



# Chesterfield Latest News 23 March 2018



## Message from Kaaren....

Thank you to all those who attended 'Bring a parent to school day' on 13 March, which was a great success. The School Hall was once again packed.

Parents were encouraged to join in with the activities, Kate presented about how we teach mathematics, and also shared some resources and games to use at home. The maths packs are still on sale in the Gate Office.

Our Easter egg raffle will be drawn on Thursday in assembly, so get your tickets soon from the Gate Office - only £2 a strip.

The end of term is on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm. Nursery term ends on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 3.30pm. During the holidays, please encourage your children to keep reading, and maybe play some maths games together to keep their brains active. Thanks to everyone who supported the Book Fair last week, and staff who gave up their time to run it.

I wish you all a happy and safe holiday. School starts again on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 8:50am.

## Healthy Eating

Here are just some of our many children enjoying our nutritious school lunches. We are encouraging them to eat their '5 a Day' fruit and vegetables or salad with gold stickers, as well as learning about balanced diet in science lessons.



Look out for the next instalment-  
How to make a healthy packed lunch box!

## Attendance

### Week beginning 12 March 2018

Year 1 & 2	Coriander	95%
Year 3 & 4	Birch	97%
Year 5 & 6	Morpurgo	97%

### Week beginning 19 March 2018

Year 1 & 2	Blueberry	94%
Year 3 & 4	Birch	94%
Year 5 & 6	Zambezi	98%

- Please note: holidays during term time are not authorised.
- Punctuality is also important ... A reminder that gates open from 8:40am, doors open at 8:50am. Please be ready to go into class promptly.
- **Late arrival can become an absence! Half an hour late every day adds up to a day of missed education per fortnight! Which over the year means ... 19 learning days lost over the school year.**
- We celebrate our good attendance, and continue to try to improve it so please support us, as it will affect your child's success in life.

## Bringing Learning to life!

**Science Museum** - Year 3 went to the Science Museum on Wednesday 21st March. We travelled by train then walked through a long tunnel to the museum. When we were there we saw amazing inventions that had been created over time. One of our favourite galleries was the Wonder Lab where we got to explore science and try out many experiments.  
Year 3

**Mount Fitchet Castle** - Year Four visited Mount Fitchet castle as part of their learning quest on Vikings. They had the experience of travelling back over 900 years and witnessing life in a medieval Motte and Bailey Castle. They hid behind castle walls, wandered in and out of the many houses and compared life to today. The children were truly fascinated by the various farm animals that roamed freely throughout the 10 acre site. "The best trip I've ever been to. I enjoyed seeing the peacock open its feathers!" quoted Maisy, Jupiter class.

## Other News

- **Play 2 learn** - Thank you to reception parents with the successful launch and continued support of Play2learn. The children are thoroughly enjoying these sessions with you (as are the staff) and are eager to borrowing our fun and exciting family games. With your support the children are continuing to develop their memory and turn taking skills. Don't forget you can sign up to come with your child with the class teacher. We hope to see you there.
- **Year 5 School Journey** to Gilwell Park in November 2018. Almost all the places have gone, please contact school if you are still interested in booking a place, as you may still be able to. (£35 nonrefundable Deposit to be paid through Parent Pay)
- **Library visits to Ordnance road Library** for all years groups are now well under way. The children will be looking at a range of books, researching their learning quest, touring the Library and have the opportunity to borrow a book to be kept in school. The classes that have been thoroughly enjoyed their visit and are eager to go back again during the summer term. Once your child has had a visit to library, they will return with a membership form ready for you to fill out and become a fully pledge member of the Library!

## Uniform

This Easter break is a perfect time see if you need any new uniform for your child. Uniform can be purchased from several super markets or the Uniform Shop.

## ELT Football Tournament

On Friday 23rd March children took part in a football tournament at Hazelbury School. They got to make t shirts and compete with other school across our ELT. The event was a great success and we will be planning the next one very soon. Well done to all of you children who took part!

