



Chesterfield Latest News 10 March 2017



Education Matters.

You may be aware from the local or national news that the government is planning to introduce a new 'National Funding Formula' for all schools in England from April 2018 onwards. Unfortunately the impact of the planned changes will be a significant reduction in the money available to schools.

Over the past three years, our budgets have already been under severe strain due to the Government imposing real terms funding cuts by freezing the amount of money that is allocated to schools for each pupil. At the same time, schools have seen increased costs that are really biting into school budgets. Inflation, the national living wage, the imminent apprenticeship levy are all considerable pressures on the budget, and the contributions that schools have to make towards their employees pensions and National Insurance contributions have risen significantly. This affects maintained schools and academies alike, both primary and secondary.

The Government is also drastically reducing the Education Services Grant meaning schools will have to fund additional services for children which are currently being provided by local councils. We have already lost valuable services such as the School Library Service. The Enfield Enrichment Programme, which a huge number of our children have been a part of through Chess Tournaments, Public Speaking, Maths Mastery classes, Debating, the Mayor's Award for Writing, will no longer be running.

We do understand the financial situation in the country, but if we want to have a world class education system then it does need to be funded properly. We will continue to work to provide the best for every child in the Enfield Learning Trust and we are doing all we can to cut our costs wherever possible without impacting on the quality of our provision.

In recent years, we have had to make many difficult decisions regarding funding. We have weathered these difficult times, but the financial pressures are continuing at an unprecedented level. I would ask that if you feel able to that you take the time to contact your local MP Ms Joan Ryan, MP 542 Hertford Road Enfield, EN3 5ST, joan.ryan.mp@parliament.uk.

to show your support for increasing funding to schools and asking the government to revise its plans for the National Funding Formula so that local schools are not faced with these severe cuts. For more information on how these cuts will affect our school and ways in which you can share your views please visit www.schoolcuts.org.uk.

Thank you, Kaaren Holmes

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

An appointment letter will be sent out by Monday 13th about your appointment time for this important meeting. Please check in book bags etc., and if there are any problems please alert the class teachers so we can try to help.

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.

Collaborative Class Assemblies:

Next half term assembly dates are:

10 March - Fennel & Kestrel

24 March - Cedar & Turmeric

We look forward to seeing you at 2:30pm.

Clove and Cranberry classes shared ideas on the theme of Resilience (our Value for this half term). Their joint retelling of the snowdrop was acted out well, and they had a great song which sent us humming.

Important dates

Wednesday 22 & 23 March - Book Fair sales

Learning Conferences Thursday 23 March all day

Friday 24 March - Comic Relief non uniform day- Dress in something red. (Red Noses on sale from 13 March)

For your convenience we have created a handy 'dates leaflet' on yellow paper. We will send a more detailed one for Summer Term out with the next newsletter.

Books for Chesterfield

We have raised £405.67 for reading books. Thanks for taking part and wearing book related costumes. The children had a lovely day dressing up.



Learning Quests Spring 2

Class	Theme
Nursery	Down on the Farm
Sage	Traditional Tales
Oregano	To the Rescue
Coriander	Animal Kingdom
Fennel	Wild things
Blueberry	One Giant Leap for Blueberry Class
Cranberry	Blast Off into Space
Mulberry	Man on the Moon
Maple	Little Victorians
Chestnut	Victorian Life
Oak	The Victorians
Cedar	Time Travelling Cedar
Saturn	Planting Mania
Jupiter	Jupiter's Garden
Mercury	Watch Us Grow
Thames	The Vikings are coming!
Zambezi	Let the battle commence!
Amazon	Across the North Sea
Mississippi	Let the battle commence!
Nile	Smashing Settlers
Robin	The Swiss Family Robinson
Eagle	Hold Back the River
Kestrel	River Depp, Mountain High
Kingfisher	Aint No Mountain High Enough
Cinnamon	Groovy Greeks
Saffron	Potty about the Greeks
Clove	My Big Ancient Greek Learning Quest
Paprika	What did the Greeks do for us?
Turmeric	Glorious Greeks
Phoenix	Fit for the Queen

Pease take time to see the Learning Quest leaflets for more information, and things you could do to help your child's learning.

