

Latest News - 2nd December 2016

Bring an Adult to School Day

This was a roaring success on 15 November- thank you to over 300 parents who attended and heard Kaaren or Tijen explaining about the Learning Quest, and our new project on pupil marking and feedback. After joining in with creative learning in the classroom, parents were treated to tea and biscuits – our thanks to the parliament members who helped serve.

Read, Write Inc Presentation

On Wednesday, Reception parents were invited to come in for a crash course in Read, Write Inc. Sophie and Andrew covered the basics on how to help their children at home. Parents who attended got to take home a sound mat and sound book. We hope these are helpful. If you were unable to attend you will receive your mat and book shortly.

There will be future opportunities to come in for these helpful sessions. Please look out for more information.

Attendance Update

Remember every day at school counts! Our target is 95.5%. Well done to the following class winners:

Wk beginning 07/11/2016

Yrs 1 & 2 – Maple Class 97%

Yrs 3 & 4 – Nile Class 97%

Yrs 5 & 6 – Clove and Saffron 98%

Wk beginning 14/11/2016

Yrs 1 & 2 – Maple Class 96%

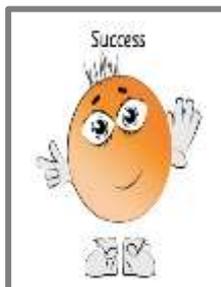
Yrs 3 & 4 – Nile Class 96%

Yrs 5 & 6 – Cinnamon Class 99%

The Chesterfield Value this half term

SUCCESS

"I am the successful Chester.
I aspire to be the best I can in
everything I do."



Diary Dates - Autumn Term 2016

5 December Year 6 Practice SATs (Monday to Thursday)

6 December Year 1 Pantomime Trip

6 December Sports Hall Athletics @ Lea Valley

7 December ECCO Orchestra performance to parents @ 2:30pm

8 December Year 5 WOW Day

8 December 'Santa Special'- Christmas Fair 3:15pm

12 December Year 2 WOW Day

12 December Nile Class Trip to the British Museum

12 December Coriander and Fennel Singing Concert to parents 2:30

13 December Amazon Class trip to the British Museum

13 December Sage and Oregano Singing Concert to parents 2:30

14 December Eagle & Kingfisher trip to Borough Market

14 December Zambezi Class trip to the British Museum

14 December School Christmas Lunch

15 December Thames Class trip to the British Museum

15 December Kestrel Class trip to Borough Market

15 December Year 3 WOW Day

20 December Year 6 WOW Day

20 December Nursery Term ends normal time

21 December – Term ends 2pm (Wednesday)

Spring Term 2017

5 & 6 January School Closed INSET

9 January Children return to school 8.50am

12 January Year 3 & 5 WOW Day

13 January Year 6 WOW Day

18 January ECCO Event at Brunswick Park

20 January Cinnamon and Jupiter Performance to parents

23-27 January Science Week

13 to 17 February Half Term Holiday

31 March - Term Ends 2pm

Summer Term 2017

17 April Bank Holiday

18 April Children return to school 8.50am

1 May Bank Holiday

29 May to 2 June Half Term Holiday

26 June **School Closed INSET**

21 July - Term Ends 2pm

The 'Santa Special' is on Thursday 8 December 3:15pm in Chesters and Dining Halls

Our thanks to all families who donated a bottle of something, a jar of something or £1 today towards the Tombolas etc.

The more donations there are, the more chance of being a winner!

Raffle Prizes include adult Hamper, Children's box, Tesco £50 voucher and much, much more.

Tickets cost 50p for one, 3 for £1 (Bargain!) and are available now at the Gate Office and on the day.

The draw will take place at 4:30pm. (A list of winners will be advertised in school.)

Lots of Lively Learning!

Virtual Reality

Last week Year 5 were fortunate enough to have a visit from Google, who brought along some virtual reality headsets for all the children to try out. Everyone was able to transport themselves around the world to do some sightseeing of far-flung lands that they may never be able to visit. In Year 5, the learning quests have been all about food from different countries, so the children looked at different Biomes and how they differ around the world, as well as going to China to see the great wall. The children also travelled to Chichen Itza to see the mystical worlds of the Maya which they will be learning about next!

Enterprise Day

Last week, Year 5 were thrust into the responsible position of being detectives in a sticky crime - someone had broken in to Chesterfield and stolen all the chocolate! Through using a combination of listening, inference and teamwork skills, the culprit was caught! There were 4 suspects, some fingerprints, witness statements and audio recordings to analyse, which all pointed towards 1 person: Little Red Riding Hood. Yes, it would appear that Miss Riding Hood took the chocolate to share with her grandmother and the wolf. Everyone had a fantastic day and thoroughly enjoyed trying to find and solve the problems.



Year 3 Natural History Museum

On Monday 28 November, Year 3 spent the day at the Natural History Museum in London. They had a fabulous day looking at different fossils and an amazing collection of rocks, which links with their science topic. They even saw how volcanoes are formed. An exciting day was had by all!



