



Chesterfield Latest News 9 February 2018



Message from the Headteacher

It was wonderful to see so many parents coming to the Learning Conferences on Thursday last week. We had an amazingly positive response from the vast majority for example:

"I thank you from the bottom of my heart for helping my children make progress. I have sent all my children here and they are doing well." And, "We love the Learning Quests."

The main suggestions for improvement were school dinners and homework, which are always under review.

- Enfield Catering, who provide our school dinners, have offered sandwiches and jacket potatoes this term which have been very well received by the children.
- We are investigating better ways to inform parents about the Learning Quest homework - some classes will be trialing inviting parents in to introduce new projects. We will be posting some ideas of previous projects on our website, to show the range of ideas that could be used in the creative elements.

Next week is half term, so may I wish you a safe and happy holiday. The children return on Monday 19 February (8:50am) for Anti-Bullying Week.

Kaaren

Sports update:

Multi skills Sage Class as a reward for good attendance, Sage Class and Blueberry Class went to Lea Valley High School for a multi-skills session.

Netball Well done to the children who have been regularly attending netball after school club and participating in friendlies with our local schools. Keep training hard as you have a few more competitions after half term!

Jupiter and Saturn Classes to be reminded swimming will start after half term. Please remember to bring swimming costumes and towels as discussed during your learning conference!

Attendance

Week beginning 15 January 2018

Year 1 & 2	Sage Class	95%
Year 3 & 4	Birch & Saturn Class	97%
Year 5 & 6	Morpurgo Class	96%

Week beginning 22 January 2018

Year 1 & 2	No class reached target	
Year 3 & 4	Birch Class	96%
Year 5 & 6	Morpurgo Class	98%

Week beginning 29 January 2018

Year 1 & 2	Blueberry Class	96%
Year 3 & 4	Birch Class	95%
Year 5 & 6	Mississippi & Rowling Class	98%

Pupil Voice

School Parliament

The seven members of the Parliament Cabinet met Kaaren on 29th January and discussed what is going well at Chesterfield, and any ideas for improvement.

They reported that the children loved the Maths WOW day as the classes are mixed up, but also because doing investigations and teaching each other things makes maths fun. There was especially good feedback from years 4 and 5 on this as they taught each other a times table rap!

A big "thank you" to Jayda and Angel who took the minutes and typed them up for the group.

Non Uniform Day – Friday 9 February

Today we had a non-uniform day to raise funds to help subsidise school trips and events. The theme suggestion from the children was, "What do I want to be when I grow up". Lots of children came to school ready to talk about this as part of our Growth Mindset!

We had everything from... nurses, head teachers, football players, artists, dancers, solicitors and even bank managers.

Mobile Phones

While we understand you may need your child to have a mobile for safety and communication reasons on their journey to and from school, Chesterfield Primary School takes no responsibility for any loss or damage.

For safety onsite, our procedures are that no pupil phones should be used to take photos, calls or videos on the premises without permission. Adults remember we operate a Mobile Free Playground for you as well.

Children's phones should be handed in at the Gate Office for secure storage.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Collaborative Class Assemblies

Jupiter & Thames on 19 January 2018

What is Growth Mindset? If you saw this assembly on Friday 19 January, you would know more about this and how it links with our Chesterfield Values, especially Resilience and Success! Well done to the two classes who presented a 7 day challenge, and even sang to us. It was great to hear what some of the children already know they are good at, and that they are thinking about what they might want to be when they grow up! Having a plan is a good way to achieve their goals!



Morpurgo and Mercury on 26 January 2018

On the theme of collaboration, the children showed us what they have taught each other about volcanoes and Japan. Lots of information was shared and clearly presented. Then the grand finale- the CUP SONG. Here Morpurgo children first learned the cup song and movements, then they taught their partners in year 4. In order for this to work, the children had to show perseverance, resilience and success as well as musical timing and memory skills. And they obviously enjoyed themselves! Pictures do not do it justice!

Diary Dates Spring Term 2018

3 January School Closed- INSET day
4 January - School term starts
19 January – Jupiter & Thames Assembly
23 January - Maths WOW Day
26 January –Morpurgo & Mercury Assembly
31 January – Year 1 Trip – Tower of London
1 February - Learning Conferences
7 February – Red Phoenix Albany Park Visit
9 February – Non – Uniform Day
12 to 16 Half Term - School closed
19 February – Rowling & Amazon Assembly
19 February – Anti-Bullying Week
23 February – Walliams & Saturn Assembly
1 March - World Book Day
8 March – Red Phoenix Museum of Childhood
9 March – Dahl & Zambezi Assembly
12 March - Smarter Travel Week
12 March – Year 5 Bikeability Week
13 March - Bring Your Parent to School PM
16 March - Wilson & Mississippi Assembly
19 March – Year 5 Bikeability Week
19 March – Sports Relief Week
21 to 22 March – Book Fair
23 March – Sports Relief Assembly
23 March – Non – Uniform Day
29 March - last day of term 2pm (Thursday)

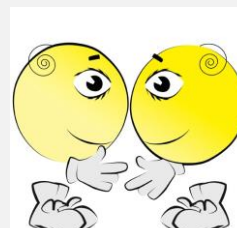
Year 1 Tri to the Tower of London

Quote from a child, 'I really liked The Tower of London trip, I now know lots of different things about the Great Fire of London and also about the Tower.'

It was a dismal wet day on 31st January, but the children took it in their stride, and found out about the Tower of London. They saw... Beefeaters, the Crown Jewels and lots of different types of medals and armour in the fusilier museum. We also completed the Crown Jewels trail.

In their workshops they found out about how the Great Fire of London started. The tour guide, dressed as a fireman from the Great Fire of London, got the children to pretend that they were in the fire and they acted out how the houses caught fire. They now know all about the Great Fire of London!

The Chesterfield Value next half term is... Collaboration



Health & Safety

- Please only use the Gate Office entrance for access queries, or appointments. It is not big enough to be used as a waiting room, or a thoroughfare at the start and end of the school day.
- We have ELT Guidelines for Behaviour of Visitors to the school site (this includes parents). For the safety and well-being of everyone in the community there is an expectation everyone will follow these.
- Please remember that for Health and Safety reasons play /climbing equipment is not used before school or at the end of the day. (Its home time not play time!) We really appreciate you keeping your children close to you and under your supervision once handed over, so they don't get separated from you which can be distressing.
- If you have changed your telephone/ mobile number, or moved house, please urgently inform the school in writing.
- Footwear should be plain black. In the winter if your child wears boots to school, please send plain black shoes or trainers for them to change into.
- It's very cold and wet so - please remember that children need to bring a warm coat to wear to school.