Attendance

Week Commencing: 06/02/2017

Year 1 & 2	Blueberry & Maple	97%
Year 3 & 4	Amazon & Nile	95%
Year 5 & 6	Kestrel	96%

Week Commencing: 20/02/2017

Year 1 & 2	Blueberry Maple & Oak	97%
Year 3 & 4	Amazon	98%
Year 5 & 6	Cinnamon	95%

Week commencing: 27/02/2017

Year 1 & 2	Maple	100%
Year 3 & 4	Zambezi	97%
Year 5 & 6	Kestrel, Robin, Paprika & Saffron	97%

Sports Update team (see the website news for photos)

Netball: Year 5 and 6 girls had their first Netball League match, this was against St Georges. They lost 1– 0 but showed great attitude and represented Chesterfield school very well, and showed great Team Spirit.... Well Done Girls

And High Five Netball: Played 9 games, won 2 and drew 1.

Basketball: 12 Members of the basketball team had a tournament on Friday. They all worked as a team and showed great determination, winning 2 games.

Eggstra Eggstraveganza!

Easter is nearly here. Reception and year 2 practiced making pancakes in the creative hub- they were delicious!

Lale and the Gate Office team will be selling tickets for our seasonal Easter egg raffle. All funds raised go towards school funds to help your children.



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.

Lale's Family Support Advisor (FSA) Update.

Coffee Morning Diary - Wednesday 15 March—9.10-10am Reception Parents

Stay and play for under 5's? Thursdays in Nursery -8.50am – 10am. Do bring your little ones along!

New ESOL classes to started 1st March 2017, please contact Lale for more information of other events

Calendar

Spring Term 2017

13th-17 March – Walk to School Week

20th March – Year 6 Mock SAT's

23rd March school closed for lessons- Learning Conferences

24th March - Red Nose Day

24th March - Cedar & Turmeric Class Assembly

27th March – Year 3 WOW Day

29th March – Dental Screening Reception & Year 1

29th March – Year 3 Dance Festival Performance & Dance Club

30th March – Dental Screening Reception & Year 1

31 March - Term Ends 2pm

Summer Term 2017

17th April Bank Holiday

18th April term starts 8:50 am (Tuesday)

25th April – Oak Trip to Wildlife Walk

1st May – School Closed Bank Holiday

9-13 May Year 6 SATS week

15th May – Cedar Trip to Wildlife Walk

16th May – Chestnut Trip to Wildlife Walk

17th May – Maple Trip to Wildlife Walk

29th May – 2nd June – Half Term Holiday

26th June – School Closed Inset Day

21st July – Last Day of Term

Enfield Debate Update

Well done to our debate team who have got through to the Finals on the 28th March- they are in the last 4 primary schools, and will compete at Enfield Civic Centre, in front of the Mayor!

They have been praised on their skills- good memory learning the arguments, and their interactions challenging the points made by the other team.

Go Team Chesters!

Trip Feedback

The children in Nursery, Fennel and Coriander enjoyed the opportunity to interact with a variety of animals from Ark Farm. There were rabbits, guinea pigs, chickens, a dog, a hedgehog, a tortoise and some Australian marsupials called sugar gliders. The children were so engaged in the experience and delighted to be so close to so many different animals.



Be Food Smart app

Download the NEW 'Be Food Smart' app to find out how much sugar, saturated fat and salt is in your everyday food and drink, and also to find great tips and healthy recipes.

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life-beta/be-food-smart#h0fXEVPf9REkrtTa.97>



Reminders

- Our uniform is **BLACK** shoes or trainers
- Necklaces and fancy earrings should not be worn- plain metal studs, and watches are ok.
- Please let the teachers know if your child requires use of a prayer room at lunchtime
- Please send a photo of your child reading somewhere... a real picture or an emailed one to office@chesterfieldprimaryelt.org

Website refreshed!

The new school website address is www.chesterfieldprimaryschool.co.uk

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