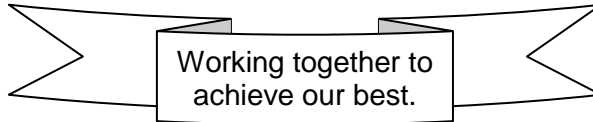




## Newsletter

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Dear parents/carers,



### Staff Car Park

Please, please help us by **NOT** using our staff car park to park your car during drop off and pick up. There have been a few near misses recently and we are very concerned for the safety of the children as it is the movement of the vehicles on-site that create the risks. Children on both sites are coming in at staggered times and there is more of a risk to them if our car park is being continuously used by some of our parents. We understand that parents who need to drive to school find it difficult to park when they arrive, but you are not permitted to use the staff car park and I thank you for your co-operation with this.

### Change to drop off and pick up times

In our last newsletter, we changed the times for drop off and pick up and would like to thank you for your support with this. The children have been coming into school very well and we hope that this has made a difference to you with having less time to wait around as the weather is now getting colder.

### Smart Learners

Please see the letter about 'Smart Learners' which is attached to this newsletter. We would be very grateful if you could read this through with your child – thank you for your support.

### Y3 Virtual Egyptian Day

A letter about the Y3 Virtual Egyptian Day has already been emailed to the Y3 parents. This event takes place next Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> October and the cost for this is only £2.20 per child as the PTA have generously agreed to partially fund this experience. We would like to thank all the parents who have already paid via ParentPay. We are asking that all contributions of £2.20 are paid by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October as events such as this would not be able to go ahead without your support – thank you.



### Local Authority SEND Inspection

As part of the work to address the key issues identified in the Local Authority SEND inspection recently, SNAP are collecting feedback from parents about SEND services offered by Central Bedfordshire, to feed into the various development efforts they are engaged with. This feedback will be crucial when they are re-visited by Ofsted in December. Central Bedfordshire have requested all schools to send the leaflet regarding this consultation to parents and it is attached with this newsletter.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Ampthill Brownies

1<sup>st</sup> Ampthill Brownies is celebrating 100 years since it was formed on the 25<sup>th</sup> October. As this is a great achievement, we are inviting all the children in school who are Brownies to wear their Brownie uniform next Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

## A Huge Nest!

The children in Cedar class were very excited on Thursday when, at lunchtime, they all began to work together, as a class, to build a huge 'nest' using all the fallen leaves.

Mrs Blackwell, their lunchtime supervisor said that it was lovely time with the children all so excited and enjoying themselves. She also added that they worked together beautifully. One child had told her 'we are all working together well and being a great team... it's like Forest School.'



The children were so proud of what they had built, Mrs Freeman and I agreed to take them all out to pose for a picture in front of their creation! They were very excited when we said it would go in the newsletter. One child said 'we'll be famous!'

Yours sincerely,

Adam J G Campbell  
Headteacher