

Chesterfield Primary School Newsletter

May 2024



Dear Parents and Carers

I wanted to start by saying how incredibly proud I am of our Year 6 children who took their SATs papers last week. They approached the week with maturity and resilience and tried their very best in all of the papers. They were supported brilliantly throughout it all by the Year 6 team and I would like to extend my thanks to them for their tireless and unwavering commitment to all of the children. After half term, children in Year 1 and 2 will be taking their Phonics Screen Check and Year 4 will be completing the Multiplication Tables Check. Information on all of the statutory assessments has already been sent home, but if you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact us or talk to your child's class teacher.

This half-term, we have been working very hard in lessons as well as enjoying some extra-curricular enrichment activities on and off site. Our science day was a huge success and children were treated to a spectacular science show put on by The Royal Institution. Our Year 3 children enjoyed their visit to the Natural History Museum to support their learning in science and history and Year 6 enjoyed a visit to the theatre to watch Matilda. Elsewhere, we have had numerous sporting events and activities, including our Intra-sports days, Year 5 Quad Kids event and a session for 12 of our children at Tottenham Hotspur's training ground. You can find more information about these events and much more in this edition of our newsletter.

As we are approaching summer, we will hopefully be having some fine, sunny weather when we return after half term. Please can I remind parents and carers that on hot days, children should come to school wearing a sun hat and they should bring a refillable water bottle. Please apply sunscreen to your child in the morning before they come to school as staff are unable to do this during the school day.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents and carers for your continued support. I wish you all a pleasant half term break and I look forward to seeing you all when we return to school at 8:45am on Monday 3rd June.

Sarah Roberts
Headteacher

Attendance

We wish to work with you and offer help and support, if needed, to help your child attend school every day. It is vital that all students have excellent attendance at Chesterfield. Research shows that even a few days of absence can have a negative impact on children's learning.

We are committed to working with children and parents/carers to achieve our overall attendance target of 96%. At Chesterfield we value all children and

believe they are entitled to an excellent education. As set out in our attendance policy, we will work with families to identify the reasons for poor attendance and try to resolve any difficulties. Early intervention will be a priority moving forward. Every school day counts.

Unfortunately we are unable to authorise holidays during term time. We understand that emergency situations may arise and if you wish to request a Leave of Absence due to an exceptional circumstance you should make a request to the Headteacher using the 'Request for leave during term time' form. The local authority may choose to issue a fine for unauthorised holidays taken during term time.

Getting your child to school really matters!

Did you know?

If your child's attendance during the school year is	Your child would have missed 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

Dates for your Diary

May 2024

Monday 27 May- Friday 31 May

Half term holiday

June 2024

Monday 3 June

Back to School 8:45am

Mon-Weds 3/4/5 June

Year 6 trips to Herts Young Mariners Base

w/c 10 June

Year 4 multiplication and Year 1 phonics checks

Monday 17 June

Year 4 trip to Van Gogh exhibition

Friday 21 June

World Music Day

Friday 28 June

Inset Day- school closed for Children

July 2024

Monday 1 July- Friday 5 July

Science and Art week

Friday 5 July

Art Galleries display in school

Tuesday 9 July

Year 3 & 4 Sports Day
Donkey Lane Stadium

Wednesday 10 July

Year 5 & 6 Sports Day
Donkey Lane Stadium

Monday 15 July

Year 6 Production 2pm and 6pm

Wednesday 17 July

End of Year pupil reports issued via email

Monday 22 July

Year 6 Leavers Disco
5:30pm - 7:00pm

Wednesday 24 July

Term ends 1:30pm

News from Year 5

This half term, year five have had the opportunity to work with a Tennis Coach during their PE lessons. A variety of skills have been learnt like catching and throwing, balancing the ball on a tennis racket and drop shot techniques. The year group have truly enjoyed their sessions and reflected on the progress they have made in their tennis skills:

Mert: 'I have improved in my accuracy techniques for balancing the ball.'

Sophie: 'I am now quicker at catching the ball.'

Brianna: 'I feel more confident in bouncing the ball.'



