



# Chesterfield Latest News 10 February 2017



## Staffing News

At the end of this busy half term, we send our thanks to Lesley Felgate on her retirement after 26 years at Chesterfield. Lesley has seen many changes through those years, and has worked tirelessly and shown great expertise in the finance department. We send her on her way with our very best wishes, as she starts this new phase of her life with her family.

We have exciting news to share about Bobe Tunbridge, who gave birth to a lovely daughter, Rose Violet Elizabeth, on Saturday. We wish her all the best for her maternity leave. Linda Lee will be covering the Speech and Language Assistant role during this time. We also send our congratulations to Shen Osman, who also had a daughter, Leyna, in January.

We send Lauryn Bodell from Blueberry class off with our best wishes as she starts her maternity leave, and look forward to hearing her news soon. Ruth Wilcox will become Blueberry class teacher until the end of the summer term. Ruth is looking forward to this role, as she has already been teaching in this class and knows the children well.

We said farewell to Bianka Whynn, one of the Learning Mentors, who left us at the end of January, to pursue her dream of becoming a Psychologist.

Finally, the half term holidays start today. The children will return to school on Monday 20 February at 8:50 am. Keep busy and safe! We look forward to receiving lots of photos of children 'Getting Caught Reading Beyond School!' Please send them by email to [reading@chesterfieldprimaryelt.org](mailto:reading@chesterfieldprimaryelt.org)

Kaaren Holmes

## People Who Help US!



The fire brigade visited Reception to tell the children all about their job and what they do. The children had lots of questions.

'They are real superheroes.' Asad in Coriander class.

## Mobile Free Playground

We are trialling a Mobile Phone Free Playground, in line with some other schools, to encourage adults to be great role models and to encourage parents to talk to their children!

Please support this initiative by turning phones off before and after school on the playground. Thank you for your co-operation.

## Collaborative Class Assemblies:

Congratulations to Cinnamon and Mercury class on their clever robot theme linking the Learning Journeys of Merc Bots and Journey to Japan.

Blueberry class (year 1) and Amazon class (year 4) came together and collaborated beautifully to celebrate the Chinese New Year in their joint class assembly. They retold the story of how the Chinese new year came about and how it was decided which animals each year would be named after. There was singing, dancing, acting and even a colourful dragon that paraded its way through the audience. It was a bright and energetic way to see in the Chinese New Year and a great time was had by children, teachers and parents.

Mercury (Year 3) and Saffron (Year 6) assembly was on reading and we looked at the life of Roald Dahl. The children sang their own rendition of Pharrell Williams' Happy and changed the lyrics to do with reading, they even rapped about reading using the Fresh Prince of Bel Air as their backing track! There was also drama as children acted out some of Roald Dahl's revolting rhymes.

Next half term assembly dates are:

24 February - Clove & Cranberry

10 March - Fennel & Kestrel

24 March - Cedar & Turmeric

**IMPORTANT DATE: Learning Conferences Thursday 23 March 8:30am-7pm**

A letter will be sent out after half term for you to book your 15 minute meeting with the class teacher.

**The school will only be open for these appointments, not for lessons.** All children are expected to attend their appointment with you, as it is important that they are involved in the process to help them celebrate their success and decide on their learning routes.

Thank you for your co-operation.

**Bring An Adult To School Day**

Thank you to all the visitors who attended this event yesterday. As usual there was a huge turn out to hear from the Chair of Trustees, John West, and the Chair of Local Governors, Charlie Byham, who came to talk to parents about the role of a Governor and how to apply for this role. Kaaren Holmes and Andrew Gradwell spoke about Reading at school, and how to encourage children to develop their love of reading at home.

**Kestrel Class Year 5**

We had the opportunity to go to the amazing Children's Story Centre in Stratford. One child said,

'We had a lot of fun because there was lots to do and we got to use lots of props like spoons and costumes to create characters and a story. I would recommend going to the Story Centre because I can create better stories now.'

**Sports Update**

Hockey: Six volunteers played at the Enfield hockey tournament on Monday. Unfortunately due to illness, only one had been to Quick Sticks club before. The scores were, one win, one draw, 2 losses. However we are pleased this scratch team represented Chesterfield in good spirits and played with true sportsmanship.

Girl's football: A huge congratulations to our girl's football team after a 4-1 win against Eastfield on Tuesday 7 February. They dominated the game with strong possession and attacking. Well done to goal scorers Sabrina and Teneesha! A great win and ready for our final fixture on 7 March, watch this space!



