

# Chadwell St Mary Primary School

## Newsletter Issue 2 2023 -24

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Chadwell St Mary  
Primary School

\*Self-responsibility

\*Safety

\*Perseverance

\*Equality

Dear parents and carers,

We are now in week 3 and well and truly back in the swing of things!

Our reception class are full time now and already showing excellent learning behaviours. I observed a lesson earlier during the week and was amazed at their phonic knowledge and writing ability - 7 days in! 😊

The rest of the school is super settled. We have appointed our head boy and head girl (and deputies), congratulations to Riley and Adela (head boy and girl) and Elijah and Olivia (deputy head boy and girl). I am also truly excited by the introduction of our own bespoke mini-curriculum, The Chadwell Way. We have weekly timetabled slots allocated to explicitly teach skills associated with self-responsibility. Pupils and staff are responding positively, and I believe it enhances the outstanding provision we provide. Finally, if you can find a spare minute to comment on our weekly Facebook class posts, we are always super grateful. There is a little healthy competition between some class teachers around who can get the most likes/comments!!!!!!!!!!!!

Best wishes

Miss Moorcraft

### Odd Socks Day – 13<sup>th</sup> November 23 - Anti-bullying Week



'Odd socks Day' on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November for Anti-bullying week. Children are encouraged to wear school uniform and odd socks

### Year 6 Parents

You can now apply for your child's secondary school for September via the local authority's admissions department.

<https://www.thurrock.gov.uk/secondary-school-admissions/applying-for-secondary-school-place>.



### Jeans for Genes Day

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Jeans for Genes day today. You will be pleased to know we raised £126.73.



### Schoolcomms

### School Gateway – New Payment System

Thank you all for being very patient with the new system. We understand there are several parents receiving messages that say they owe lunch money even though their child is having a packed lunch each day. We are working very hard to rectify this issue and ask for your understanding during this time. Can we also ask that you do not send messages via schoolcomms as we are not using this as a way of communication. Any future queries can be raised by phone or e-mail [admin@csm.swecet.org](mailto:admin@csm.swecet.org)

### Register Today!

If you have not already downloaded our new payment app, please do so immediately as our current online payments system has changed from Pay360 to School Gateway – a parent engagement app that allows you to pay for school trips, clubs and school meals. All club



School Gateway  
<https://login.schoolgateway.com>

### School Gateway Login

GET THE SCHOOL GATEWAY APP Stay fully connected to your child's life at school, wherever you are. Download from your app store.

bookings, dinner bookings and payments will now go through School Gateway. **To access the App search "School Gateway" in or go to your App store and download free.**

Your login details will be automatically generated using the contact information our school already has on the SIMS system, so please make sure the details we hold for you are up to date. For School Gateway login, **this is your email address and mobile number**. It will then generate a PIN number when you select "Send Pin". You can also login using the online version of School Gateway via <https://schoolgateway.co.uk/> if you do not have a smart phone, although we do recommend using the app if possible. To access School Gateway's helpful guides, please access via this link <https://parent-support.parentpaygroup.com/hc/en-gb/sections/11408248195601-School-Gateway-Guides>

- ❖ Tinned meat (hot dogs, ravioli, corned beef, ham etc)
- ❖ Jams
- ❖ Sponge puddings/jelly/Angel Delight
- ❖ Tinned potatoes / instant mashed potatoes
- ❖ Tinned custard
- ❖ Tinned fruit
- ❖ Long life fruit juice / squash
- ❖ Tinned tomatoes
- ❖ Tinned spaghetti
- ❖ Toiletries eg.soap, shower gel, deodorant



### **Parking**

Parents should not be parking on the yellow lines or the zigzag lines outside the school. Neighbours are also mentioning that cars are parked over their driveways and blocking them in. Please be aware that parking attendants will be patrolling the area over the next few weeks, we would suggest that parents walk their children to and from school each day as this will help the local environment and is good for your child's health.



### **Individual and Family Photographs – 4<sup>th</sup> October**

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October, we have the school photographer visiting for families and individual photographs. If you would like your younger siblings' photos taken with the children attending our school, please come to the hall at 8.30am.

**Please note:** this is only for families that have younger siblings that **do not** attend school, all other siblings attending school will automatically have their photo taken together.



### **Visit to Hampton Court Palace – Years 5 & 6**

Years 5 & 6 have an amazing chance to visit Hampton Court Palace on 11<sup>th</sup> October. Please remember if you have not yet made payment for your child to attend this, you must do this no later than 6<sup>th</sup> October.



