Hello to all of our Cuiken Family!

We’d like to take the opportunity to introduce ourselves if you don’t already know us. Cuiken Partnership is a representative group of parents and carers who work with the staff at Cuiken Primary to give all parents and carers a voice, raise funds for the school, and work with the staff at the school to help ensure our children have the best experience they can at Cuiken Primary.

You may have heard of some of the initiatives we’ve helped with over the last few months...these include:

- improvements to the school playground (thanks to two parents on the team and funded by Cuiken Partnership)
- funding the School App for parents (more about this below - if you’re not on it yet, we highly recommend you download it to your smartphone!)
- funding the new outdoor play equipment for each class ‘bubble’
- Atrium equipment
- P1 water bottles

It’s been a tough year for everyone - staff, parents and kids. We haven’t been able to have face-to-face meetings as usual. However, we do plan to continue to meet virtually as a limited number of our members with Mrs Bond to discuss how things might look over the coming months. If you have any questions, concerns or ideas, that would like to raise through Cuiken Partnership, please email cuikenpc@outlook.com and we will aim to help you with this.

You can get occasional updates from us on the School App, Twitter (search for @CuikenPartners1) and Facebook (Cuiken Parent Partnership and Fundraisers).

Quick Guide to the School App

We highly recommend the School App for all parents and carers. This will allow you to get regular updates direct from the school and have access to the up-to-date school calendar at your fingertips.

If you have a smartphone, simply go to the App Store (Apple devices) or Google Play (Android devices). Search for ‘School App for Parents’ and select this app, then ‘Get’ to download it.
You will be asked for a PIN code when you first use the app. It is **4580**

If you wish to receive notifications rather than trying to remember to go into the App every day (we highly recommend this), then once you’ve downloaded the App, go to your phone’s settings, then scroll down to find the Parent School App and select ‘allow notifications’.

On the ‘Messages’ section of the App, click on the funnel icon on the top right to access message filters and deselect these so they are all blank. This is the best way to ensure you receive all communications from the school.

The main sections are:

**Dates** - this is the school calendar
**Messages** - for general short daily updates or pointers to the News section for longer updates
**News** - longer updates can be found here. This section also hosts any documents that the school wishes to share with parents and carers, including the Cuiken Call Out newsletter, Home Learning grid updates, external directives, links to useful information or updates held on other websites.

If you have any comments or suggestions regarding the School App, you can feed this back to us at cuikenpc@outlook.com.
The 50/50 club – your chance to win and help support the school!

Given the current situation with Coronavirus and how this has impacted so many families, the ability to get-together for our usual fund raising events and the need to keep cash handling at the school to a minimum, we have decided to focus this term on informing everyone about our 50/50 Club if they wish to support fund raising for the school, which we know is so important.

The great thing is, joining the 50/50 Club also means you could be in with a chance of winning money every month too if your number gets picked!

It’s really simple: it costs £5 to be allocated one number. You can opt for more numbers if you wish though. Every month, the total funds paid in are split with 50% going to Cuiken Partnership and 50% going to the prize fund. Every month, we get someone independent (usually one of the children from the school) to draw three numbers - one for first prize, one for second prize and one for third prize. The prize winners are announced on Twitter and contacted with their winning cheque.

To join you need to set up a direct debit, but this can be cancelled with one month’s notice if need be. Simply email cuikenpartnership50club@outlook.com for a joining form and our lovely helpers will get you set up!

We are disappointed that we can’t get the opportunity to meet more parents and carers due to the current situation, especially our new nursery and P1 parents and carers, but hope that things can return to normal sometime soon.

In the meantime, please feel free to contact us if need be!

Best wishes

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