed in the old Firefly mobile. Many thanks to the CSA for their contribution towards new library furniture. This space will be a haven for our students to explore the magical world of books and develop a lifelong love of reading.

Speaking of reading, fostering a passion for books is a major focus for us this year. We will be sharing more about our reading initiatives in the coming days, so stay tuned! We believe that reading is a gateway to knowledge, creativity, and empathy, and we are committed to making it a joyful and enriching experience for all our students.

We are excited to remind you that our CSA will be hosting a special event this Thursday morning (9am) to discuss how we can work collaboratively to fundraise for important developments within our school. We are also seeking volunteers to help with our upcoming fundraising efforts and other activities that directly benefit our students and school community. Should you wish to attend and find out more, please sign in at the school office at 9am. We look forward to seeing you there and working together to make a positive impact!

To further motivate our children, we are introducing Cantley Coins—a new incentive system where students can earn coins for displaying excellent manners, presentation, behaviour around school, reading at home, and outstanding home learning. These coins can be traded in at our Cantley Coin incentive shop for a range of prizes, from stickers to entire book series (depending on whether pupils wish to spend or save their coins!). We hope this will encourage our students to aim high and make positive choices both in and out of the classroom.

As always, communication with our families is a priority. We will be sharing key dates and important information by the end of the week, so please keep an eye out for these updates.

We are looking forward to a fantastic year ahead, full of learning, growth, and joy. This week, children will be engaging in a 'Learning to Learn' week before commencing their termly topics. This term, your children will explore some exciting learning topics: Magpie class will be exploring the themes, 'All about me' and 'Places', Wren class will be exploring the topic 'From Past to Pixels' and Adder class will be delving into an exciting 'Victorian Visions' topic.

Thank you in advance for your continued support and partnership.

Warm regards,

Mrs Kathryn Andrews
Head of School