### **LATENESS**

Unfortunately, we already have a number of children arriving late in the morning. Please note, children should be here for 8.40am. Arriving late affects the children's start to the day and also causes disruption to the children in your child class.

### **PSHE – Core value for autumn term:**

**Equality:** At Chadwell St Mary we all respect each other and are treated equally. Equality refers to the right of every individual to equal treatment and opportunities, regardless of factors like gender, race and social position.

### **Harvest**

Please help us to support our local community. We are working in partnership with Thurrock Foodbank to support families in need during these challenging times. We would therefore ask if you would kindly like to donate items from the following list:



Donations can be brought in to school from **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September** and handed to your child's teacher.

### **Harvest Collection 2022**

- ❖ Tinned fish
- ❖ Dried noodles/ Pot Noodles



This term in PSHE the children have been looking at the topic 'Being Me'. In year 1 they have been talking about their family, friends and school life. Across the school, the children have been having discussions on our first puzzle piece 'equality'. It is important that the children know what our school core values are. We will be looking at a different core value each term.

**Phonics** - The children have all settled into their new phonic groups. They are showing good learning behaviours and are really engaged in their sessions. I was particularly impressed with Yellow reading group

this week, who were using the letter's name to spell words correctly. Well done!

**Music** – As you may have guessed, music is a key part of CSM. From the morning playlists (which the children have chosen), through to assembly songs, to a lunchtime boogie- we love a song!

If you have any requests, please let DJ Moorcraft know, and we'll add to our rather extensive list. Music has the ability to alter emotions and calm the soul. The song we are currently listening to in assembly is "On My Way" from the film Brother Bear. Perfect for the start of a new academic year.

**Reading** – Children across the school have quickly started building on the reading skills they learned and practised last year and are enjoying discussing a wide range of stories. Blue Peter have launched an exciting new 'Blue Peter Book Badge' which can be earned by children who share their book reviews in the Blue Peter Book Club. Help your child join by visiting the website: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/blue-peter-book-club>

**Talk 4 writing** - Pupils are learning how to write a narrative text and it's great to see all the text maps displayed in the classrooms. Last week, pupils took part in a number of drama activities to help with their understanding of the characters they will be describing in their writing. Pupils also focused on using a wide range of vocabulary and created extensive word banks ready to use in their writing this week. We look forward to reading their finished pieces of writing.

**RE** – In RE this week year 6 have been learning about Hinduism. We have talked about the importance of Krishna and how he is represented in stories when he was a young child compared to how he is represented in stories as an adult. We learnt Krishna represents the importance of showing love to God. We also learnt the Bhagavad Gita is Hindus' holy book that teaches them the qualities you need to be a good human.

**Geography** - Year 1 have been learning about the four countries that make up the United Kingdom. They have started to look at these places in detail and learn about some of the capital cities.

**Maths** - We are very excited to be back in our maths routines around the school. The school has been full of fast arithmetic skills in our 'Fluent For Five' questions and I have loved hearing the Times Table Rockstars music playing as I have walked down the corridor this week. The children are very engaged in

improving their multiplication speed. Here is a reminder of the year groups and their times tables to learn.

Year 2 – 2, 5 and 10

Year 3 – 3, 4 and 8

Year 4 to 6 – all times tables 2 – 12

**Computing** – Last week, all classes from year one to year 6 had a computing lesson focused on internet safety. Each class spoke about how we can be safe online and who we can talk to if we are concerned. Miss Terry was particularly impressed with year 1. The children were able to share their ideas and give top tips on how we can be safe online. Keep up the hard work year 1!

**Art & D & T** - Already this term, pupils have produced some fabulous artwork. Year 2 have studied Yayoi Kusama, and her dotty artwork! We've had some wonderful sketching further up the school, super still-life in year 3 and colour and tone exploration in Year 6.

### Important Dates for your diary...

#### New dates in BOLD

~~Deleted dates in RED~~



#### SEPTEMBER 23

~~11<sup>th</sup>~~ Gateway to visit Year 6 parents 1.15pm  
27<sup>th</sup> Reception Tour Sept 24 intake 11.00am

#### OCTOBER 23

4<sup>th</sup> Individual & Family Photographs AM  
5<sup>th</sup> Harvest Assembly TBC  
6<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Sharing Assembly 9am  
11<sup>th</sup> Year 5 & 6 Trip to Hampton Court 8.15am  
13<sup>th</sup> Year 5 Sharing Assembly 9am

