



Chesterfield Autumn Term News 15 September 2017



Message from Kaaren

It's good to see everyone back, and a special welcome to our new Reception children, who we are sure will be very happy here.

I wonder if you have noticed the lovely new signs at all the gates.

Thank you to all parents who have sent their children to school looking really smart in their uniforms. I have noticed some new KITE logos on sweatshirts, and polo shirts too. Year 6 are feeling proud in their new black uniforms. (Of course old logo uniform is still acceptable as we want you to get full wear out of them!) Please make sure you find out when your children's PE days are, so they can come in their active PE uniform that day.

Every New Year brings excitement as children settle into their new classes, discover and learn. Please help them keep up with homework activities, and check you know deadlines for returning it to school. We had fantastic responses in the review surveys done last term, and have since added specific Mathematics activities for Year 2 to 6 this term.

Children are trying to **learn it, remember it, and Use it!**

Have a happy and successful term.

Kaaren Holmes (Headteacher)

Times of the School Day

8:40am Gates open

8:50am School doors open so children can have a 'breakfast' start during registration

9:10am Lessons start promptly. (Punctuality is important as every second counts!)

3:15 School ends.

The Chesterfield Value this half term is.....



Attendance target is 95%

It is so important to have good attendance habits.

If absence is unavoidable, please 'phone or write to the Gate Office (01992 760678)

School Parliament

Members of School Parliament (MSPs) from years 3 to 6 have now been elected in each class, and today each year team had a 'hustings' where candidates made election speeches to persuade their peers to vote for them.

We were very proud listening to each person speak as they shared their ideas, showing they have resilience and self confidence. Results will be announced once the ballot papers have been counted.

Parent Learning Conferences Wednesday 27 September 2pm to 7:30pm

We really value parental involvement and encourage everyone to attend these meetings.

Letters for booking appointments were given out on Thursday, please return them by Wednesday 20th September at the latest, so staff can co-ordinate meeting times.

Appointment times will be given out on 22nd September.

Breakfast Club

Our childcare club before school... has spaces!

It runs from 8am to the start of school. Costs £2.50 per session (reductions for siblings), includes healthy breakfast and activities. For more information ask for a leaflet from the Gate Office or contact Lorraine Lewis.

Lunch

Lunches are £2.30 per day (£11.50 a week **in advance**). Meal patterns are set for the half term. Please change meal type only after a holiday, and remember to give this in writing – you can get a form from the Gate Office.

All reception, year 1 and 2 children are entitled to a free school meal. Do take up this cost effective healthy offer!

Activity and Tuition Clubs

These start week commencing 25 September, and you will receive a letter next week, saying if your child has a place at any of these events, or is on a waiting list. Clubs run for 10 weeks and end in the week commencing 4 December.)

There are no clubs on Wednesday 27th September due to Learning Conferences, these will start the following week

As staff are 'going the extra mile' to provide these sessions, please help the children develop good habits, respect and resilience, by full attendance, and sending apologies if they cannot attend. (If 2 sessions are missed the place may be offered to another child.) Children receive certificates for 100% attendance at a club.

Home Time

- Written permission is needed for children going home by themselves. (This is usually only year 5 and 6).
- Year 2 & 3 parents please stay behind the cones, for safety and courtesy reasons- so everyone can see at handover time in the small playground!
- Remember to inform us if someone different is collecting your child, or there are any other changes.
- Thank you.

Diary Dates - Autumn Term 2017

W/C 18 Sept Year 5 start swimming Wednesdays or Fridays

20 September – non uniform (jeans)

22 Sept 'Car Free Day'

25 Sept clubs start this week

27 Sept Parent Learning conferences 2 to 8pm

10 October 'Maths Day'

16-20 October Year 6 School Journey

23 October to 29 October -Half Term school closed.

2 & 3 November Book Fair

6 & 7 November Individual Photos/Sibling Photos

9 November Year 5 Sleepover in school

13 to 17 November Anti Bullying Week

16 November Bring a Parent to School Morning

17 November Children in Need (non uniform day)

20 to 23 November Walk to School week

24 November – INSET DAY school closed

12 December Reception & Nursery Concerts am & pm

13 December Christmas Dinner

14 December Santa Special

21 December – Term ends 2pm

Spring Term 2017

3 January School Closed INSET

4th January School term starts

What can we do to help the Community?

1. Hurricane Irma

Many areas, especially in the Caribbean, have been devastated by this terrible natural disaster. We are having a **non uniform day on Wednesday 20 Sept** to raise funds to help them. So wear your jeans for £1!

2. World Car Free Day on Friday 22 September.

A car-free day encourages pupils, staff, parents and carers to walk, cycle, scoot or use public transport to get to school. Years 1 to 6 had a Road Safety Team assembly run by Enfield Council yesterday with facts, fun and even a song to encourage us to join in!

We have planned a car-free day to prompt our school community to discover a new way to get to school and potentially change their travel habits for good. The day can also help to ease congestion around the school gates and improve road safety and Air Quality.

How can you get involved?

- Try a non car way to travel
- For those of you who really need to drive - try to park your car a distance from school and **walk the last part of their journey** 'Park and Stride'!
- Find out if you could car share with another family

Please let's really try to reduce the number of cars being used in Chesterfield Road on 22nd September and see if we can make a difference!

Care Plans

These are being updated, so please check and see if there are any changes needed. If your child has a medical condition or special need that requires special treatment please check with the Welfare Team (Sandy or Sharon).

Important Messages

- If you have changed your phone number or any other details, please tell the Gate Office staff so our records can be accurate for emergencies. We will ask you to check your data records at the Learning Conference on 27.9.17.
- **Please pay for lunch meals and trips promptly to ensure we can continue to provide these opportunities.**
- If you wish to open a ParentPay Account, please talk to the staff in the Gate Office who will be happy to help.
- **Help our children look smart and be safe in their uniform – footwear is plain BLACK shoes or trainers.**
- Please write or sew names in clothes to help us return lost items!
- **Hair accessories should be in school colours (NO giant bows or bandanas of any colour please)**
- Necklaces and fancy earrings should not be worn- plain metal studs and watches are ok.