

Chesterfield Primary School Newsletter

July 2024



Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of a busy and very productive year at Chesterfield, it is a good opportunity to look back, reflect and celebrate all that we have achieved since September. It is also time to bid a very fond farewell to our Year 6 children as they move on to the next chapter of their educational journey at secondary school. We are immensely proud of how our Year 6 children have really come to embody our Chesterfield values of respect, resilience and responsibility towards their learning. From all of the staff and children, we wish all of our Year 6 pupils a smooth and successful transition into secondary school. I would also like to recognise our children in Year 1 who completed their statutory Phonics Screening Check and did remarkably well this year, and our Year 4 children who also performed very well in the statutory Multiplication Tables Check. We will share more information about academic outcomes in the new school year.

We have had a number of successful events, educational visits and celebrations during the second half of the Summer term. It has been wonderful to welcome so many parents and families at our school events. There is much more information in this edition of our newsletter.

Our recent 'Moving Up' Day was very successful and children were very excited to meet their new class teachers and see their new classroom. As you will have seen from the letter, we have changed the names of our classes from September and they will now be named after inspirational people from the arts, sciences and sport and children will learn much more about the person their class is named after over the next academic year. We will also provide more information about our Meet the Teacher sessions that will take place in the new academic year when we return in September.

We are incredibly fortunate at Chesterfield to have a very dedicated and hard working staff team and I am sure you will all join me in thanking them for all that they do for the children every day to support both their learning and their wellbeing. Sadly, we are having to say goodbye to some colleagues who are moving on at the end of this academic year. Danielle Lennox, one of our Early Years Practitioners, has been with us for ten years and is moving on to begin her teaching career at a new school in September. We send her off with every best wish for this new chapter. Ami Retvan has taught at Chesterfield since 2016 and is moving on to the next stage in her teaching career. We wish her all the very best in her new ventures. Finally, Dressika Blair has worked with our children in Everest Class, our KS2 ARP, since September and is leaving us to move to a new opportunity at an international school. Finally, Sarah Hudson will be beginning her maternity leave at the start of next academic year and we wish her and her family all the very best. We are delighted to be welcoming Courtney Rose to our teaching team from September. Courtney is an experienced teacher who will be working alongside Chloe with our new Year 3 cohort.

Finally, I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all our parents and families who have continued to support our wonderful school. I wish you all a wonderful summer holiday and look forward to seeing our Chesterfield children, including our new Nursery and Reception cohorts, back at school again on Wednesday 4th September at 8.45am.

Sarah Roberts
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

September 2024

Wednesday 4th September

Back to school at 8:45am

w/c Monday 9 September

Meet the New Class Teacher meetings for parents (further details in September)

October 2024

Tuesday 1st October

Black History Month

Thursday 10th October

World Mental Health Day

Monday 28th October -

Friday 1st November

School closed for half term break

November 2024

Monday 4 November

INSET Day - school closed for children

Tuesday 5 November

Back to school 8:45am



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Good Bye and Good Luck to Year 6

Our Year 6 children have had a very busy half term with many events and activities to mark the end of their primary school careers. They showed resilience and great team work on their outdoor adventures trip to Herts Young Mariners Base. We were all incredibly proud of how well the children performed in our end of year production of Encanto. The children worked hard to perfect their singing, dancing and learn all of their lines and produced an amazing performance. They were then all able to relax and enjoy their end of term party with pizza and dancing.



We will miss you all very much Year 6 and we send you off to secondary school with best wishes from everyone here at Chesterfield.



Year 4

Visit to the Van Gogh exhibition

Earlier this term, the whole of year 4 went on an adventure into the city to experience an Immersive Van Gogh Exhibition as part of their Art topic. They got to drink the lovely Jasmine tea that inspired some of the famous artist's work as well as discover what it might have felt like to be in Van Gogh's shoes for a day! They also got to experience a 360 degree video, light and music look at his paintings as well as create their own paintings that they displayed on the walls. All in all, it was a fantastic day and one that has inspired many of our pupils.



Local visit

As part of our learning in Year 4, Kenya class took a walk to Albany Park on a Minibeast hunt. They were given a list of minibeasts that they had to search for among the shrubs and long grasses, which as you can see, they were very engrossed in!