## Dates for Summer Term:

**16 April Term starts**  
**20 April** – Oregano & Rowan Performance  
**23 April** – Mississippi Trip to Discover Children Centre  
**24 April** – Nile & Thames Trip to Discover Children Centre  
**26 April** – Amazon & Zambezi Trip to Discover Children Centre  
**27 April** – Fennel & Mulberry Performance  
**2 May** - Maths Day  
**4 May** – Lilac & Spruce Performance  
**11 May** – Violet & Blueberry Performance  
**14 May** - SAT's Week  
**18 May** – Hazel & Lavender Performance  
**23 May** - Bring Your Parent to School AM  
**24 May** – Year 6 Theatre Aladdin Trip  
**25 May** – Cranberry & Sage Performance  
**28 May - 1 June Half Term**  
**4 June** - Science Week  
**14 and 15 June - Inset Day - School Closed**  
**2 July** – Year 3 Sports Day  
**3 July** – Year 4 Sports Day  
**4 July** – Year 5 Sports Day  
**7 July** – Summer Fete  
**10 July** – Year 6 Sports Day  
**16 July** – Year 6 Concert (2pm & 6.30pm)  
**17 July** – Year 6 Leavers Party  
**20 Julv - Last dav of term 2om**

## Dance Festival

Our intrepid year 3 Stone Age hunters created a moody atmospheric story though dance at the Millfield Theatre on Tuesday night. Congratulations to Wesla, Rivah-Marie, Kyra-Ann, Esinam, Maria, Ti amo, Emil, Shakira, Sila, Sevgi, Melis, Teigan and Foday who represented the school so well.

Our thanks to Caroline and Senay for choreographing the dance with the children, Charmaine for helping get everyone ready on the day, and Kaaren for driving the minibus. We noted that Senay also made the Stone Age costumes... who knew she also had sewing talents!

We are very proud of them. Great team work! The children have also performed the dance to the school today.



## Health & Safety

- **Please only use the Gate Office entrance for access queries, or appointments. It is not big enough to be used as a waiting room, or a thoroughfare at the start and end of the school day.**
- We have ELT Guidelines for Behaviour of Visitors to the school site (this includes parents). For the safety and well-being of everyone in the community there is an expectation everyone will follow these.
- **Please remember that for Health and Safety reasons play /climbing equipment is not used before school or at the end of the day. (Its home time not play time!) We really appreciate you keeping your children close to you and under your supervision once handed over, so they don't get separated from you which can be distressing.**
- If you have changed your telephone/ mobile number, or moved house, please urgently inform the school in writing.
- **Footwear should be plain black.**

### Year 5 Bike-ability

Many children were awarded their level one and level 2 Bike-ability certificates and badges in assembly. Wear them with pride, and remember to ride safely!

Some children have even been out on local roads with an instructor. Thanks to Robin Hodson for organising this successful opportunity.



### Our School Travel Plan....

...is now published on the school website (please click on the link) developed by teachers Claire and Melissa, supported by STARS TFL, and the Junior Travel Ambassadors in year 5. In their recent meeting they discussed the findings from the Chesterfield Road surveys. The children are preparing an assembly for children, and leaflet for parents to encourage safer travel and use of seat belts. Our thanks to Darren Lee (Local Parent Governor for his involvement)

Warning! Traffic wardens are visiting the school at drop off times!

If you drive your children to school, may we remind you that it is not safe to drop children off at the school gates and drive off? This is not only stopping in an unsafe place but is also putting children's lives at risk. Now the weather is improving we urge you to park further away and walk your child to into school or even to leave the car at home and enjoy extra time together! At Chesterfield we promote a healthy lifestyle and this extra few minutes walk will add to an active lifestyle.

### Cycle Enfield

Are offering FREE Easter holiday cycle skills for various age groups **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February**. These FREE sessions are happening in 3 locations across the borough. This is the only opportunity for younger children (age 4-9) to receive training of this kind.

Training can be booked on the following website: <http://www.cycleconfident.com/sponsors/enfield/>

### Sticky Fingers Dates

Just a reminder that Sticky Fingers are closed on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> and Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March. They will also not be open on Bank Holiday Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Sticky Fingers will reopen from Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

### SMSC- Sport Relief

Get Sporty! was a great success today. Lots of money was raised by children coming to school in their sports clothes to take part on the Skip-a-thon..... **We raised £431.54**

Our thanks to Rowling and Amazon Class for sharing their class assembly on this theme, raising awareness about sports relief. Children were sponsored by family and friends to run a mile to raise over £45 for charity. See the website for a skipping video

