

# Chesterfield Primary School Newsletter

March 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the spring term, I would like to thank all of you for your continued support for our school. It was lovely to see so many of you at our recent parent consultation meetings. They are an important part of our school calendar, keeping you up-to-date on your child's progress and giving you the opportunity to discuss with the class teacher how your child is doing in class and in school generally.

It has been great to see our pupils take part in so many wonderful activities and opportunities this term, from our after-school enrichment clubs to workshops, school visits, charity and sports events and performances. Everyone in the school really enjoyed dressing up as their favourite book characters on World Book Day, and wearing red to raise money for Red Nose Day. We have also held workshops in school—children in Year 1 enjoyed a visit from the Reptile House and Year 4 learned about life in Roman Britain in their history workshop. We are very proud of our sports teams who have shown amazing sportsmanship and resilience in their events this term and our school choirs have excelled themselves at their performances in school and also at the Millfield Theatre. We have also enjoyed a range of superb end of term concerts and performances including cheerleading, poetry and ukelele. As you can see from this edition of our newsletter, it has been very busy—and all of this is in addition to all the hard work going on in learning in classrooms every day!

Sadly we are bidding a fond farewell to Amutha, our SENCo, at the end of this term. Amutha has been with us at Chesterfield since 2021 and she is now moving on to an exciting new opportunity working in special needs education. I am sure you will join me in thanking Amutha for all of her hard work and dedication to supporting the children in our school and wishing her all the very best for the future. We would also like to wish Cristina all the very best as she leaves at the end of term to begin her maternity leave. We are also welcoming new colleagues to Chesterfield: Danny, who will be our interim SENCo after Easter and Ling who will be teaching Year 5 Bulgaria class when we return.

Finally, I would like to wish Happy Easter, Eid Mubarak and Happy Vaisakhi to all our families who will be celebrating during the holidays. and look forward to seeing you all again when we return to school on Monday 15th April at 8:45am.

Sarah Roberts  
Headteacher

## Dates for your Diary

### April 2024

**Monday 15 April**

Back to school 8:45am

### May 2024

**Monday 6 May**

Bank Holiday—school closed

**Monday 12 May**

Year 6 SATs week

**Monday 27 May—Friday 31 May**

Half term holiday

### June 2024

**w/c 10 June**

Year 4 multiplication and Year 1 phonics checks

**Friday 28 June**

Inset Day—school closed for children

### July 2024

**Monday 8 July—Friday 12 July**

Science and Art week

**Wednesday 24 July**

Term ends 1:30pm

## Spring Reading Challenge 2024

### Chesterfield Primary School



|   |  |   |  |                                      |
|---|--|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| Read a story that includes a superhero<br>_____ | Read a fairy tale<br>_____             | Read a book set in a forest<br>_____      | Read a book set in the future<br>_____       | Read a comic<br>_____                |
| Read a non-fiction book<br>_____                | Read a mystery story<br>_____          | Read a book that has a rabbit<br>_____    | Read a book that includes a monster<br>_____ | Read an adventure story<br>_____     |
| Read a book that includes a castle<br>_____     | Read a book by Dr Seuss<br>_____       | Read a poem<br>_____                      | Read a recipe<br>_____                       | Read a book set in the past<br>_____ |
| Read a rhyming book<br>_____                    | Read a book that has a dragon<br>_____ | Read a book with an animal in it<br>_____ | Read a book that became a film<br>_____      | Read your favourite book<br>_____    |

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Year Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Each time you complete a reading challenge, add the name of the book to the grid. Completed grids need to be handed in to your class teacher by 3pm on Friday 3rd May.

The names of the children who complete all the challenges will be entered into a prize draw, where a name will be selected at random to win a prize.

### Year 1 Reptiles experience

Year 1 were very excited to have the Reptile House visit us at school. The children were shown 2 different types of lizards, a snake, a tenrec, millipedes, cockroaches and meerkats. They all had the opportunity to either touch or hold these animals. We learnt lots of new interesting facts about these animals and the habitats that they live in. I wonder if your child can remember any of these facts and teach your family something new!



### World Book Day

Children and staff had a wonderful day dressing as their favourite book characters and celebrating our love of reading at Chesterfield. The children also took part in a variety of fun reading activities.



### Biggest Ever Football Session

On Friday 8th March, we took part in the Biggest Ever Football Session in association with Barclays and FA . The aim of the Biggest Ever football session is that every child all over England will play football matches on the day at the same time. The children thoroughly enjoyed playing football with their classmates during their break time.



### Dance Festival

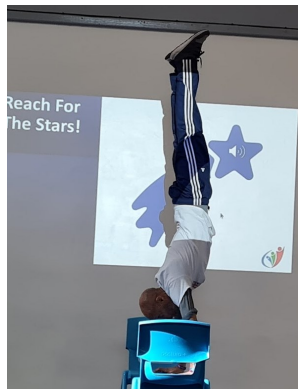
Well done to the Chesterfield Cheerleaders for taking part in the Enfield dance festival at the Millfield theatre on Thursday March 21st. The girls have been attending rehearsals during their lunch time twice a week this term in preparation for the show and did an amazing performance on stage during the show. As this is the last sporting event this term, I also want to say thank you for your support so that I could arrange and do all the sporting activities this year so far; the children are really enjoying all the sporting activities and opportunities to complete with other schools.