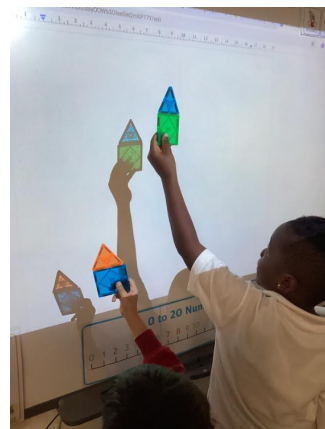
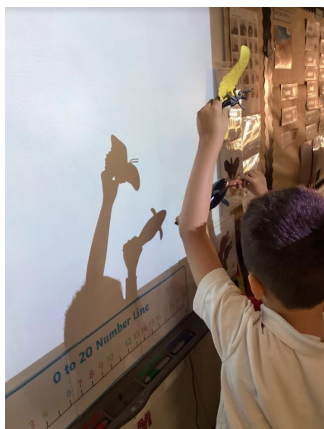
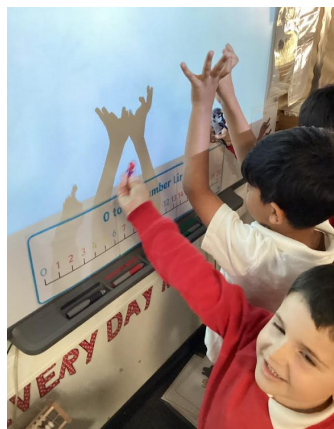
Wellbeing Week 2024

During Wellbeing week we had a visit from professional dancer Callan Taverner. We were learning how not only exercise but also trying something new can have a positive impact on wellbeing. He taught the children at Chesterfield a dance routines, from Early Years to Year 6.



Learning in Reception

During science week Reception explored light and shadows. we discovered that light can be blocked by opaque objects and can cause a shadow. We also learnt that light can travel through transparent objects and some light can travel through translucent objects.



News from Nursery

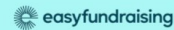
The children in Nursery have enjoyed lots of active play during the summer term. On a particularly hot day we had a swimming pool in the playground. The children all brought a change of clothes and enjoyed getting soaked in the sun, amidst lots of squeals and laughter, before changing back into dry clothes.

We also had our sports day where the children had the opportunity to participate in a variety of challenges, using skills they have practised during our PE sessions.



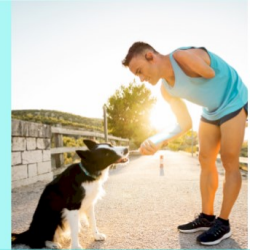
Fundraising update

We are raising money to redevelop our playgrounds and replace our existing fixed playground equipment. We hope to provide an exciting, creative and safe play space for children and will be holding a variety of fundraising events to support us to raise the funds we need. Look out for more information on how you can support us. You could also sign up with easyfundraising to support this project and raise money when you shop online - use the link below.



Help Chesterfield Primary School - Playground Project by raising FREE donations with your online shopping

Sign up today



18 supporters have joined



Big News!



Dear Supporters,

Exciting update: You can now support Chesterfield Primary Playground Project Fundraiser while shopping online! We've partnered with easyfundraising, allowing you to raise free donations with 8000+ retailers.

Ready to make a difference? Sign up now: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/playground-project>

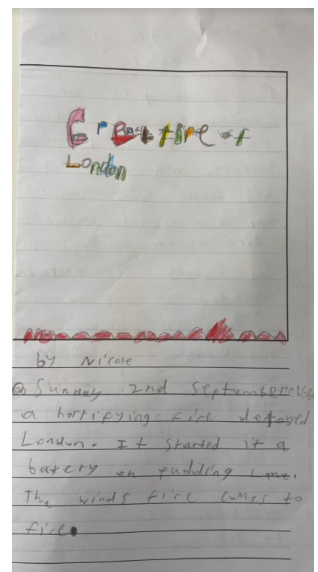
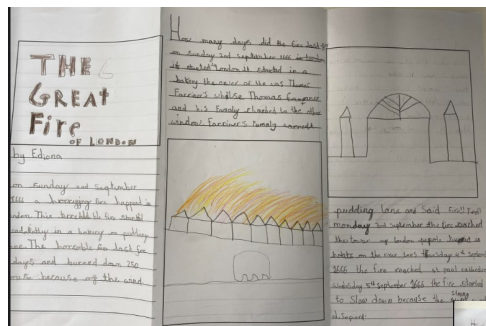
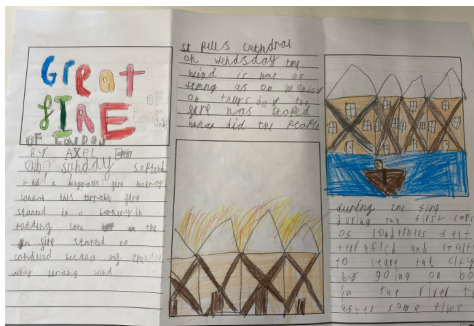
Thank you for your ongoing support!