**Enfield Debate Competition**

Our Debate competitors, Skye, Yusuf, Kayla & Miriam were up against link school Bowes on Tuesday, in the first round of this event. Ruth Wilcox was so proud of the confidence and content. She said the children have made massive progress in this event, since starting in September.

Well done to our debate team who have got through to the Semi Finals on the 6<sup>th</sup> March.

**Other important dates:**

- Thursday 2 March - Dress up as a book character day for £1 for school book corner funds
- Wednesday 22 & 23 March - Book Fair sales
- Friday 24 March - Comic Relief. (Noses on sale from 20 March)

**Great Ormond Street Appeal**

Thanks for all those £1s and wearing green... we have sent off £592 to this charity, in memory of Mulla.

**Website refreshed!**

From after half term, the new school website address is [www.chesterfieldprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.chesterfieldprimaryschool.co.uk)

We are interested to hear your views on how useful this is, and any ideas for improvement.

Please contact the school email- [office@chesterfieldprimaryelt.org](mailto:office@chesterfieldprimaryelt.org)

We hope you enjoy reading it!

### Get Caught Reading Photo!



### Attendance

Week commencing: 23/01/2017

Year 1 & 2	Cedar & Oak	97%
Year 3 & 4	Jupiter & Nile	96%
Year 5 & 6	Cinnamon & Clove	98%

Week Commencing: 30/01/2017

Year 1 & 2	Oak	96%
Year 3 & 4	Nile	95%
Year 5 & 6	Paprika	97%

### Calendar:

#### Spring Term 2017

#### **13 to 17 February Half Term Holiday**

20<sup>th</sup> February – Cedar Class- Royal Gunpowder Mills

23<sup>rd</sup> February – Reception WOW Day

24<sup>th</sup> February – Year 3 WOW Day

24<sup>th</sup> February – Maple Class-Royal Gunpowder Mills

24<sup>th</sup> February - Clove & Cranberry class assembly

24<sup>th</sup> February – Nursery Bring Your Parent Day (AM

Nursery 8.30-9.30. PM Nursery 12.30-1.30)

27<sup>th</sup> February – Oak Class- Royal Gunpowder Mills

28<sup>th</sup> February – Reception WOW Day

28<sup>th</sup> February – Ark Farm in to see Nursery &

Coriander class

1<sup>st</sup> March – Chestnut Class- Royal Gunpowder Mills

2<sup>nd</sup> March – Class Photos

3<sup>rd</sup> March – No class assembly / world book day

10<sup>th</sup> March – Fennel & Kestrel class assembly

13<sup>th</sup>-17 March – Walk to School Week

20<sup>th</sup> March – Year 6 Mock SAT's

23<sup>rd</sup> March school closed for lessons- Learning

Conferences

24<sup>th</sup> March - Red Nose Day

24<sup>th</sup> March - Cedar & Turmeric Class Assembly

27<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3 WOW Day

29<sup>th</sup> March – Dental Screening Reception & Year 1

29<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3 Dance Festival Performance

4.15-5.30

30<sup>th</sup> March – Dental Screening Reception & Year 1

31 March - Term Ends 2pm

### Making the most of our world class London Museums!

Why don't you visit these yourselves during the half term holiday? Entrance is free!

On Wednesday 8th February, Year 3 ventured to the Science Museum to visit the newly-opened Robots Exhibition, which supported our spring Learning Quest. The children had a chance to learn about the history of robots, along with seeing some of the most recent and modern robots made. Some could even communicate with humans!

Last week, year four had the opportunity to visit the Natural History Museum as part of their work on Volcanoes. The children were given the opportunity to investigate geological forces from deep within the Earth using interactive demonstrations and even experienced the shock of an earthquake happening! Mohamed, Mississippi (Year 4) "An amazing experience which has made me want to find out more about facts!"

### Parking

Reminder parents please park with courtesy in Chesterfield Road, not across people's driveways. Thank you.

### Lale's Family Support Advisor (FSA) Update.

- **We hope you will join Lale at Cineworld tomorrow for the showing of 'Jungle Book'. Tickets are £2.70 - meet at Chesterfield for 8.30am or at the cinema before 10am. All families welcome.**
- The uniform shop (Uniform4kids) in Hertford Road has uniform on reduced prices- hurry to get a bargain!
- **Coffee Morning Diary**
  - Wednesday 22 February - Reception and Nursery Parents – help develop your child's independence!
  - Tuesday 28 February - Phoenix 1 & 2 parents
  - Wednesday 1 March
  - Wednesday 8 March
  - Wednesday 15 March
  - Wednesday 22 March
- New ESOL classes to start from 1st March 2017 - please contact Lale for more information