



Latest News - 11th November 2016

Welcome to our first e.Newsletter!

We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter, which aims to keep you up to date with our news and upcoming events. Sending it electronically will enable us to have a more exciting format, as we can include more pictures etc. and it will also help us keep costs down!

If you did not receive the newsletter by email, and wish to do so, please inform the Gate office of the email address you wish to use. We will continue to add the newsletters to the Website, and the Chesterfield App – and we will text families every time the newsletter is uploaded.

Have you downloaded the App yet? To download, please type in jsa4.me/chesterfield into your phone browser.

Local Governing Board

The first meeting of Chesterfield's Local Governing Board took place on 9 November. The Enfield Learning Trust Trustees have appointed Charlie Byham (chair of governors), Kaaren Holmes (Associate Headteacher), Jan Beard (co-opted governor) and we welcomed Lancelot Murray as a parent governor and Kim Stephenson as staff governor. Should you wish to contact them, please leave a message with Kaaren. We would like to thank them all for volunteering their time to support and guide the school.

Attendance Update

Remember every day at school counts! Our target is 95.5%.

Well done to the following class winners:

Wk beginning 17/10/2016

Yrs 1 & 2 – Chestnut Class – 96%

Yrs 3 & 4 – Amazon Class – 98%

Yrs 5 & 6 – Kingfisher, Robin, Clove and Turmeric – 96%

Wk beginning 31/10/2016

Yrs 1 & 2 – no attendance winners this week

Yrs 3 & 4 – Nile Class – 98%

Yrs 5 & 6 – Clove Class – 98%

The Chesterfield Value this half term is

SUCCESS

"I am the successful Chester. I aspire to be the best I can in everything I do."



Diary Dates - Autumn Term 2016

- 14-18 November Anti-Bullying Week.
- 15 November 'Bring a Parent to School' Morning
- 17 November Dental Nurse in for Nursery
- 17 November Year 5 WOW Day
- 18 November 'Children in Need' - Non Uniform Day £1
- 18 November Year 6 WOW Day
- 22 November Flu Immunisations for Year 1, 2 & 3
- 22-23 November Reception Learning Conferences
- 23 November Google Expedition for Year 3-6
- 24 November Year 5 Crime Scene Investigation
- 29 November Reception WOW Day
- 2 December Non uniform day- bring a bottle or jar!
- 5 December Year 6 Practice SATs
- 6 December Year 1 Pantomime Trip
- 6 December Sports Hall Athletics @ Lea Valley
- 8 December Year 5 WOW Day
- 8 December 'Santa Special'- Christmas Fair 3:15pm
- 12 December Coriander and Fennel Singing Concert to parents
- 13 December Sage and Oregano Singing Concert to parents
- 15 December Year 3 WOW Day
- 16 December School Christmas Lunch
- 20 December Year 6 WOW Day
- 20 December Nursery Term ends normal time.
- 21 December – Term ends 2pm (Wednesday)**

Spring Term 2017

5 & 6 January School Closed INSET

- 9 January Children return to school 8.50am
- 12 January Year 3 & 5 WOW Day
- 13 January Year 6 WOW Day
- 18 January ECCO Event at Brunswick Park
- 20 January Cinnamon and Jupiter Performance
- 23-27 January Science Week
- 13 to 17 February Half Term
- 31 March - Term Ends 2pm

Summer Term 2017

- 17 April Bank Holiday
- 18 April Children return to school 8.50am
- 1 May Bank Holiday
- 29 May to 2 June Half Term
- 26 June **School Closed INSET**
- 21 July - Term Ends 2pm

Bring a Parent to School Morning - Tuesday 15 November 9 - 11:30am

Once again we warmly invite an adult from the family to come to school and join in with the children learning at Chesterfield (one person per family please!) Start by taking part in our "welcome session" in either Chesters Hall or the Main Hall at 9am, where we will update you about the Learning Quest, and how we are involving the children in marking! This is followed by sessions in class with your children, with a very important refreshment break from 10:15 to 10:45 (served by Members of Chesterfield School Parliament).