Lively Learning Continued...

Public Speaking Final

Congratulations to Shannon in Year 6 who was selected to go through to the Final of this Enfield enrichment competition. Shannon spoke about the value of School Journey, and received a certificate from the Deputy Mayor of Enfield.

Well done also to Khadija who also represented Chesterfield (and was noted as a valued helper with refreshments at the Final event.)

These children were very brave speaking in front of a large audience with judges, and have grown in skill and confidence.



Children in Need



On Friday 18 November staff and pupils from Chesterfield Primary School took part in some fantastic fundraising by showing off their spectacular spots and colourful yellow clothes, all in aid of raising money for Children in Need.

An amazing amount of children swapped their clothing and contributed £1 or more to show their support and concern for less privileged children in the UK. The Chesterfield community raised a whopping £600 for this worthwhile charity!

In addition to some funky fashion, Year 5 and 6 took part in some thought provoking assemblies, where they were told about young children whose lives have been enriched by the generous donations of the charity.

A year 1 pupil from Blueberry class said,
"We enjoyed making Pudsey faces and colouring in."

Julie Franklin, a staff member, was quoted as saying,
"I donated through text to Big Build SOS for Children in Need, and I bought a T shirt and two pins."

All at Chesterfield would like to say a special thank you to all who donated to this extraordinary charity.

By Malakai, Ava, Gabija, Stephanie and Fatma in Year 6.

'Santa Special' (Chesterfield Christmas Fair)
Thursday 8 December 3.15-4.45pm

Have we mentioned that Santa (AKA Father Christmas) will be found in the Grotto in the Nursery this year? Come along and get your cherub's photo taken and receive a small gift and a copy of your photo for only £3.50.

Thank you for all your help and support so far. We still need cakes to sell, if you are keen baker please get in the kitchen and make something for us to sell. Alternatively any donations of shop bought cakes would be welcome.

School Parliament

The 10 Cabinet Members met Kaaren yesterday, and discussed their views. They are pleased with their involvement with marking as it helps them get feedback even quicker about their work. They must remember to use a purple pen, and often use their peers to double check answers.

The children were pleased to hear that local Garden Centres have been written to to ask for help in renovating the Wild Garden area by Year 6 Hub, and are waiting for replies, hopefully soon.

Celebrations!

Christmas dinner is on Wednesday 14 December, so don't bring a packed lunch if you have ordered a hot lunch on that day please!

Christmas Parties this year will include a Disco for Reception to year 6 during the school day from 2pm until 3.45pm. Children should wear uniform on the day but are allowed to bring party/Christmas clothes to change into for their disco.

There will be games and music plus a prize for the 'best dressed' and 'most festive' in each year.

Party Dates are:

Monday 12 December - Year 3 & Phoenix 2

Tuesday 13 December - Year 2 & Phoenix 1

Thursday 15 December - Year 6

Friday 16 December - Year 1 & Reception

Monday 19 December - Year 5

Monday 19 December - Nursery

Tuesday 20 December - Year 4



Other Important Reminders:

- Once your children have been collected from school, they are your responsibility. For Health and Safety reasons please **do not allow them to climb on the school apparatus** (take them to the park instead!)
- Uniform- the weather is cold, wet and frosty now winter has arrived - please name school clothes including coats. Remember **boots** can be worn to and from school, but please provide black shoes/trainers or plimsols for indoors. (children cannot do PE in boots, sorry!)
- Today is the last day to order Christmas dinner for anyone who usually has a home packed lunch. No further bookings can be made after today.

Nursery & Reception Applications for September 2017 start

Online application forms are found on enfield.gov.uk/admissions. The deadline is 15 January 2017.

Parents are welcome to visit the school on Wednesday mornings – please call 01992 760678 to make an appointment.

If your child turns 3 by 31 August 2017 you **MUST** apply for a nursery space (even if they already attend our nursery).

If your child turns 4 by 31 August 2017 then you **MUST** apply for a reception space (even if they already attend nursery).

If your child is 3 now, you may be entitled to have a nursery place in January. Please contact Lorraine Bellot in the Gate Office 01992 760678 to enquire.

Family Support Advisor

Lale Silay is based in the Gate Office and Sunshine Room in the Year 6 Hub. Do drop in to get advice. If you have requests or ideas, please let her know. Her direct phone number is 07519924058.

Coffee Mornings 8 December last one this term
Wednesdays - 1pm - ESOL Class has now finished, please ask about waiting lists for February 2017

Chesterfield Explorers



Stay and play sessions



Come and play, we have lots of toys and games!

Share stories and songs that we all love!

Explore messy and sensory play.

Join us for circle time and a snack with your friends.



Sean Andrews from the Children's Centre's will be joining us too!

Run by qualified teachers and practitioners at our school.

Every Thursday during term time starting:
15 December 2016
8.50-10.00
Chesterfield School, in the Millennium Hall
All under 5's welcome