



Latest News - 9th September 2016

A special 'welcome back' from Sarah Turner and John West

Welcome back to all our pupils, parents and staff. If you and your child are new to our school, we look forward to getting to know you and hope that you will enjoy your time at Chesterfield.

During the summer we changed from a local authority community school to an Academy as part of the Enfield Learning Trust. This Trust includes Bowes, Chesterfield, Hazelbury, Bowes Edmonton, Bowes Southgate Green and St Mary's ARP. As existing parents will know, we have made this change to ensure that we can maximise the funding that is available to our schools at a time of restricted public expenditure. This is an exciting opportunity to retain everything that is best in our schools and improve opportunities and resources for the children. We will be continuing to work with Enfield Council and other local schools on many issues.

A Board of Trustees has been appointed and agreed by the Department for Education and we will shortly be appointing new local governing boards for each school. We will keep you informed as this progresses in the regular newsletters and on the schools website.

Sarah Turner - Executive Headteacher and CEO
John West - Chair of Trustees
Enfield Learning Trust

Uniform

Don't the children look smart! Well done everyone, especially Year 6 in their black sweatshirts. Please just check names are in the clothes, especially sweatshirts, coats and bags, including lunchboxes. Shoes/trainers are plain black please. Active PE uniform is needed every PE day- class teacher should advise you when these are.

After School Activity Clubs

Year group letters will be given out today for your child to select what they would like to attend. We do aim to enable every child to attend one each year, but we are often over-subscribed, so we keep waiting lists. Please return these forms by 16 September.

Thanks to all the staff who volunteer to run these clubs.

Parent Pay We successfully went cashless last term to collect dinner money and trip donations etc. Please ask in the Gate Office if you need information about how to set up an online account, or pay using the shop pay points (for which you will need a bar code).

To avoid errors, it is important you check school has the correct information about whether your child is having paid school dinner, free school dinner or packed lunch. Any payments should be in advance, as we cannot provide credit facilities. Thank you for your co-operation- especially in Year 3.

Remember children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 are all entitled to a free school meal. We prefer children to keep to the same choice until half a term. If you then wish to change, please contact the Gate Office staff, and complete a form. If you become eligible for free school meals please inform us straight away, so we can change your account, and avoid generating debts.

Breakfast Club (5-11yr olds) before school 8 to 8:50am

There are some spaces - please ask for information in the Gate Office. It's £2 per session, paid for through Parent Pay in advance please.

Value for this half term



Times of the day The school bell in the bell tower will ring every morning at 8:50am, this is your 'hurry up' signal as we want to continue to improve our attendance and punctuality! Home time is 3:15pm.

We have been very impressed with the calm and orderly arrangements - well done parents, children and staff. Once Reception start full time older siblings maybe collected from there.

NEW: if you have a nursery child, please collect any siblings first, then make your way to Nursery doors at 3:30pm.

Family Support Advisor

Lale Silay is based in the Gate Office and Sunshine Room in the Year 6 Hub. Do drop in to get advice. Her direct phone number is 07519924058. She is putting together a series of events including coffee mornings and a variety of parenting courses. If you have requests or ideas, please do let her know.

Key dates for your diary

Parent Conferences - 4 October.

- Reception to Year 5 meetings from 2pm to 7:30pm
- Year 6 will offer Parent Partnership Meetings, with longer sessions, as it is their final year.
- Letters will be sent out next week to arrange appointments.
- These meetings are highly valuable, and we are so pleased that parents make every effort to attend.

Bring an Adult to School Morning is on Tuesday 15 November (9-11:30am) for Reception to Year 6.

Nursery will arrange their own dates later.

Year 6 Only

A Secondary Transfer, and School Journey information meeting is on Wednesday 21 September at 3:30pm in the School Hall. Please make every effort to attend. Electronic applications must be sent to Enfield Council by 31 October. It is helpful for Year 6 children to come to the meeting as well.

Diary Dates

Autumn Term 2016

- 12-23 September Bikability
- 13 September Year 4 WOW Day
- 13 September Year 6 Met Police Talk
- 15 September Year 5 WOW Day
- 16 September Year 5 Water Safety Talk
- 20 September Boys Football @ Lea Valley High School
- 26 September Robin Class Camping
- 27 September Eagle Class Camping
- 27 September Girls Football at Lea Valley High School
- 28 September Kestrel Class Camping
- 29 September Kingfisher Class Camping
- 30 September Cross Country Forty Hall
- 6 October Learning Conferences
- 11 October Boys Football at Lea Valley High School
- 14 October Year 4 WOW Day
- 14-17 October Year 6 School Journey
- 20-21 October Book Fair
- 20 October Year 5 and 6 WOW Day
- 24 October - 28 October Half Term
- 21 December - Term ends

Spring Term 2017

- 5 - 6 January School Closed INSET
- 9 January Children return to school 8.45am
- 13 - 17 February Half Term
- 31 March Term Ends
- Summer Term 2017
- 17 April Bank Holiday
- 18 April Children return to school 8.45am
- 1 May Bank Holiday
- 29 May - 2 June Half Term
- 26 June School Closed INSET
- 21 July Term Ends

Chesterfield Learning Quest

Each year group has selected some exciting Learning Quests for this year, as the new way of delivering an exciting and creative curriculum. (This was called the Learning Journey). More information will follow.

Year 6	The Best Me I Can Be
Year 5	
Kingfisher	Charismatic Kingfishers
Eagle	Run Eagles, Run!
Kestrel	The Equi-Tree
Robin	E-Quality Street
Year 4	
Nile	Knowing Nile
Thames	Thames Flow Together
Zambezi	Team Zambezi
Amazon	The Unsinkables
Mississippi	Castle Collaboration
Year 3	
Mercury	I Have a Dream
Saturn	The Ultimate Friend
Jupiter	Hopes and Dreams
Year 2	
Oak	Better Together
Chestnut	The Dot
Cedar	Learning From The Inside, Out
Maple	I Can
Year 1	
Blueberry	All About Me
Cranberry	My Journey Starts Here
Mulberry	Me, Myself and Mulberry
Reception	All About Me
Nursery	
Ladybird/Bumblebee	Amazing Me
Willow Nursery	Amazing Me
Specialist Classes	
Rainbow	Are You a Bucket Filler?
Phoenix 1	Can I Play?
Phoenix 2	Unique Me

Communication

Newsletter - This comes out about twice a half term- it's vital for information and celebration! We are aiming to go paperless soon.

Chesterfield App - For those who are new, or still haven't downloaded the App, this can be downloaded from your providers app store. Pictures updates, messages and information is regularly posted on this. The newsletter will be uploaded here.

Texts - We use a text service which is popular with parents- for information, reminders and positive messages about children. **Reminder** - we do need a current mobile phone number please check!

Website- The www.boweslearningalliance.org website is still in operation. Please select the Chesterfield tab.

Promotional information

From time to time we may send out information sheets for local community providers e.g. sports clubs etc for interest. Please note- we are not endorsing any particular provider.