Grocery Aid for Families

If you have families in your school that are working in the grocery trade, then they are eligible for a grant to support with school essentials. The window to apply is tight but it is worth £150 per child. You may wish to advertise through your school website: <https://www.groceryaid.org.uk/finances/school-essentials-grant/>

News from Year 2

In history, this term Year 2 children have been learning all about the Great Fire of London. The children really enjoyed this topic and to consolidate their learning they wrote information leaflets in their English lessons all about the causes of the 1666 fire, the main events and the consequences for London. Finally, children explored the roles played by the Lord Mayor and King Charles II during The Fire, as well as learning about Samuel Pepys and learn how he documented The Fire in his famous diary.



Who was to blame for the fire?

In 1666 the blame was pointed in many different directions the first person blame for the great fire was Thomas Farriner because when he was sleeping and a spark from his oven started a fire.

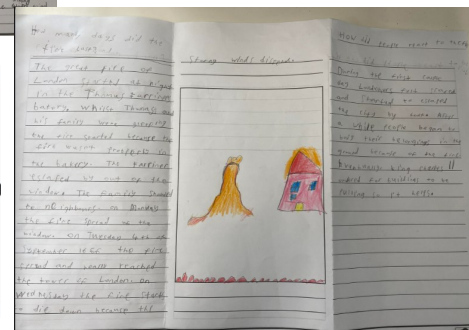


However another individual blame for the spread of the fire was Thomas Bloodworth the mayor of London because he didn't care and went back to sleep.

Finally King Charles the second was also accused for the fire as he was the king but he suggested pulling down houses.



Romeo Pacific Year 2



Performances

As well as our Year 6 production of Encanto, parents and families were also invited in to school to watch their children perform in a variety of events:

Year 5

On Thursday 11th July, Year 5 took part in the Enfield Music Festival at St James' School. They sang their hearts out to the lyrics of 'Dreams across the ocean', 'Yayamala', 'Lifetime', 'Green Grass' and the famous 'MMMBop' by Hanson. Children also performed these songs, along with a fantastic poetry recital, to parents/carers and families back at school. They were a true inspiration for us all. Well done Year Five!



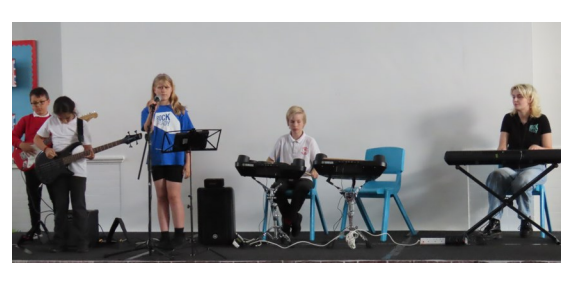
Chesterfield Voices and Chesterfield Junior Choir

Once again our senior and junior school choirs showcased their talents in a wonderful concert. The juniors performed a selection of traditional songs and we were treated to a medley of ABBA songs by our Chesterfield Voices choir. A huge thank you to Magda for all of her hard work and energy with both of our choirs.



Rocksteady Concert

Rocksteady come in to school to work with children in Key Stage 2. It is an inclusive programme that's accessible to all pupils, supports wellbeing and contributes to academic progress. Children learn to play instruments and set up a band. They rehearse and perform a concert at the end of the programme. Congratulations to our four Rocksteady children this year who put on a fantastic performance for children, parents and families.



World Music Day

World Music Day, also known as Fête de la Musique, is an international event that celebrates the beauty and diversity of music. It transcends boundaries, cultures, and genres, encouraging people from all corners of the world to embrace music and its profound impact on our lives. On this day, musicians and music enthusiasts alike come together to perform, share their talents, and spread joy through the universal language of melody.

On 21st June, Chesterfield celebrated World Music Day with a fun and exciting event in the school playground. The whole school came together for an afternoon of song, dance and competitions. Even the teachers joined in and everyone had a fantastic afternoon celebrating music.