Lots of Lively Learning!

Mississippi visited Windsor Castle to complete their Learning Quest on Castles. They had the opportunity to sketch the architecture and visit the State Apartments to view Queen Elizabeth's clothes, multiple sets of china and the Grand Throne Room. The children were positive ambassadors for the school and showed great curiosity asking the Guards and staff excellent questions. However they were very disappointed to hear HRH was out of town on a State visit!!

Year 3 WOW Day

As part of Year 3's Friendship WOW Day, they were joined by John Gilbert, a drama and debating teacher. John led the children in inspiring workshops during which he encouraged them to look for ways of resolving arguments between friends, and to confidently speak in front of others. John's engaging activities were enjoyed by all the children - it was an entertaining morning!



Year 6 School Journey Isle of Wight

"Year 6 went on an unforgettable trip to the Isle of Wight where we did lots of fun activities such as the 3G swing, leap of faith, abseiling and many others. Although the coach was delayed at the beginning, everyone handled it extremely well. We also had an amazing time at Dino Isle where we searched for fossils on the beach. Everyone had a great time and are sure to remember it for the rest of their lives". – Kayla, Clove Class



Year 1 Natural History Museum

Last week year 1 went on a trip to the Natural History Museum. As Year 1 learning quest this half term is dinosaurs, they went to visit them in person. They saw fossils, dinosaur bones and skeletons.

"The moving and roaring Tyrannosaurus Rex was pretty scary!"

Blueberry class went on their trip on Wednesday and were lucky enough to bump into royalty (Prince Charming according to the children!)

Year 6 Bake Off

The Year 6 Showcase was a huge success at the end of October. The children had been working hard to create healthy snacks that appealed to the other year groups. After some market research and carefully considered recipes during their D&T lessons, Year 6 baked and sold their produce at a bake sale in the main hall. Thank you to everyone who supported them. They were able to raise a little over £95 which is going towards brand new books sets.



Lively Learning Continued...

On Wednesday our **Phoenix Classes** went to the cinema to see Finding Nemo. They enjoyed the experience of being in a cinema, seeing this blockbuster film (that many had seen before) on the big screen. Hopefully we will be able to go again soon, and perhaps next time have popcorn!

Rainbow spent a lovely afternoon at Van Hages Garden Centre last week. Malaki said – 'this has been my best day ever!' And Tiamo said – 'Can we go there again if we fill up the marble jar again?'

'Santa Special' (Chesterfield Christmas Fair) Thursday 8 December 3.15-4.45pm

The children will be very excited, we hear that Father Christmas will be visiting! If you have any unused items such as toiletries, books, tins, toys, etc suitable for tombola prizes, (no electrical items, sorry), please donate them to Lale or the Gate Office by 2 December. Also let her know if you would like to help out by running a stall or baking cakes etc.

Children will be having a **non-uniform day on 2 December, but instead of £1, please send in a bottle or a jar** for Santa Special. Bottles can be anything - from wine and beer to shampoo or soft drinks. Jars could be pickles, jams etc – or why not be creative and decorate and fill an empty jar with sweets for the children's tombola?

Inspirational Assembly



We were fortunate to welcome Javed Moore and Silas Zephania to a Chesterfield assembly. They gave two hugely inspirational presentations to Years 3 - 6 about disability, adversity, determination, self-esteem and equality.

Pupils and staff alike are still talking about the presentations, so positive were the messages, delivered through pictures, talk and hip-hop.



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. If you have requests or ideas, please let her know. Her direct phone number is 07519924058.

Coffee Mornings on Thursdays 9 to 11am

Come along and 'get crafty' helping prepare things for our 'Santa Special' (our Christmas Fair). Helpers welcome!

Wednesdays - 1pm - ESOL Class full, please ask about waiting lists.