Olivia Pryce



### Athlete visit to Chesterfield

On February 26th, we were visited by a team GB athlete, Steven Frew, who inspired the children with his story of competing for team GB and winning a medal and led the children through a fitness workshop. Children then took part in a sponsorship challenge to raise money to support team GB athletes and for sporting equipment. Together we raised over **£1,289.**



### Girls Football Festival

On Friday 8th March some girls from the girls football team attended a football festival at Enfield County school. This was to promote girls and women all over the country, playing football on the same day. They had a great afternoon, taking part in many different activities involving football skills and fitness. Even though it was quite cold, the girls showed great resilience and put 100% effort into the afternoon. Well done!



### Year 3 Romans Workshop

Year 3 enjoyed learning about life in Roman Britain in their workshop this term, including the significant people and events of the period, resistance to the occupation and the way in which Britain changed as a result of the Roman invasion.



### News from Reception

In Reception it is the time of the year for planting!

Parents, we need your help!



Please could you donate any wild flower seeds, sunflower seeds, herb seeds, salad seeds, vegetable seeds or seedlings. The children have been preparing the beds in our planters and we are ready to plant.



Please bring your seeds to the Reception staff.  
Thank you,  
**Reception team.**

### Catman Visit

This term in Reception we have been learning about Superheroes and this week we summoned Catman to come to the rescue. Nicola's hand was stuck behind the whiteboard. He saved Nicola, answered questions, read us a Superhero story, challenged us to write a sentence and spent time with us in class. He was then summoned to another rescue and left in his Catcopter!



## End of term performances

We are fortunate at Chesterfield to have an established history of performing in music, poetry, dance and drama. Not only is performance a key part of the national curriculum, there are also other benefits such as developing confidence. We are very proud of all of our children for taking part in their performances this term. Parents, staff and children have enjoyed a variety of performances and our thanks go to Magda, Olivia and their teams.

### 'Chesterfield Voices' School Choir performing at school and on stage at the Millfield Theatre



### Junior Chesterfield Voices performing for family and friends



### Our cheerleaders performed their routines in school



### We had some fabulous performance poetry from children in Year 2 and Year 5



### Year 4 enjoyed sharing their learning in music at their ukulele concert



# Attendance update

Whole-school attendance figures for the end of the spring term

|              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| Reception    | 89.53        |
| Year 1       | 90.62        |
| Year 2       | 92.26        |
| Year 3       | 94.04        |
| Year 4       | 94.67        |
| Year 5       | 94.47        |
| Year 6       | 93.26        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>93.38</b> |

**Our school  
attendance  
target is  
96%**



## Getting your child to school really matters!

### Did you know?

| If your child's attendance during the school year is | Your child would have lost approximately | Or they would have missed approximately |
|--|--|---|
| 95%  | 9 days from school                       | 50 lessons                              |
| 90%  | 19 days from school                      | 100 lessons                             |
| 85%  | 29 days from school                      | 150 lessons                             |
| 80%  | 38 days from school                      | 200 lessons                             |
| 75%  | 48 days from school                      | 250 lessons                             |

### My child is unwell, should I send them to school?

Sometimes it is difficult to know whether to keep your child off school or send them in. Always try and send your child to school if they are a little 'under the weather', for example, with a runny nose, headache, mild tummy-ache. The school will always contact you if your child is unwell, which is why it is vitally important that we have your correct contact details. HOWEVER, please do not send your child to school if they have any infectious illnesses like Chicken Pox, Measles etc. If your child has been vomiting or is suffering from diarrhoea, then they must stay away from school for 48 hours from the last bout of illness. This is to ensure that any infection does not spread through the school.

Please do contact the school office if you need any additional advice or support and we will be happy to help.

The NHS has a handy guide to the most common childhood illnesses and what you should do.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

## Term Dates 2024/2025

| Autumn Term 2024          |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| Inset Day                 | Monday 2 September 2024                     |
| Inset Day                 | Tuesday 3 September 2024                    |
| First Day of Term         | Wednesday 4 September 2024                  |
| Half Term                 | Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November 2024 |
| Inset Day                 | Monday 4 November 2024                      |
| Start of second half term | Tuesday 5 November                          |
| Last Day of Term          | Friday 20 December 2024                     |
| Spring Term 2025          |   |
| First Day of Term         | Monday 6 January 2025                       |
| Half Term                 | Monday 17 to Friday 21 February 2025        |
| Start of second half term | Monday 24 February 2025                     |
| Last Day of Term          | Friday 4 April 2025                         |
| Summer Term 2025          |   |
| First Day of Term         | Tuesday 22 April 2025                       |
| Bank Holiday              | Monday 5 May 2025                           |
| Half Term                 | Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May 2025         |
| Inset Day                 | Monday 2 June 2025                          |
| Start of second half term | Tuesday 3 June 2025                         |
| Last Day of Term          | Friday 18 July 2025                         |
| Inset Day                 | Monday 21 July 2025                         |
| Inset Day                 | Tuesday 22 July                             |