#### 23rd October – 3rd November HALF TERM

#### NOVEMBER 23

6<sup>th</sup> Children return to school  
7<sup>th</sup> Flu Immunisations AM  
8<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 parent SATs information 2.30pm event  
13<sup>th</sup> Odd Sock Day  
~~14<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening (virtual) 3.30pm~~  
~~16<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening (virtual) 3.30pm~~  
17<sup>th</sup> Year 3 Sharing Assembly 9am  
20<sup>th</sup>– Swimming Lessons for Years 3, 4 TBC  
24<sup>th</sup> & 5  
21<sup>st</sup> Parents Evening (virtual) 3.30pm  
23<sup>rd</sup> Parents Evening (virtual) 3.30pm  
27<sup>th</sup>– Swimming Lessons for Years 3, 4 TBC  
1<sup>st</sup> & 5  
Dec  
21<sup>st</sup> Walk on Line Roadshow – Yr 5&6  
22<sup>nd</sup> Reception Tour Sept 24 intake 1.30pm  
24<sup>th</sup> Year 4 Sharing Assembly 9am  
27<sup>th</sup>– Year 6 Bikeability  
30<sup>th</sup>

#### DECEMBER 23



6 <sup>th</sup>	Hearing & vision checks-Rec/Yr 6	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Visit from Santa	
8 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day	
8 <sup>th</sup>	Whole school - KS1 Nativity	
11 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Panto	AM
11 <sup>th</sup>	Bookfair	3.15pm
12 <sup>th</sup>	bookfair	3.15pm
13 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinner in School Day	
14 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Nativity	10am
14 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Nativity	2pm
21 <sup>st</sup>	Last Day of Term	

### 22nd December – 5th January CHRISTMAS HOLS

#### JANUARY 24

8 <sup>th</sup>	Children return to school	
12 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Tour Sept 23 intake	9.30am
13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Sharing Assembly	9am
20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Sharing Assembly	9am
27 <sup>th</sup>	Receptions Sharing Assembly	9am

### 19th February – 23rd February HALF TERM

#### FEBRUARY 24

16 <sup>th</sup>	NON-PUPIL DAY	
26 <sup>th</sup>	Pupils Return To School	

#### MARCH 23

2 <sup>nd</sup>	World Book Day	
8 <sup>th</sup>	International Women's Day	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Gymnastics Competition	TBC
14 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening	
16 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening	
17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Sharing Assembly	9am
18 <sup>th</sup>	Comic Relief – Red Nose Day	
24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Sharing Assembly	9am
24 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 6 parent SATs information event	2.15pm
30 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Egg Hunt	
31 <sup>st</sup>	Year 5 Sharing Assembly	9am

### 29th March – 12th April EASTER HOLIDAY

#### APRIL 24

13 <sup>th</sup>	Pupils Return to School	
28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Sharing Assembly	9am

### 1st May BANK HOLIDAY

#### MAY 24

13 <sup>th</sup> -	Year 6 SATs Week	
16 <sup>th</sup>		
19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Sharing Assembly	9am

### 29th May – 2nd June HALF TERM

#### JUNE 24

5 <sup>th</sup> –	Year 6 Residential	
7 <sup>th</sup>		

#### JULY 24

6 <sup>th</sup>	Open Evening for parents to see work	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Careers Day	
13 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day	TBC
19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 lunch	12pm
18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Leavers Assembly for parents	AM
19 <sup>th</sup>	Reports go home	
19 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Term	

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### 22nd July 2023 FIRST DAY OF SUMMER BREAK

All dates and times are subject to change.

**YOUR ASPIRATIONS, OUR PRIORITY**  
Celebrating achievements, resilience, perseverance, determination and so much more!

Categories:

- EYFS
- Primary Education
- Secondary Education
- Post 16 Education
- Employment or Training

Is there a rising star in your setting that you would like the SEND service to recognise? Tell us more!

Send us the following information:

- Student name, age and setting
- Background information – include information on the journey of the student leading to their success, the provision in place to support their achievements and aspirations, the difference made etc.
- The reason for your nomination

All students will receive a certificate acknowledging their hard work and achievements which will be promoted on the 'Competitions and Rising Star Awards' area of the SEND Local Offer. One nominee from each category will also receive a medal in recognition of outstanding achievement.

Send to: [QASEND@thurrock.gov.uk](mailto:QASEND@thurrock.gov.uk)

### Walk Online Roadshow for Parents, Carers and Practitioners Wednesday 22nd November 2023 - 20:00 till 21:30

THURROCK LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP

Thurrock LSCP have offered the Walk Online Roadshow for all Years 5s. We are pleased to be able to offer a session for parents, carers and practitioners.

This session explores how parents, carers and practitioners can support their children to navigate the online world.

Visit the website to access the link.

Please note that this session is for over 18s only.

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