21 December – family trip to see a pantomime on ice at Alexandra Palace – **SOLD OUT**

Remembrance Day 11 November 2016

As well as supporting the sale of poppies for the British Legion, today we showed our respect by following the national two minutes silence at 11am, where we remembered those that gave their lives in World Wars. Some classes watched the ceremony on TV at the Cenotaph in London, where politicians, members of the Royal Family and other VIPs laid poppy wreaths.



Learning Quests

Below are the exciting themes the classes are exploring this half term (Autumn Term 2).

Year 6	
Cinnamon	We are not amused
Saffron	Please sir, can I have some more?
Clove	Just close your eyes and think of England
Paprika	Victorians and their bright ideas
Turmeric	The visionary Victorians
Year 5	
Kingfisher	Chopsticks, Rice and all things nice
Eagle	Eagle's Pizzeria
Kestrel	Food For Thought
Robin	Kenya Cook It?
Year 4	
Nile	Jewel of the Nile
Thames	Tomb Raiders
Zambezi	An Egyptian Adventure
Amazon	Walk like an Egyptian
Mississippi	Mississippi Mummies
Year 3	
Mercury	Yabadabadoo
Saturn	Stone Age Explorers
Jupiter	Rockin' Around
Year 2	
Oak	Explore The World
Chestnut	Exploring all Over
Cedar	Exploration Station
Maple	Let's Explore
Year 1	
Blueberry	The Lost World
Cranberry	Jurassic Adventure
Mulberry	Walking with Dinosaurs
Reception	
Sage	Heroes of the World
Oregano	In the dark, dark wood
Coriander	It's Story Time
Fennel	Once Upon a Magic Classroom
Nursery	
Ladybird/Bumblebee	Growl and Roar
Willow Nursery	Growl and Roar
Specialist Classes	
Rainbow	Let's Explore
Phoenix 1	Into the Woods
Phoenix 2	Into the Woods

Chesterfield School Parliament

The Members of School Parliament met their Achievement Leaders, then the Cabinet met Kaaren Holmes (Associate Headteacher) on 19 October. The children reported that they are very excited by 'Drop Everything and Read,' and would like even more books to choose from. All classes have a 'Think Box' to post messages to their teachers.

Kaaren has agreed with their idea to develop a Nature Area in the grounds, and they are writing to local suppliers for advice and possible donations e.g. plants, ponds etc. Can you help?

Other Important Dates

Reception Events for Parents

10 November – 9 to 9.45am - watch how we teach phonics (Read Write Inc/RWI)

22 November and 23 November – Learning Conferences – Letters have been sent home. Please choose an appointment time and return the slip as soon as possible.

Nursery Events for Parents 8:30 – 9:45am or 12:30 – 1:45pm.

14 November – Reading Café

28 November - Shapes and numbers.

12 December – Songs, rhymes and dances.

Look forward to the nursery parents coming along!

Nursery & Reception Applications for September 2017 start

Online application forms are found on enfield.gov.uk/admissions. The deadline is 15 January 2017.

Parents are welcome to visit the school on Wednesday mornings – please call 01992 760678 to make an appointment.

If your child turns 3 by 31 August 2017 you **MUST** apply for a nursery space (even if they already attend our nursery).

If your child turns 4 by 31 August 2017 then you **MUST** apply for a reception space (even if they already attend nursery).

If your child is 3 now, you may be entitled to have a nursery place in January. Please contact Lorraine Bellot in the Gate Office 01992 760678 to enquire.

PLEASE DO THESE APPLICATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Children in Need Friday 18 November

The children have requested a Non-Uniform Day to raise money for this charity- £1 donation - and this time there is a theme....

Wear something yellow, spotty or even both!

There will be an assembly on the day so the children know what this event is all about.

Haiti Disaster Fund

Thank you so much for supporting this charity event. By taking part we proudly raised £740 which has been sent off to help provide food, shelter, water and medicine, also to rebuild homes.