

Chadwell St Mary Primary School

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*Self-responsibility

*Safety

*Perseverance

*Equality

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Dear parents and carers,

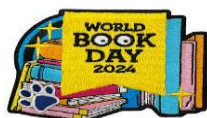
Welcome back to what is a very short half term (4 weeks and 4 days!).

As usual we have so much to pack in, including science week, Gemma's Farm, Red Nose Day and World Book Day, costumes at the ready!

We are also aware that after Easter we have very little time until Year 6 SATs, year 1 phonic screening and the year 4 multiplication times table check. Colleagues are working hard to prepare our pupils, however any extra support you can offer at home makes a huge difference. For further information, please speak to class teachers.

Finally, I am pleased to share with you all that we have secured some funding to revamp our reception class outdoor area. If you have any good quality planters or large plastic storage containers going spare, please speak with Mrs Kitchener as we may be able to make good use of them.

Thank you
Miss Moorcraft.



World Book Day- Thursday 7th March 2024

We will be celebrating World Book Day again this year and invite the children to dress up as a favourite book character. Home-made costumes are often better than spending money on a ready-made outfit. Perhaps it could be a half term holiday project! There are lots of costume ideas online. The children will all receive a £1 World Book Day voucher which can be used to buy one of six specially produced books for the event. These can be used in most book shops and supermarkets until the end of March. On the day, classes will participate in lots of fun, creative lessons based on books and stories.



Violin and Keyboard Lessons If your child would like to attend violin or keyboard lessons after Easter, please collect a form from the office asap.



Mother's Day Gift Sale

*The children can choose a gift for the Special Lady in their lives for Mother's Day. We have a variety of gifts available priced at just £1.50 each. If your child would like to purchase a gift for Mother's Day, **please put £1.50 in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class.** The children will then be asked by their teacher to choose one of the 6 gifts available. The chosen gift will be sent to home with the children on Friday 8th March.*

MOTHERS DAY GIFTS £1.50 EACH
Gifts will all be on sale from Monday 4th March 23.
Mother's Day is on Sunday 10th March 24.



Red Nose Day – 15th March

Red Nose Day is fast approaching. The children can dress in their red nose outfits or wear something red. We ask that each child makes a small donation to Red nose day, it doesn't matter how small, every little helps! We have 50 red noses for sale at £2.00 each. These will be sold on a first come first served basis from the office from Tuesday 7th (1 per child).



Parent Consultation Evenings

We have two planned parent consultation dates coming up in 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. Our booking system is available to book from Monday at 3.00pm online via <https://chadwellstmary.schoolcloud.co.uk/>
Tuesday 12th March 3:30pm - 6:30pm.
Thursday 21st March 3:30pm - 6:15pm.

We will send further information on booking your virtual meeting and how to login to attend your appointment via email next week.

Are your Details up to Date

If you have moved, changed your telephone number or would like to change who collects your children from school please email us your changes as soon as possible so we can update our records.

admin@csm.swecet.org

Bikes and Scooters - site safety

Pupils must not ride bikes/scooters on school premises. Moving forward, any pupil caught riding a bike or scooter whilst on the school site will not be able to bring their bike or scooter to school.



Head boy and girl message

Hello,
We hope everyone had an excellent half term! However most importantly we are now back n school ready to learn.
Soon there will be a box in the library which Will be used for children to recommend books for the school to purchase and help other pupils decide which books to choose.
Mrs Coventry has arranged for the guide dogs trust to visit the school. Thank you to everyone who donated cakes to help raise money for the dogs trust.
On 7th March our school will take part in 'World Book Day', meaning we will be able to dress up as our favourite book character. During the day we will take part in reading activities for the whole day and enjoy the special webinars.
Riley & Adela



PSHE - the children have started their new topic, Healthy Me! As part of their learning, the children have focused on being healthy and how to make a healthy choice. Over the next few weeks, they will also be learning different ways to keep themselves healthy. This will support their 'Healthy, Happy Me Recipe Book'!

Phonics - The children in grey group are working really hard to improve their level of fluency this half term. They are reading their green words at speed and

adding expression to what they are reading. Keep it up!

Music – Our Charanga songs for this half term are rather cool and include Lean on Me, The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air and You've got a Friend!

I must also give a shout out to all the children brave enough to sing to the whole school during our lunchtime karaoke sessions. We've had some amazing solo performances and the "Bandana boys" will be back by popular demand in the coming weeks!!!!

Reading - Children in years 2, 3, 4 and 5 have started reading their new Talk 4 Reading texts this week. The children are starting to notice similarities between some of the different books they are reading. Today, they discussed their likes, dislikes, any links between their new book and other books they have read as well as asking questions about the story. Please talk to your child about their thoughts about the new books, encouraging them to explain their opinions and give reasons for them.

RE - In RE this term Year 2 will be studying what is the torah and why is it special to people who follow the Jewish faith. They will listen to some of the stories from the Torah and learn about the main beliefs of Judaism.

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 - Year 2 are leaning all about the Great Fire of London in history this half term. They will be looking at the effect this had on London and how the River Thames played an important part in reducing the damage it caused.

Talk 4 writing - Over the next two week writing cycle, Chadwell St Mary will be focusing on narrative writing. Year 1 will be focusing on short stories with a beginning, middle and end. Year 3 will be writing an adventure story. They will be focusing using dialogue, adverbials and descriptive language to set the scene and introduce characters.

Maths – Next week, four of our year 5 children are going to compete in the **Rotary Club of Grays Thurrock Mathematics Competition**. They will work as a team in timed conditions to complete problem-solving questions linked to different mathematical concepts. We wish them the best of luck and we know it will be a great experience for them all.

Computing -This half term in computing year 1 are exploring the unit Maze Explorers.

They will be using direction keys to create and debug a set of instructions. We look forward to seeing what the children create.

Science – Science boffins will be visiting our school on the 14th March. This will be such an exciting day, with plenty of experiments and fun science concepts to learn about!

Art/DT – This half term, classes will be working on their next DT projects. Where possible, we try to block out 3 weeks for a DT project as an hour a week just isn't enough! The process usually follows the same pattern; research, design, make and evaluate. Who knows, we might see one of our "Chadwellians" on Dragons Den in years to come!

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	Virtual Parents Evening	3.30-6.15pm
	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
	27th May – 31st May - HALF TERM

JUNE 24

5 th –	Year 6 Residential
7 th	
11 th	Yr 4 visit to Wat Tyler Park
26 th -28 th	Book Fair

JULY 24

TBC	Infant Music Festival	
TBC	Reception visit-sea life centre	
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	
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	
	Monday 22nd July – Friday 30th	
	August – Summer Break	

September 24

2 nd	Non-Pupil Day
3 rd	Non-Pupil Day
4 th	Children return to school

All dates and times are subject to change.

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
- Pilemsolls
- 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

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

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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.

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