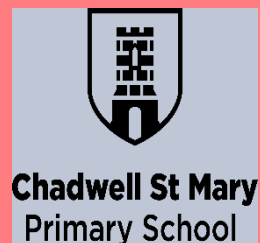


Chadwell St Mary Primary School

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- *Self-responsibility
- *Safety
- *Perseverance
- *Equality

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Dear parents and carers,
I wanted to start by sharing some of the reasons I love my job. World Book Day last week was an absolute joy. The opportunity to promote a love of reading whilst dressed as a Ninja Turtle is certainly a unique experience! Our year 5 Athletics pupils smashed it, coming 8th and competing against some much larger primary schools. We were so proud of them. Class 4 are making huge progress with their times tables, and it is looking promising for the multiplication times table check in the summer term. Mrs Dennis led a successful crafting masterclass, and our year ones shared a super cute assembly to finish off an amazing week.

Once again, I would like to say a huge thank you to staff, pupils, parents and carers for all your continued support.

Miss Moorcraft.



Parent Consultation Evenings

If you did not manage to book an appointment to speak to your child's teacher this week, you still have the opportunity to book an appointment for **Thursday 21st March**. These will be virtual again

this year, as we have found this offers the most flexibility for all parents and carers to be involved.

The system is now available to book online via <https://chadwellstmary.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Thursday 21st March - 3:30pm - 6:15pm.

Are you thinking about going back into further education?

Take a look at the FREE courses available in the local area.

Results | Find a course | National Careers Service

[https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/find-a-course/page?searchTerm=english&distance=10%20miles&town=Chadwell%20St%20Mary%20\(Thurrock,%20Eastern\)&orderBy=Value=Distance&startDate=Anytime&courseType=&courseHours=&courseStudyTime=&filterA=true&page=1&D=1&coordinates=0.368847|51.481691&campaignCode=&qualificationLevels=](https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/find-a-course/page?searchTerm=english&distance=10%20miles&town=Chadwell%20St%20Mary%20(Thurrock,%20Eastern)&orderBy=Value=Distance&startDate=Anytime&courseType=&courseHours=&courseStudyTime=&filterA=true&page=1&D=1&coordinates=0.368847|51.481691&campaignCode=&qualificationLevels=)

Guide Dogs Trust

On the 1st March, our school council representatives held a charity bake sale to raise money for guide dogs. In total, they managed to raise £150. We would like to thank parents and carers for their generosity and support with this event.



Summer Lunchtime Menu

We have a new and exciting summer menu starting after the Easter break. We are just finalising this and will send this to parents before the end of term.

We also have some exciting theme days planned each month until the summer break.

Watch out for these special days that the children will love.

1st theme day will be on Tuesday 26th March and this will be The Big Easter Treat – find a golden ticket to win an Easter Egg.

Year 6 Parent Meeting

We are holding an information meeting for parents of Year 6 to discuss the upcoming SATs. The meeting will be held at 2.30pm on 19th March. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Before and After School Clubs

Next week is the last week for any before or after school clubs. There are no clubs during the last week of term. (25th – 28th March)



EASTER HALF TERM HOLIDAY SPORT and LEISURE CLUB

Tuesday 2nd April to Friday 12th April 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.

Bookings and Payments

Bookings and Payment will need to be made through your child's school's Gateway account no later than Monday 25th March. Please go to the SchoolGateway App where you will 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.

Attendance and Sickness

Please remember if your child is sick, you must call the school and either leave a message on the absence line or speak to the office. You can also email admin@csm.swecet.org to report your child's absence.

If your child is going to be absent for Eid, you must complete a leave of absence form.



FREE - Thurrock Council's Road Safety Cycling Lessons

Herringham Primary School is working in conjunction with Thurrock Council's Road Safety Cycling Instructors during the Easter

holidays to teach children who reside in Thurrock how to ride a bicycle unaided.

The free one-hour training is on Thursday 4th April for children aged 5 and over who need help to progress from riding a bicycle with stabilisers to riding unaided.

All questions/enquires should be e-mailed to Kaye at kborleypotterton@thurrock.gov.uk who will be able to take your bookings and advice on time slots.

Number of spaces are limited.

Head boy's and Head girl's message

On the 7th March, we celebrated World Book Day. We got to dress up as our favourite book character and had lots of fun. There were numerous activities going on, such as the teachers running around the school to read pages from books and poems in different classes in under 5 minutes. Everyone looked amazing in their costumes. It was a great effort by everyone.

