

# Chadwell St Mary Primary School

## Newsletter Issue 5 2023 -24

### 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023



Chadwell St Mary  
Primary School

\*Self-responsibility

<https://chadwellstmary.org.uk/>

\*Safety

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Dear parents and carers,  
Brace yourselves.....Christmas is coming to CSM!  
We have pencilled in a KS1 nativity, KS2 carol services, Christmas dinner day, Christmas jumper day, a pantomime, a visit from Santa and a whole lot of Christmas fun in between! Please regularly check our newsletter calendar and look out for emails and letters as we finalise details.

A very sincere thank you for all the contributions to Mrs Frampton's funeral flower collection. We are sending three floral arrangements, one from colleagues, one from parents and one from pupils. We have chosen bright, yet understated flower combinations, which we hope befits our much-missed colleague.

A gentle reminder that the school will close at 2pm on Tuesday 21st November to allow colleagues to pay their respects. The pickup arrangements will remain the same, with pupils collected from the playground as usual.

#### New to CSM is our online newsletter

Follow the link below to view this week's online newsletter made by our children. This can also be found on our website under the news tab – latest news.

<https://clipchamp.com/watch/boZ7fl6goBq>



#### URGENT REMINDER

In light of the Funeral of Mrs Frampton on Tuesday 21st November 2023, the **school will be closing at 2.00pm** and all children will need to be collected at this time so that staff can attend.

#### Parents and pupils arriving early

We have noticed some families arriving extra early each morning and waiting around the main gate area. Whilst we are happy for families to arrive in good time for the start of the day, our gates will not open until 8:25am.

We kindly ask that that families arriving for breakfast club, use the buzzer on the main gate and ensure the gate is closed on exit.

Thank you

#### Christmas is coming

Christmas festivities will begin before we know it.

If you have anything you would like to donate to our school raffle, please bring these items in to the office as soon as possible, we have a number of lovely prizes but it is always nice to have more in order to give everyone the chance to win.



#### Schoolcomms/SchoolGateway

If you wish to email or text the school this should not be sent through the SchoolGateway app as these messages are not picked up on a regular basis. Any communication with the school should be made via [admin@csm.swecet.org](mailto:admin@csm.swecet.org) or phone call on 01375 843280.

#### Sharing Assemblies – Spring Term

<u>Date</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Time</u>
19/1/24	Year 5	9.00am
26/1/24	Year 4	9.00am
2/2/24	Year 2	9.00am
9/2/24	Year 3	9.00am
8/3/24	Year 1	9.00am
15/3/23	Reception	9.00am

Year 6 – SATs preparation – Spring Term  
Look out for the amazing leavers production in the Summer Term.

## Head boy and girl message

Hello,

As a whole school, we made poppies to honour the soldiers that have died for our freedom. Last Friday, we paid our respects by having two minutes silence. Throughout the week, we have collected money to help the Royal British Legion and all the money that has been raised will be donated to this worthy cause.

Pupils in every year group got to vote which books they would like to see in the library. Ms Hughes has taken on these ideas and has purchased these books to help encourage us to read every day. We hope we can keep these books in good condition. Personally we cannot wait to take out the books we voted for.

Riley & Adela

or a snack obsession, couch potatoes or sleep deprivation, we've got you and your family covered! Just click on the link below to go to the webpage for families to look and refer themselves/children/family - <https://beezebodies.com/for-families/>

### Swimming Lessons



Swimming lessons start on Monday for Years **3, 4 & 5**. Please make sure your child has their swimming kit with them every day for the next 2 weeks, if they forget it there may not be time to call home to bring it in for them.

### Colour Santa Competition

We have been very lucky again this year to be offered 7 free places at the Essex Freemasons Christmas party on 16<sup>th</sup> December. Each class will have a different picture to colour in or they may want to use their artistic skills in other ways. The judging will be during the first week of December. Pictures will be sent home with your child next week, please make sure your child's entry is returned by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December.



### Living Joy Hampers



We have been very fortunate to have been selected by the Living Joy Foundation to receive 10 Christmas Hampers, for us to donate to ten of our families.

If you feel your family would benefit from one of these hampers, please let the office know as soon as possible or email [admin@csm.swecet.org](mailto:admin@csm.swecet.org) if we get more than 10 requests we will put the names in a draw for selection.



### Beezee Bodies

- **A better future for your family**
- Expert guidance on healthy eating and exercise from our family wellbeing specialists
- Take part online OR after school in your local community – whatever works for you
- Learn how to turn small, easy changes into long-lasting healthy habits
- Get moving every week with family-friendly fun and games
- Completely free – the government's picking up the tab!

**Book your Family's Free Place Today** 'Become A Healthier, Happier Family'- Free, fun, family-focused programmes to help you and your children make healthy habits for life!- Turning healthy choices into easy choices, whether you're dealing with fussy eaters



**PSHE** – In PSHE, the school have been focusing on Anti-Bullying Week. The children wore odd socks on Monday to celebrate differences. This week in our PSHE lessons, all children have created Anti-Bullying posters to promote the theme this year 'make a noise about bullying'. All classes have entered a competition and there will be one winner from each year group. Keep an eye on social media, where we will announce the winners. Here is a link to look at more information to support Anti-Bullying Week: [Anti-Bullying Week 2023: Make A Noise About Bullying \(anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk\)](https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk)

**Phonics** - The children have settled into their new phonic groups really well. They are learning new sounds and applying these to their writing.