Online Learning Platforms

Reading Eggs



Please remember that your child has Reading Eggs installed on their Chromebook. This is a learning platform that helps your child learn to read. Please encourage them to complete at least one reading lesson at home every week. The lesson is completed by reading a book and then answering questions about what they have read. The correct answers to the questions moves them onto the next step in their journey.

Reading Eggs also gives your child(ren) access to a wide variety of books in the Reading Eggs library. It is a fun way to browse and share lots of different books together!



Times Tables Rockstars

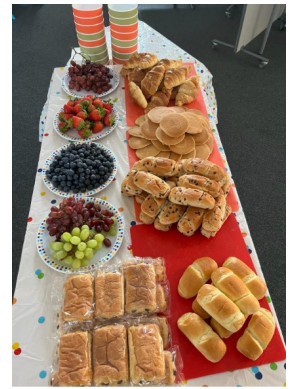
TT Rockstars is a fantastic, fun way for your child to practise their times tables. They can create avatars, play games and earn rewards; all whilst learning their times tables facts. Please encourage them to play on TT Rockstars for 10 minutes every evening. The more they play the easier maths will be for them in lessons as the times tables facts will be fresh in their minds.



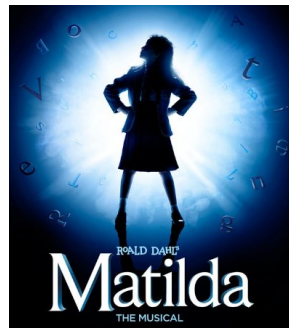
We regularly reward children in celebration assemblies if they have completed Reading Eggs lessons or been active on TT Rockstars so please support us at home!

News from Year 6

The Year 6 team wanted to take the opportunity to celebrate all Year 6 children for their dedication and hard work during SATs week. The children enjoyed their early morning breakfast, which prepared them well and they all demonstrated a fantastic level of commitment to ensure they did their absolute best during each test. Well done!



After a week of working incredibly hard in their SATs, children in Year 6 were treated to a trip to the West End to see the musical Matilda. They travelled to central London by coach and attended a matinee performance of the well-known children's musical. The children absolutely loved it and with cool special effects, dedicated acting and brilliant storytelling, the children are now inspired to create their own end of year production.



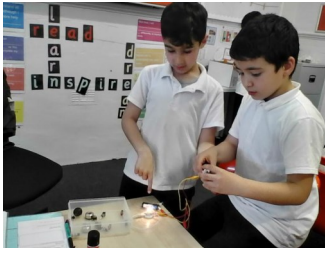
Intra-sports event

Children in Year 1 to Year 6 took part in a variety of sports activities in our intra-sports event. Children were put in mixed-year group teams and each team was allocated a colour. Everyone enjoyed the activities and it was lovely to see how well children in different year groups worked together as a team, supported each other and showed our Chesterfield values of respect, responsibility, resilience and kindness through sport. Not even the rain could ruin the fun and Year 1, 3 and 5 competed in the school halls.



Learning in Year 4

Children in Year 4 have been learning about circuits in science and were able to use equipment to make a circuit with a switch.



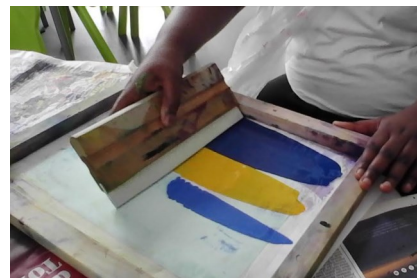
Oracy is a focus at Chesterfield and we use strategies from 'Voice21' to support children to develop their skills in debate and discussion. Children use various strategies in lessons to improve their speaking and listening skills. In Year 4, children gave their opinions in a 'conscience alley' and recreated freeze frames from a book they used as their writing stimuli in English.



Art and Design Technology

Year 5 Art and Design

Year 5 have been investigating the artist William Morris. After being inspired by his designs for wallpaper, textiles and embroidery, they created their own stencils for printing. They used the silk screen and squeegee method to create their own prints in the style of William Morris.



Year 2 Design technology

Year 2 had to design and make their own hand puppet. They used a template to cut two pieces of felt and joined them together by sewing, using either running or whip stitch to secure the felt. They then added the rest of the design criteria to finish the product.