On the 12th March Gemma's farm visited. The farm brought in animals, such as chickens, rabbits, ferrets and goats. The children and adults were able to hold and stroke the animals. Thank you to our parents and carers for contributing, it's always one of our favourite activities.

This week is National Science Week. Chadwell has been celebrating with teachers leading some inspiring experiments and children rotated around the school to different classes to take part in the different experiments.

We had a workshop led by 'Science Boffins' who will worked with each class and we were able to blast rockets!

Last but not least, we have been raising money for Red Nose Day. We would like to thank you for your support and donations.

Written by Riley and Adela – Year 6



PSHE - In PSHE, each year group has continued to learn about how to stay healthy as part of their 'Healthy Me' topic. In particular, Year 1 have been discussing what healthy choices they make in their lives and they have been able to discuss how they can be healthier. Year 3 have been learning about medicine and how it is important to take the correct dosage and Year 5 have been learning about the dangers of smoking and the effects it has on the heart and lungs. They have also learnt some basic first aid procedures.

Phonics - The children are working really hard to learn all their phonic sounds. A massive well done to those children who are using the chrome books to practise the sounds they are yet to learn. You are working super hard and we are proud of you!

Music – Music can help people face all kinds of challenges and we have a motivational playlist which includes songs such as, This is the Moment, The Climb, Proud, Eye of the Tiger, We are the Champions, Don't Stop Believin', I'm still Standing and Firework. We'll be playing these songs a lot over the summer term as pupils face various challenges, including SATs,

multiplication checks, phonics screening, moving to secondary school and moving classes. #we'vegotthis!

Reading - When we are reading, it is a great way to develop our vocabulary. Every week in our reading lessons, classes discuss the meaning of new words by thinking about whether the words are linked to any other words we already know, or we try reading the sentence again and working out what the words would make sense to mean. We then try to use the new words in our own spoken or written sentences.

Maths - The Mathletics competition was a huge success! Our team came 8th out of the schools in Thurrock scoring 146 points. We are very proud of the year 5 children that participated. They represented the school amazingly and their teamwork meant that they were successful in answering the problems with accuracy. Well done.

RE - Year 1 are learning about the life of Jesus and his teachings from the Bible. Pupils are now able to explain the Parable of the Good Samaritan and have been reflecting on how they could lend a helping hand to family and friends.

Year 3 have been learning the difference between signs and symbols and they understand symbols in religion are often open to interpretation. Year 3 have been learning about why the Passover meal is significant for Jews and how food can remind them of special events by making connections with their personal experiences.

In Year 4, children will learn about Palm Sunday and they will be able to explain that Easter is a Christian festival that celebrates the resurrection of Jesus.

History - In History, year 5 are learning about ancient Greece. They have been looking at artefacts from this time. They have learnt all about Athens and Sparta and how they used to fight to become victorious over one another.

Talk 4 writing - Across SWECET, everyone will be entering a writing competition. The focus this term is poetry and the theme is Spring. Next week, all classes will write their entries during their writing lessons. Miss Abbott and Miss Hughes will be judging the entries and the winner from each year group across the Trust will be announced in the Summer term - good luck, Chadwell St Mary.

Computing - In computing, year 2 have started their new topic, questioning. To begin with, the children considered how to ask good questions, collect data based on their questions and then they looked at different pictograms to represent data. Over the next few weeks, year 2 are looking forward to sort data using avatars and then they will be representing their data in different ways based on the questions they ask. Keep up the great work year 2!

Science - Science boffins visited our school on the 14th March. This was such an exciting day, with plenty

of experiments and fun science concepts to learn about!

Art/DT - 6 reasons sketching and drawing is good for you: 1. Develops creative thinking · 2. Increases empathy · 3. Improves motor skills and coordination · 4. Helps you practise mindfulness · 5. Makes you happier 6. Increases connection. So, if you have a spare 5 minutes, why not give sketching a try?

Important Dates for your diary...

