



Chesterfield Autumn Term News 1 December 2017



Message from the Headteacher

'Bring a parent to school morning' on 16th November was well attended and there was a lot of interest shown in the reading and comprehension lessons seen by parents. I'd like to thank everyone for coming.

I have noted the request for texting parents the link for our newsletter, and I hope this has helped improve access. Useful dates are always included, so please do make time to read it. **Please see the box below with details of our Christmas/end of term events.**

It's Walk to School week again next week! Try to 'park and stride' again by parking a bit further away and walking the last bit. We continue to encourage more sustainable travel in the area. The best classes can earn some extra playtime!

Our next school curriculum event for children is 'Wild about Bears' Day on Wednesday 6th December. Teddy bears can come to school for the day, and if you have any books, magazines etc., about bears - fact or fiction -, please send them in as well.

Please note school term ends on Thursday 21st December, at 2pm. We return on Thursday 4th January.

Kaaren

Homework projects-

The midpoint checks have shown some fantastic activities. Final deadline is 13 December.



Attendance

Well done to these classes the best so far this term!

Wk beginning 6th November

Years 1 & 2	Blueberry	98%
Years 3 & 4	Hazel	99%
Years 5 & 6	Dahl	100%

Wk beginning 13th November

Years 1 & 2	Blueberry	98%
Years 3 & 4	Birch	97%
Years 5 & 6	Wilson	97%

Wk beginning 20th November

Years 1 & 2	Sage	96%
Years 3 & 4	Spruce	98%
Years 5 & 6	Rowling	97%

Christmas /End of term Events

1. Reception and Nursery singing concert is on Tuesday 12th December 9:30am and 2:30pm.
2. Christmas lunch is on 13th December. (Today was the last day to book a lunch if your child does not usually have school dinner.) This is also a school non uniform day- wear your Christmas jumper (or something festive) for £1.
3. 'Santa Special', our famous Christmas fair, is on Thursday 14th December 3:30- 5pm in the Millennium building both halls. All help, and donations for stalls (such as bottles, jars, toys) welcome - please speak to Lale in the Gate Office.
4. Children's discos are in the week commencing 18th December- separate letters to follow. Cost is £3.00 per child, which includes refreshments.

We look forward to seeing you all at these events.

Nursery and Reception

Nursery Stay and Play: Come along to our stay and play sessions every Thursday morning from 9am until 10am.

Online Applications for Reception 2018 (www.enfield.gov.uk/schooladmissions) can be uploaded to Enfield Council until 15 January. Please apply if your child was born between 1 Sept 2013 & 31 August 2014 **EVEN IF THEY ALREADY ATTEND OUR NURSERY.** We welcome visits to the school- so if you (or a friend) would like a tour, please make an appointment with the Gate Office for the first Wednesday of the month.

Congratulations!

We are very proud that Trisha & Tasha in year 6 got through to the final of the Mayors Public Speaking competition last week. Trisha, Rowling Class said "We travelled to Bowes New Southgate primary school where there were four other schools ready to take part in the competition. We chose to talk about bullying in our speeches and I even got into the finals! I was really nervous and even though I didn't win I tried my absolute best! I hope I can continue to get better at public speaking as I continue to practice in Ruth's amazing debate club."

Our brilliant singers in Year 5 went to sing at a choir festival on 17th November, run by Enfield Music Service. The festival took place at Keys Meadow Primary School and involved choirs from Year 1 to Year 10. There was a choir that performed with British Sign Language! Chesterfield were the last to sing and although there were a few nerves, they sang absolutely beautifully. It was a fun morning - made even better by the biscuits they received at the end. Hopefully more opportunities will arise for our choir to sing in front of an audience soon.

Sports events:

- Year 5 shared some swimming certificates in Monday's assembly. They are trying hard to beat the 25m target from last year!
- Children were buzzing at the end of the Tag Rugby tournament on 14 November. Chesterfield won one and lost two matches. We were thanked by the organisers for taking such well mannered and well behaved children.

Diary Dates - Autumn Term 2017

4 December Pantomime to Nursery – Year 3
4 December Warner Bro Tour Dahl, Walliams & Morpurgo
5 December Warner Bro Tour Rowling & Wilson
4-8 December Walk to School week & Last week of clubs
6 December 'Wild about Bears' Day (Wednesday)
12 December Reception & Nursery Concerts 9.30 or 14.30
13 December Christmas Dinner & non uniform day
14 December Santa Special
18/19/20 December Christmas Discos
21 December – Term ends 2pm

Spring Term 2017

3 January School Closed INSET
4 January School term starts
1 February Learning Conferences- school is only open for meetings that day
12 to 16 Half Term School closed
29 March last day of term 2pm (Thursday)

Summer Term

Monday 16 April Term starts
14 and 15 June Inset-school closed
28 June- 1 July Half Term
20 July Last day of term 2pm

Chesterfield School Parliament

On Tuesday we had our Cabinet meeting with Kaaren. Everything is going well, children are working hard and they liked showing the parents reading lessons on 'Bring Your Parent to School Day'. Year 4 reported they really enjoyed their trip to the British Museum. Year 5 like the new school dinner menu with the mixture of hot, jacket potato or sandwich option. Through their enterprise activities, Year 6 have been fund raising to pay for their transport to Warner Brothers studios - Harry Potter World. However they still need some parents to give in their contributions, so please help us.

Children loved coming to school in the pyjamas for 'Children in Need' on 17th November. We raised over £500 this time. Well done everyone. We are now getting excited about helping out at our 'Santa Special' on 14th December, and we gave Kaaren some ideas for fund raising.

Our next meeting will be on 9th January 2018.
Kyra, Amber, Saira, Tayra, Angel, Jayda and Maison

Parent Pay account set up- Please take action now!

If you do not already have a Parent pay account you will need to open one soon, as we are withdrawing the Pay Point facility in local shops in January. No more bar codes will be issued. So come to one of our workshops to learn how to set up an online account on Mondays and Tuesdays in December (only until the end of term!) from 9-11.30am in the Sunshine Room. Or log onto www.parentpay.com and use your bar code (from the Gate Office) as your unique code to start up the account. Ask for a leaflet at the gate Office for more information.

Important Reminders

- Phone number or any other details changed recently? Please tell the Gate office for updated emergency contact.
- **Please pay for lunch meals and trips promptly to ensure we can continue to provide these opportunities e.g. school Pantomime tickets for nursery, reception, year 1, 2 and 3! Also Year 6 Harry Potter trip some payments are still due.**
- Lost clothes, bags, hats etc.? You can search for lost items in the Lost Property boxes in the glass link.
- **Footwear should be plain black. In the winter if your child wears boots to school, please send plain black shoes or trainers for them to change into.**
- It's very cold now so remember to bring a warm coat to wear to school.