

Chadwell St Mary Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

A huge thank you for your generous harvest donations. We were lucky enough to receive a visit from Rev Kate on Thursday this week, leading our harvest assembly, and our table of donations looked rather impressive!

We are trying to promote the importance of pupil leadership across the school, as responsibility is a vital skill in becoming well-rounded and successful citizens. I absolutely must congratulate our head boy and head girl for hosting our visit from Councillor Adam Carter and Shelia Murphy (director of children's services in Thurrock) this week - they were amazing! We are also introducing a work experience scheme for our year 5 pupils, starting after half term and Miss Terry and I are currently developing a media crew to lead and launch an "online Chadwell Chat" newsletter! Finally, I won't mention the "C" word just yet, but we have already spoken to Father Christmas, and he has pencilled in 7th December for a CSM visit!

Message from our Head Boy and Head Girl

- Hello, my name is Adela. My favourite subjects are maths, PE, art and geography. Outside of school, I enjoy doing gymnastics and badminton. As head girl, I will represent the school by being a great role model, being kind and being organised around school.
- Hello, my name is Riley. My favourite subject is writing. Outside of school, I enjoy riding my bike. As head boy, I will represent the school by being a fair and great role model.

Odd Socks Day – 13th November 23 -

Anti-bullying Week

'Odd socks Day' this year is on Monday 13th November as part of 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>.



Creative Drawing Club

If your child attends the Creative Drawing Club on a Wednesday, please put in your diary that this club will be cancelled on **Wednesday 18th October** until after half term. All clubs will resume the week commencing 6th November.

Visit to Hampton Court Palace – Years 5 & 6

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

Lateness

Unfortunately, we already have a number of children arriving late in the morning. Please note, children should be here by 8.50am. Arriving late affects the children's start to the day and also causes disruption to others in the class.



Harvest

Thank you to everyone who donated items for our Harvest Assembly.

The food bank will be collecting this very soon.



Flu Immunisations

Your child should have been given a flu vaccination form for you to complete. If you would like your child to have the flu vaccination this year, please complete the form and return it to school as soon as possible.

Mobile Phones in School

Please can you ensure that your child does NOT bring a mobile phone into school **UNLESS THEY WALK HOME UNACCOMPANIED.**

Children are not allowed to have phones in school and any brought in must be handed in. When phones are brought in unnecessarily, it creates a distraction when they need to be collected in and returned and there is a chance that they become muddled up/and or lost. Please help us to focus on teaching and learning and only allow your child to bring in a phone if it is truly needed for the safety of walking home alone. Pupils must not use phones whilst on school premises at all. Pupils will be reminded during assembly today that phones must be switched off first thing in the morning, once they arrive safely at school, and should remain switched off until they have left school grounds at the end of the day.

Jewellery in School

Please may we remind you that due to health and safety reasons, jewellery should not be worn routinely to school. It is becoming an issue which is neither safe nor sensible and it is taking up valuable learning time to manage. As per our Uniform Policy on the school's website:

The school rules on jewellery are as follows:

- **One pair of stud earrings** may be worn – no other piercings are permitted.
- No loose fitting jewellery such as necklaces or bracelets

Pupils will be advised that jewellery is their personal responsibility and not that of the school. Lost or damaged items will not be refunded. All jewellery must be removed on days when children have PE. The wearing of jewellery is creating a significant issue especially on PE days when too many children are unable to remove earrings and/or do not bring tape to cover the studs.

Going forward, please can you help us to focus on the important task of teaching and ensure that if studs have to be worn on PE days, children can remove them or that you provide tape?

If children come into school wearing earrings other than studs, they will need to be removed and kept safely in the school's safe. If the child cannot remove them, then a parent/carer will need to attend the school to do so. Bracelets and necklaces will need to be removed and will be kept in the school's safe until collect by a parent/carer.

Please note that we respect all faiths and permission to wear jewellery on religious grounds will need to be sought from the Head of School in writing and evidence provided before it can be authorised.



OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY SPORT and LEISURE CLUB

Monday 23rd October to Friday 3rd November

BASED AT STIFFORD CLAYS PRIMARY SCHOOL

The provision is for pupils of CSM, DPS and SCP only

8AM – 4PM £15 PER FULL DAY PER CHILD

Or

9am-12pm £7 and 1pm-4pm £7 HALF DAY PER CHILD

✓ Dodgeball ✓ Art activities ✓ Football tournament ✓ Mini Olympics
✓ Board Games ✓ Gymnastics ✓ Hide and Seek ✓ Treasure Hunt ✓ Rounders
✓ Quizzes ✓ Tennis ✓ Athletics ✓ Team Games and lots more!

The provision will be led by our SWECET Trust PE team and so the children know the teachers well.

You can book a full day, a half day, a few days, some half days or a whole week or two if you prefer. All children will need plenty of drinks and anyone booked on to a full day will need a pack lunch.

We expect good behaviour from all children whilst attending so that the days are not spoilt by anyone and everyone has fun. Repeated poor behaviour will result in the place being withdrawn.

You need to book as detailed below to secure your place(s).

Numbers are limited to ensure the safety and enjoyment of the children attending.

Bookings and payment

Bookings and Payment will need to be made through your child's school's Gateway account no later than Sunday 15th October. Please go to the School Gateway App where you be able to book and pay for the sessions you require.