Sports Days

We were fortunate that the sun was shining for our sports days this year. Despite our initial disappointment about not being able to use the stadium as originally planned, children enjoyed participating in a variety of team and individual events in the school grounds. The children worked well together in their sporting teams, demonstrating resilience, excellent communication skills and turn taking. They showed exemplary sportsmanship whilst cheering on their friends and celebrating each others' achievements in the competitive races too! Thank you to our incredibly supportive parents and carers for coming to cheer on their children - and for participating in the parent races too! A huge thank you to Olivia and to all of our teachers and teaching assistants for their efforts in ensuring the events were a success.



Learning in Year 1

Year 1 have been learning about Paul Klee and Edward Tinga Tinga, we created art in their style, exploring colour, line, texture and materials. We then set up a gallery in our classes and asked our parents to buy our work as we worked very hard to become artists. Year 1 then used the money we raised in maths to learn about coins and their value. We had a class discussion and we have decided to use the money to enjoy a shared breakfast on the last day. Yummy!



Attendance Matters

We wish to work with you and offer help and support, if needed, to help your child attend school every day. It is vital that all students have excellent attendance at Chesterfield. Research shows that even a few days of absence can have a negative impact on children's learning.

We are committed to working with children and parents/carers to achieve

our overall attendance target of

96%. At Chesterfield we value all children and believe they are

entitled to an excellent education. As set out in our attendance policy, we will work with families to identify the reasons for poor attendance and try to resolve any difficulties. Early intervention will be a priority moving forward. Every school day counts.

We expect all our children to arrive **on time**. The school gates open at **8.45am**.

Shortly after, registration takes place and learning begins straight away.

Unfortunately we are unable to authorise holidays during term time. We understand that emergency situations may arise and if you wish to request a Leave of Absence due to an exceptional circumstance you should make a request to the Headteacher using the 'Request for leave during term time' form. The local authority may choose to issue a fine for unauthorised holidays taken during term time.

Getting your child to school really matters!

Did you know?

If your child's attendance during the school year is	Your child would have missed approximately	Or they would have missed approximately
95%	9 days from school	50 lessons
90%	19 days from school	100 lessons
85%	29 days from school	150 lessons
80%	38 days from school	200 lessons
75%	48 days from school	250 lessons

We are a Nut-Free School!

We have a number of children and staff with severe nut allergies and so we ask that no nuts or nut-based products are brought into school in lunch boxes or as treats.

This includes:

- Whole or crushed nuts
- Nut butters
- Chocolate spreads such as Nutella
- Chocolate or biscuit products made with chocolate spread, e.g. Kinder Bueno
- Cereal or granola bars
- Peanut-based sauces, e.g. satay

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THANK YOU
for keeping our school safe!

Attendance Matters

My child is unwell, should I send them to school?

Sometimes it is difficult to know whether to keep your child off school or send them in. Always try and send your child to school if they are a little 'under the weather', for example, with a runny nose, headache, mild tummy-ache. The school will always contact you if your child is unwell, which is why it is vitally important that we have your correct contact details. HOWEVER, please do not send your child to school if they have any infectious illnesses like Chicken Pox, Measles etc. If your child has been vomiting or is suffering from diarrhoea, then they must stay away from school for 48 hours from the last bout of illness. This is to ensure that any infection does not spread through the school.

Please do contact the school office if you need any additional advice or support and we will be happy to help.

The NHS has a handy guide to the most common childhood illnesses and what you should do.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



School Uniform Reminder

All Year Round

- Red school sweat shirt or cardigan with Chesterfield school logo
- Grey or black trousers, shorts or skirt
- White collared t-shirt—plain or with Chesterfield logo
- Black shoes (with Velcro fastening please)
- Plain coloured hijab



For PE—Active Uniform

We wear our PE kit to school on PE days

- Chesterfield branded red school jumper or cardigan
- Black shorts or black footless leggings and white t-shirts (long or short sleeved)
- Black trainers (with Velcro fastening)
- Blue or black plain track or jogging suit bottoms



Hair

For health and safety and practical reasons, long hair should always be tied back during the school day using simple ties bands or clips.

Jewellery

Children may wear small stud earrings only. Simple wrist watches (no smart watches please) are permitted. Children should not bring or wear expensive jewellery items to school as the school cannot be held responsible if they go missing.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child brings in a named, refillable water bottle every day.