**Music** – Things are getting a little festive in the music department, as children learn new songs and old favourites, ready to share with you, our wider community. Who doesn't love a bit of Jingle Bells?! I

led the celebration assembly on Tuesday and the pupils sang one of our Christmas songs "All around the world" beautifully - it was pure joy!

**Reading** - We have been looking at our exciting 'reading tree' in the hall and can see plenty of leaves starting to appear on it. These have been awarded to children who have read at home 25 or 50 times so far. Very well done to all of those children and thank you for supporting them with their learning. It's not too late to earn the rewards as we keep counting how many times your child has read at home throughout the year. Who will be among the first to earn a shiny green leaf for 75 reads?

**Talk 4 writing** - After reading 'The Tiger Who Came To Tea', Year 1 have been learning how to write fantasy stories. The children have been focusing on their use of language and Mrs Chakli and Miss Terry have been very impressed with the use of adjectives to describe the characters and the setting in the pupils' work- well done, Year 1; we cannot wait to read the whole story.

**RE** – Happy Diwali! Last weekend, Hindus around the world celebrated the festival of lights. Diwali symbolises good over evil and knowledge over ignorance. Year 3 are learning all about Diwali and why this special celebration is important to Hindus.

**History** - It was great to see the whole school celebrating Remembrance Day and making poppies. The children in Reception were able to talk about the soldiers and how brave they were when fighting for our country.

**Maths** - Most year groups have been relating addition and subtraction to money problems in their maths lessons. It is important to relate mathematical concepts to real life situations such a shopping. Please encourage your child to help you count and select the coins/notes when purchasing items at the shops. Alternatively, ask them to help you add the total cost of some items.

**Computing** – This week in computing the whole school have been focusing on Internet Safety. The children have looked at the story Smartie the Penguin in our SMSC assembly. Please use the link below if you would like to read the story with your child. Smartie the Penguin | Childnet.

**Science** - It has been great to get stuck into our new science topics for this half term. If science is your passion, then check out this website where you can find out lots of interesting things!

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/category/discover/science/>

**Art & D & T** - This half term we have blocked out our DT lessons over 3 weeks. Pupils love the designing and making process and can often concentrate for a whole afternoon, perfecting their running stitch.

### Important Dates for your diary...

#### New dates in BOLD

~~Deleted dates in RED~~



#### 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 event	2.30pm
13 <sup>th</sup>	Odd Sock Day	
14 <sup>th</sup>	<del>Parents Evening (virtual)</del>	<del>3.30pm</del>
16 <sup>th</sup>	<del>Parents Evening (virtual)</del>	<del>3.30pm</del>
17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Sharing Assembly	9am
21 <sup>st</sup>	Yr's 5 & 6 Walk Online Roadshow	
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Parents Evening (virtual)	3.30pm
<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>SCHOOLCLOSING AT 2PM</b>	
27 <sup>th</sup> -1 <sup>st</sup>	Swimming Lessons for Years 3, 4 & 5	TBC
Dec		
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Walk on Line Roadshow – Year 5	PM
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Reception Tour Sept 24 intake	1.30pm
24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Sharing Assembly	9am
28 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening (virtual)	3.30pm
27 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Bikeability	

#### 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
19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Sharing Assembly	9.00am
26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Sharing Assembly	9.00am

**19<sup>th</sup> February – 23<sup>rd</sup> February HALF TERM**

**FEBRUARY 24**

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 2 Sharing Assembly	9.00am
9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Sharing Assembly	9.00am
16 <sup>th</sup>	NON-PUPIL DAY	
26 <sup>th</sup>	Pupils Return To School	

**MARCH 23**

7 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day	
8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Sharing Assembly	9.00am
12 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening	
14 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening	
15 <sup>th</sup>	Comic Relief – Red Nose Day	
15 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Sharing Assembly	9.00am
19 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 6 parent SATs information event	2.30pm

**29<sup>th</sup> March – 12<sup>th</sup> April EASTER HOLIDAY**

**APRIL 24**

15 <sup>th</sup>	Pupils Return to School
24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 trip to Hever Castle

**6<sup>th</sup> May BANK HOLIDAY**

**MAY 24**

13 <sup>th</sup> -	Year 6 SATs Week
16 <sup>th</sup>	

**27<sup>th</sup> May – 31<sup>ST</sup> May HALF TERM**

**JUNE 24**

5 <sup>th</sup> –	Year 6 Residential
7 <sup>th</sup>	
26 <sup>th</sup> –	Book Fair
1 <sup>st</sup> July	

**JULY 24**

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 4 Bikeability	9am
4 <sup>th</sup>	Open Evening for parents to see work	
11 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day	TBC
17 <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	

**All dates and times are subject to change.**

**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.

[www.thurrocklscp.org.uk](http://www.thurrocklscp.org.uk)



**The Essex Fire Museum**  
at Grays

**Essex Fire Museum Open Days**  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023  
**10.30am to 4.00pm**  
**(Last suggested entry time: 2.30pm)**



**The Essex Fire Museum**  
at Grays



Visits must be pre-booked via:  
[museum@essex-fire.gov.uk](mailto:museum@essex-fire.gov.uk)

Address: Essex Fire Museum, Grays Fire station,  
Hogg Lane, Grays, RM17 5QS