Please contact the school office if you need help with booking/paying and they will provide support.

PSHE – In PSHE all year groups are continuing to look at the topic ‘Being Me’. In years 2 and 3, the children are identifying positive things about themselves and are talking about their achievements. During their PSHE lessons they are setting personal goals and discussing how they can achieve these goals and ask for help if needed.

Phonics - Reception have been learning lots of sounds. They are beginning to blend and segment the sounds in words independently!

Music – We use the Charanga scheme to deliver our music curriculum. It introduces pupils to a wide range of musical genres and a wide range of subject specific vocabulary.

This term, year groups have been learning the following songs:

Reception	Me!
Year 1	Hey You!
Year 2	Hands, Feet, Heart
Year 3	Let Your Spirit Fly
Year 4	Mamma Mia
Year 5	Livin' on a Prayer
Year 6	Happy

Reading – When we can read fluently, we can understand or comprehend what we are reading. If your child is finding it tricky to read their book fluently, help them practise reading a paragraph or part of the story a few times. You could see how many words they read in a minute the first time they read it and see how much they improve on the second, third or even fourth try! The feeling of being able to read fluently really boosts their confidence as a reader.

Talk 4 writing - This week Year 5 have been writing formal letters based round their class text 'Holes'. We have been incredibly impressed with the vocabulary they are using in their writing and their understanding of language to ensure they sound formal- well done, year 5- keep up the hard work!

RE – This term in RE, Year 4 are learning about Sikhism. They have been studying special religious Sikh ceremonies and their main beliefs. Year 4 have focused on the Sikh baptismal ceremony of Amrit. During this lesson, pupils were able to explain what the five Ks symbolise.

Maths - The children are working on problem solving investigations linked to place value across the school this term. Mrs Dennis has been impressed with their resilience in these tasks, especially in year 1 and 2.

We would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate our Times Table Ambassadors. They will form an important role in helping the children across the school to learn and recite their times tables.

Watch this space!

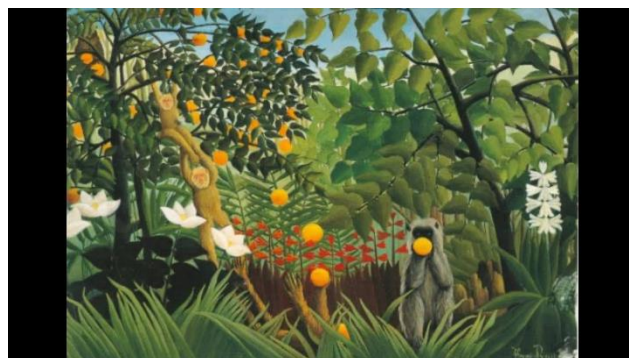
Geography - In Geography, Year 5 have been learning about the UK. They have learnt about the landscape of the UK and areas of natural beauty including, famous landmarks.

Computing – Year 2 have been very busy in computing making their own soundtracks using a software called 2Sequence. The children have experimented with different tempos when playing nursery rhymes. The children are becoming more independent when using Purple Mash and are more aware of how to save their work. Keep up the hard work year 2!

Science - there are lots of exciting things happening in Science this week. Year 5 have been learning about Space! What space facts do you know? Did you know that the moon takes 28 days or roughly 1 month to orbit the earth.

<https://www.funkidslive.com/learn/top-10-facts/top-10-facts-about-space/>

Art & D & T - Our cultural corridor artist this half term is Henri Rousseau. He was an innocent and unworldly man; these qualities enabled him to paint in a delightfully fresh way. His most famous pictures depict scenes of exotic jungles of outsized plants. In the lush, light-filtered foliage, mysterious eyes glitter and lions attack their prey. Please ask the children what they know about him.



Important Dates for your diary...

New dates in BOLD

Deleted dates in RED



19th Yr 6 parent SATs information event 2.30pm

29th March – 12th April EASTER HOLIDAY

APRIL 24

15th Pupils Return to School
24th Year 1 trip to Hever Castle

6th May BANK HOLIDAY

MAY 24

13th- Year 6 SATs Week
16th

27th May – 31st May HALF TERM

JUNE 24

5th – Year 6 Residential
7th
26th – Book Fair
1st
July

JULY 24

2nd Year 4 Bikability 9am
4th Open Evening for parents to see work
11th Sports Day TBC
17th Year 6 lunch 12pm
18th Year 6 Leavers Assembly for parents AM
19th Reports go home
19th Last Day of Term

All dates and times are subject to change.

SEPTEMBER 23

11th Gateway to visit Year 6 parents 1.15pm
27th Reception Tour Sept 24 intake 11.00am

OCTOBER 23

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

23rd October – 3rd November HALF TERM

NOVEMBER 23

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

DECEMBER 23

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

22nd December – 5th January CHRISTMAS HOLS

JANUARY 24

8th Children return to school
12th Reception Tour Sept 23 intake 9.30am

19th February – 23rd February HALF TERM

FEBRUARY 24

16th NON-PUPIL DAY
26th Pupils Return To School

MARCH 23

7th World Book Day
12th Parents Evening
14th Parents Evening
15th Comic Relief – Red Nose Day

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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

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

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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