Playground renovations fundraising project

We are raising money to redevelop our playgrounds and replace our existing fixed playground equipment. We hope to provide an exciting, creative and safe play space for children and will be holding a variety of fundraising events to support us to raise the funds we need. Look out for more information on how you can support us. You could also sign up with easyfundraising to support this project and raise money when you shop online - use the link below.

Here's your good deed of the day! Support Chesterfield Primary School - Playground Project on easyfundraising! It's a fantastic way for you to help us fundraise for free. Sign up today and turn your online shopping at your favourite brands like eBay, Tesco, M&S, H&M, Clarks, and 1,000s more into much-needed free funding for us: <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/playground-project/94d69s/c2s/r9Je1Up7/Q1249/facebook/>



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Help Chesterfield Primary School - Playground Project by raising FREE donations with your online shopping

Sign up today

18 supporters have joined

The Royal Institution Science Show

Children in Key Stage 1 and 2 enjoyed a show from The Royal Institution on the theme of 'We've Got the Power'. The show was exciting and really enthused children about science, linking to their learning in science:

KS1

Working scientifically

- Asking simple questions and recognizing that they can be answered in different ways
- Using their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions

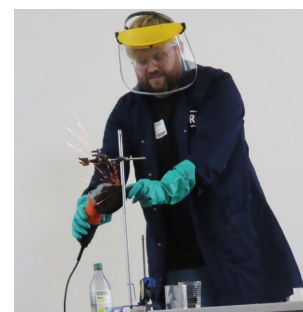
Physics

- **Everyday materials** – identify everyday materials

KS2

Physics

- **Properties and changes of materials** – burning causes formation of new materials; conductors; reversible changes
- **States of matter** – gases, materials changing state when heated
- **Light** – light is reflected, light travels in straight lines
- **Electricity** – identify common appliances that run on electricity; conductors; electrical circuits
- **Forces and magnets** – magnetic forces



Ri The Royal Institution
Science Lives Here



Year 5 and 6 trip to Tottenham Hotspur's Training Ground

On Friday 24th May, 11 boys and girls from Year 5 and 6 attended Tottenham Hotspur Training Ground for a fun festival of football, along with 8 other schools. The children showed great sportsmanship, tried really hard and above all had lots of fun! Well done all! :)



News from Early Years

Reception

In PE we had fun using the parachute, working together as a whole class to play a variety of games, travelling under the parachute, moving the parachute in different ways and finally with great skill making a 'mushroom'.



Nursery

We are always busy in Nursery. We wanted to share some of our learning and adventures with you.



We are a Nut-Free School!

We have a number of children and staff with severe nut allergies and so we ask that no nuts or nut-based products are brought into school in lunch boxes or as treats.

This includes:

- Whole or crushed nuts
- Nut butters
- Chocolate spreads such as Nutella
- Chocolate or biscuit products made with chocolate spread, e.g. Kinder Bueno
- Cereal or granola bars
- Peanut-based sauces, e.g. satay

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THANK YOU
for keeping our school safe!

Attendance Matters

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/>

School Uniform Reminder

All Year Round

- Red school sweat shirt or cardigan with Chesterfield school logo
- Grey or black trousers or skirt
- White collared t-shirt with Chesterfield logo
- Black shoes (with Velcro fastening please)
- Plain coloured hijab



For Summer (optional - children may choose to wear all-year-round uniform)

- Girls: Red and white check or stripe summer dress or knee-length short trousers.
 - Boys: Black or grey knee length short trousers
- *No cycling shorts please



For PE—Active Uniform

We wear our PE kit to school on PE days

- Chesterfield branded red school jumper or cardigan
- Black shorts or black footless leggings and white t-shirts (long or short sleeved)
- Black trainers (with Velcro fastening)
- Blue or black plain track or jogging suit bottoms

Hair

For health and safety and practical reasons, long hair should always be tied back during the school day using simple ties bands or clips.

Jewellery

Children may wear small stud earrings only. Simple wrist watches (no smart watches please) are permitted. Children should not bring or wear expensive jewellery items to school as the school cannot be held responsible if they go missing.

Sun Hats and Water Bottles

Please ensure your child brings in a refillable water bottle every day and wears a sun hat in warmer weather.

Please apply sun cream at home before your child arrives at school as school staff are unable to apply sun cream to children.