



Chesterfield

Final Spring Term News

29 March 2017



Message from Kaaren

As we near the end of another busy term, I would like to thank all the children and staff who have worked so hard. There have been some highlights- for example the Fire Brigade coming in for Reception, the Debate Team getting into the Enfield finals, the Year 2 Victorian day experience at the Gunpowder mills, Toby Carvery food preparation for Year 3 and the collaborative class assemblies. The Year 4 trip to Mountfitchet Castle was Thames class' "best trip ever!"

Also thanks go to all parents who attended the Learning Conferences last Thursday, your involvement with your children's education is so important. We hope you found it useful to hear about the progress your child is making, and their next steps.

The Book Fair last week was extremely successful; I saw many children leaving, clutching a small pile of exciting new books! The school benefits by getting 10% of sales to purchase books for the school, which are well received in our classes book corners.

It is with pleasure that I announce Lauryn Bodell had a lovely baby girl on 6th March, and Laura Tollerton a bouncing boy on 24th March. Nikhat Mackay leaves with our best wishes to start her maternity leave this Thursday. (Christina Vasiliou will be Sage class teacher.)

The yellow dates leaflet for Summer Term is included with this newsletter- handy for your fridge door! We hope you find it useful.

Finally, have a lovely Easter break, and see you on **Tuesday 18th April** at the normal school time.

Kaaren Holmes

Mobile Free Playground

Thank you to parents who have been talking to their children, and each other in the playground! It is a valuable catch up time. Please do not be offended if staff ask you to turn off your mobile when you are on the school premises.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Attendance

Week Commencing: 06/03/2017

Year 1 & 2	Blueberry, Maple & Chestnut	96%
Year 3 & 4	Mississippi	98%
Year 5 & 6	Eagle	99%

Week Commencing: 13/03/2017

Year 1 & 2	Maple	99%
Year 3 & 4	Jupiter & Saturn	96%
Year 5 & 6	Turmeric	96%

Week commencing: 20/03/2017

Year 1 & 2	Chestnut	97%
Year 3 & 4	Zambezi	96%
Year 5 & 6	Clove	98%

We were very pleased to give out certificates for 264 children meeting the 95% target this term, and 224 children had an amazing 100% attendance this term. Well done everyone.

Remember every day counts!

Enfield Debate Final

Our four fantastic debaters (Skye, Miriam, Yusuf and Kayla) went to the Civic Centre to take part in the final against Merryhills, Bowes and Hadley Wood. The theme they proposed was "This house believes that we should give 10% of our earnings to charity". They argued their case well, and have learnt a lot from this experience. The Deputy Mayor presented them with certificates. Go Team Chesters! We'd all like to thank Ruth Wilcox for leading the Debate Club to our best success so far.



Eggstra Eggstraveganza!

Last chance to buy your egg raffle tickets £2 per strip of 5 tickets. The raffle draw is on Friday in assembly. Good Luck!

Red Nose Day



We sold all 600 of the red noses for Comic Relief, and the non-uniform day on Friday raised an additional £429. If you watched the show it was a record breaking fund raising year.

Collaborative Class Assemblies Summer Term

Date	Classes
Friday 28th April	Nile & Kingfisher
Friday 5th May	Eagle & Thames
Friday 12th May	Zambezi & Mulberry
Friday 19th May	Robin & Mississippi
Friday 2nd June	Half term
Friday 9th June	Chestnut & Sage
Friday 16th June	Coriander & Maple
Friday 23rd June	Oak & Oregano

We look forward to seeing you at 2:30 pm on Fridays in the School Hall. There are refreshments afterwards for you to enjoy.

Walk to School Week Activities

Thank you to all those families who made a special effort to walk to school 13 to 17th March.

Badges to reward those children will be given out soon.

Also, well done to year 3, who took part in the Transport for London Rebecca the Bunny competition. Three entries were sent off to represent the school.

Last Tuesday the Zoopa Doopa (Theatre in Education) Road Safety Show came to Chesterfield, and entertained Year 1, Year 2 and Phoenix children, while helping them learn about the 5 top tips for crossing the road safely.

Stop, Look, Listen, Think and Walk

Online (E safety) - Parents please check what your children do online!

Reminder please monitor how your children are using computers, games consoles, tablets, and phone apps too - especially as it's near the holidays and they might be online more than during term time. Online gaming 'parties' when mics are used for live chat also needs to be monitored. We provided Year 6 with the 'Digital Parenting' magazine for you and your family to have tips and information. Do take a look!

Calendar Dates:

Last day of term is Friday 31st March at 2pm
(Nursery finish on Thursday)

Summer Term 2017

17th April Bank Holiday

18th April term starts 8:50 am (Tuesday)

25th April – Oak Wildlife Walk

1st May – School Closed Bank Holiday

9-13th May Year 6 SATS week

15th May – Cedar Wildlife Walk

16th May – Chestnut Wildlife Walk

17th May – Maple Wildlife Walk

29th May to 2nd June – Half Term Holiday

26th June – School Closed Inset Day

21st July – Last Day of Term

Reminders

- This is the perfect time to replace old shoes that have been grown out of- please remember that our uniform footwear is **BLACK** shoes or trainers
- Summer uniform is white polo shirts, black shorts or red and white check dresses
- Please put names in clothes for school to help us return lost items.
- Bandanas of any colour are not school uniform
- Necklaces and fancy earrings should not be worn- plain metal studs, and watches are acceptable but must be removed for PE.
- We have a suitable room available for prayers at lunchtime. Please let the teachers know in writing if your child wishes to use this facility