



Chesterfield Autumn Term News 12 October 2017



Message from the Headteacher

Parent Learning Conferences:

A big thank you; we had an excellent turn out, and positive feedback about the comments and targets set for the children. Please help them at home by reminding them, and practising what you can with your children too.

Mobile free playground

You will have seen the reminder signs around the playground and perimeter about this. Please turn off your mobile phone while in school premises. We ask you to respect this, and would like to encourage you to talk to each other and your children about their learning and their day. Turn off your phone calls, take out your headphones, I am sure they have lots to tell you about!

Cars

I'd like to thank all parents who are good role models by being safe, showing respect and consideration to the neighbours about parking and use of local roads. Please remember that dropped curbs indicate a 'no parking' area as these are resident's driveways. The trees have been cut back to enable CCTV number-plate recognition cameras to view Chesterfield Road. Please be safe and don't get a ticket!

Holiday

Don't forget half term holiday is next week (23 to 27 October) so school will be closed. We return promptly on Monday 30 October.

Kaaren Holmes

Attendance

It is very important that your child arrives on time, and comes to school every day. Our target is 95%.

There are certificates every term to reward children who have 95% to 100% attendance. Classes can also earn rewards for having the best attendance each term.

w/c 2 October Well done to:

Year 5&6	Wilson & Rowling Class	98%
	Nile Class	97%
Year 3&4	Jupiter Class	97.6%
	Hazel Class	95%
Year 1&2	Blueberry Class	95%
	Coriander Class	99.6%

Paper Newsletters – last one!

This is the last paper copy! After half term we will text an alert, and email it to everyone who has given us an email address. It is always on the website.

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



Year 6 Secondary Transfer application form

Year 6 parents: The deadline for your application is 31 October 2017.

Social, Moral Spiritual and Cultural Education (SMSC)

PC Doris, our neighbourhood police officer, came and delivered an assembly on road safety on 3 October.

Father Stephen from the local church, St Peter and St Paul, explained about how and why Christians celebrate Harvest Festival. Some children even re-enacted the Enormous Turnip! We were absolutely delighted by the response of the school community about supporting the Food Bank appeal. We have donated over fifty shopping bags of food to this local charity. Thank you.

Car Free Day

Sally from Enfield Council inspired us about taking part in this event on 22nd September- we even learned a song! Ken (Site Manager) reported lots less traffic in Chesterfield Road, and our survey showed 11% more people walked, 'park and stride' more than doubled and car use went from 36% down to 8% that day. Well done.

Non Uniform Day : Hurricane Irma

Thanks for joining in with this fund raising event. Everyone loved wearing jeans to school! And we raised **£531**, which has been sent to the Red Cross.

Nursery and Reception

Children have settled in really well. Our thanks to all parents who have helped prepare their children for starting at school. A group of children came to show Kaaren their amazing home learning projects today- posters and booklets about themselves. This is a great start to their time at Chesterfield.

Nursery Stay and Play: Come along to our stay and play sessions every Thursday morning from 9am until 10am. These are held in our lovely Nursery environment where you and your child can experience a range of exciting activities both inside and outside. Sessions are run by a qualified teacher and supported by our local children's centre team who can assist you with and queries, concerns or support you may need.

Online Applications for Reception 2018 (www.enfield.gov.uk/schooladmissions) can be uploaded to Enfield Council until 15 January. Please apply if your child was born between 1 Sept 2013 & 31 August 2014. We welcome visits to the school- so if you (or a friend) would like a tour, please make an appointment with the Gate Office for the first Wednesday of the month.

Maths Day

The children were very excited about Maths Day on Tuesday 10 October! Everyone took a theme and explored different aspects of deepening learning. Year 4 tried out different activities with multiplication tables. They loved moving round classes to different groups too.

Chesterfield School Parliament Elections

Congratulations to the **Members of School Parliament (MSPs)** who were elected in their classes:

Year 3 Sevgi, Ashanti, Ibtisam and Kyra

Year 4 Jacob, Paola and Amber

Year 5 Saira, Balim, Cem, Tatiana and Telise

Year 6 Jayden, Tayra, Angel, Adem and Maison

We look forward to hearing their 'pupil voice' at meetings with their Achievement Leader, with ideas and feedback.

Cabinet Members

Cabinet Polling day on 21st September was very successful, with speeches from all the candidates, and enthusiastic voters. Congratulations to the children selected by their year team:

Year 3 Kyra

Year 4 Amber

Year 5 Saira

Year 6 Tayra, Angel, Jayda and Maison

These children will take their year team ideas forward to Cabinet meetings with Kaaren Holmes (Headteacher), who is looking forward to meeting them all on 17th October. They are excellent role models for the school, and will also be volunteering their time to help the community, talking to visitors etc.

Diary Dates - Autumn Term 2017

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

Website

Information sheets about Learning Quests can be found on the school website. Remember new ones will be going up after half term.

Check the Calendar for dates and news flash items.

Year 3 Parent Coffee morning/ afternoon?

19th October 1-3pm in the School Hall. Come for a chat and a tea or coffee, and find out more about ParentPay – how to set up an account for dinner money and paying for trips etc. Please return the letter to the Gate Office by Wednesday 18th October.

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.
- **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.