New dates in **BOLD**

Deleted dates in **RED**



MARCH 23		
5 th	Crafting Masterclass	
7 th	World Book Day	
8 th	Year 1 Sharing Assembly	9.00am
12 th	Gemmas Farm visit	
12 th	Virtual Parents Evening	3.30-6.30pm
14 th	Parents Evening	
15 th	Comic Relief - Red Nose Day	
15 th	Reception Sharing Assembly	9.00am
19 th	Yr 6 parent SATs information event	2.30pm
20 th	Visit to Waterstones	
21 st	Year 3 and 6 Essex Fire and Police visit	
21 st	Virtual Parents Evening	3.30-6.15pm
Easter Break	29th March - 12th April EASTER HOLIDAY	
APRIL 24		
15 th	Pupils Return to School	
17 th	Night Owls visit	
18 th	Yr 2 visit - Tower of London	
24 th	Year 1 trip to Hever Castle	
	6th May BANK HOLIDAY	
MAY 24		
TBC	Yr 3 visit - Thameside Nature Park	
1 st	Year 3 visit to Barleylands	
13 th -16 th	Year 6 SATs Week	
Half Term	27th May - 31st May	
JUNE 24		
5 th - 7 th	Year 6 Residential	
11 th	Sports Day	
26 th - 28 th	Book Fair	
JULY 24		
TBC	Infant Music Festival	
2 nd	Year 4 Bikeability	9am
4 th	Open Evening for parents to see work	
11 th	Sports Day	TBC
12 th	Reception trip to Cammas Hall Farm	

17 th	Year 6 lunch	12pm
18 th	Year 6 Leavers Assembly for parents	AM
19 th	Reports go home	
19 th	Last Day of Term	
End of Term	Monday 22nd July – Friday 30th August – Summer Break	
Sept 24		
2 nd	Non-Pupil Day	
3 rd	Non-Pupil Day	
4 th	Children return to school	
Oct 24		
Half Term	Monday 21st October 2024 – Friday 1st November 2024	
Dec 24		
Christmas Break	Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January	
Jan 25		
Non Pupil Day	Monday 6th January 2025 – STAFF TRAINING	
7 th	Children return to school	

FREE School Uniform Events

free for everyone, no referral needed!

Fridays
3 - 4.30pm

19th January
16th February
15th March
19th April
17th May
21st June

Saturdays
10 - 11.30am

20th January
17th February
16th March
20th April
18th May
22nd June

Community Church Chadwell St Mary
Defoe Parade (enter from Brentwood Road)
RM16 4QR

Save the planet 🌍, and your pennies 💰!

Hundreds of items in stock:

- Polo shirts
- Shirts & blouses
- Skirts
- Trousers
- Socks
- Pinafore dresses

- Jumpers & cardigans
- Blazers & ties
- PE kit incl football socks
- Plimsolls
- Black shoes
- Coats

Clean, good condition school uniform donations accepted when space allows. Please check our facebook page to see if we are currently collecting. Search facebook for "The 180 Project"

An event run by The 180 Project, part of Community Church
Registered charity no. 1062301. Tel: 01375 484 101

All dates and times are subject to change.

▶ If you don't want to talk to police - contact Fearless online, without giving your name, at: www.fearless.org

▶ Memorise or keep a note of a parent/carer's phone number in a separate place in case of emergency.

YOU CAN HELP US PROTECT AND TRACK YOUR PHONE IF IT'S STOLEN.

HERE'S THREE THINGS YOU CAN DO:

- ▶ Your phone will have security features such as a passcode or fingerprint/face ID. Make sure you use it to protect access to your phone.

▶ Tracker apps can help locate your phone if it's lost or stolen. Ask a parent to show you how to set one up.

▶ Record the phone's IMEI number in a separate place at home. Find this by typing in: ***#06#**

You'll need to give this number to police if it's stolen.

A SMALL GUIDE ON HOW TO KEEP YOUR PHONE SAFE

KEEPING YOU AND YOUR PHONE SAFE

Getting a phone is really exciting. You can stay in touch with friends and find out more about the world.

AS POLICE OFFICERS, OUR JOB IS TO KEEP YOU SAFE

It's also our job to stop people who want to steal property like phones, cash, earphones and even expensive coats or trainers. You can help us do that by being careful where you use your phone and taking care of cash and other valuable items.

FOUR TIPS TO KEEP SAFE

- ▶ Keep your phone and valuables out of sight and in a safe place. Take care when you take them out especially near bus stops and train stations.
- ▶ Stay alert and remember earphones/headphones can distract you from being aware of someone approaching from behind you. Thieves can approach on mopeds, e-scooters and pedal cycles.

▶ Don't fight back, it's not worth the risk when a phone can be replaced.

▶ Tell us if someone robs you or tries to. It's important you get help straight away by dialling **999** using a friend or trusted adult's phone rather than contacting police when you get home. This gives us the best chance to catch the suspects, recover stolen items and make sure you're safe.

Thurrock Early Years Recruitment Fair

THURROCK COLLEGE

WEDNESDAY 17TH APRIL
10AM TO 2PM.
@ SOUTH ESSEX COLLEGE,
HIGH STREET, GRAYS,
RM176TF

Come along and find out more about
"A Rewarding Career in Early Years"