

Welcome Back

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a very successful week welcoming back all of the children and families. Thankfully, all systems in place are working with great success and we are, together, making a real difference again for our children.

The children have shared mixed emotions with us this week about being back at school and teachers/support staff have listened carefully to the children to ensure that the transition back to school has been as smooth as possible. I know a lot of children have been exhausted due to being back to the full school day, and to be quite honest, so am I! That aside, they have worked incredibly hard all week and you can all be very proud of them.

National government are promoting many various catch up schemes at the moment and awarding schools with lots of funding to ensure that any gaps in learning are addressed. At Chase Lane the children were very lucky to receive an outstanding online provision during lockdown. This has meant that children have still had access to all of the English and Maths learning that they would have had in school. I acknowledge it is not the same as being in school but the teachers have delivered to the highest possible standard throughout. This funding will start to be targeted to those who need it most in the summer term but for now, mental health and well-being is at the top of our agenda. If you have any concerns about your child then do please let us know. If you wish to contact your child's class teacher then please do by email on chaselane@clp.waltham.org.uk and they will endeavour to call you back as soon as possible.

In terms of Health and Safety, you play a key role in the safe wider opening of schools. I would like to thank everyone that continues to follow the one-way system, observe social distancing and unless exempt, wear a face masks as required. We do have a small number of parents who continue to try and come through the from the KS1 playground into the car park which goes against the flow of the one-way system. I do understand why, if collection times don't work in the right order for some families but I politely ask that we all show the systems in place the greatest of respect and stick to them for the benefit of all.

I would like to finish with a very heart felt thank you. In any industry customers are always quick to complain if something goes wrong or isn't satisfactory. It is a well-known fact that happy customers do not necessarily go to the effort of sharing their experience. Our families are most definitely not customers as we are all part of one community working together for our children. It was amazing to receive so many positive emails from parents thanking the teachers for all of their hard work to delivering online learning. On behalf of the teachers and myself, I thank you all for the messages as they are very well received and really do help to raise moral in these challenging times.

Take care and stay safe.

Mr Jeffery

Free School Meals

Could your child be entitled to a **FREE school meal?**



If your financial situation has changed due to the pandemic, your child may qualify for Free School Meals (FSM).

Please note that all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are given a free lunch at school.

This free lunch is known as Universal Free School Meals and is NOT a Free School Meal status that is issued by the local Authority. If you think you are entitled to free school meals and have not applied please visit the website below:

www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/free-school-meals

Vocabulary Corner

Panache - a stylish, original, and very confident way of doing things that makes people admire you

Example: 'The children sang with great panache'



Happy Birthday



Happy Birthday to everyone who celebrated their birthday since 1st March or will be celebrating this weekend. Hopefully next year all birthday celebrations will be extra special.

Readathon

Reception - Year 6 children are taking part in a Readathon! Each child will aim to read a number of different books in the weeks leading up to the Easter holidays. If enough children in a class complete enough books, then they will win up to £50 to spend on books for their class!

This week your child brought home with a temporary Readathon PACT card. This is for the children to record the books that they are reading and what happens in their books each day. Parents of the younger children may wish to record on the sheet what they have read about on that day. It will take the place of the regular PACT card/Reading Record just until the end of the Spring term.

Let's get our children reading!



Comic Relief



Friday 19th March is Comic Relief 2021. We can't wait to do something fun especially after the year we have had! The theme this year is superheroes and we would love to take advantage of this.

In class, the children will be making very basic eye masks that they can wear at playtime to be superheroes with their friends. In addition, children are allowed to wear red clothes for the day or their own clothes if they do not have anything red. Please **do not** go shopping especially as we are still in lockdown and please no football kits. If families wish to make a donation of any amount to the cause then please send this in with your child and they can give it to the class teacher. Please remember that donations are **not** essential. It has become a tradition that red noses are worn for Comic Relief but for this year only, we will not allow any child to wear red noses in school for hygiene reasons. Finally, we will be having a short session in each class where the children can tell a joke to their class. Here's my best effort...

Why did the chicken cross the playground? To get to the other slide!

Happy Mother's Day

This Sunday it's Mother's Day! A very special day to spoil our mums, showing our appreciation to them for all the amazing things they do and the unconditional love they show us.

Happy Mother's day to ALL the mothers, remembering those who have passed, those who do us proud now and even those who are soon to be mums! May your day be filled with love, joy and laughter!





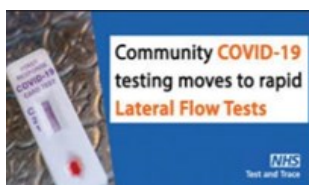
School Dinner Menu w/c 15th March 2021

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Choice	Tomato & Vegetable Pasta Bake served with Garlic Bread	Hot n Kicking Chicken	Beef Lasagne served with Garlic Bread	Oven Baked Sausages	MSC Fish Finger with Lemon Wedge
Vegetarian Choice	Jacket Potato served with various fillings	Fresh Vegetable & Chickpea Stir Fry	Vegetable Korma	Quorn Sausage	Arrabiatta Pasta served with garlic bread
Sides		Jacket Wedges Noodles	50/50 Mixed Rice	Creamed Potatoes	Chipped Potatoes
Vegetables	A portion of vegetables	A portion of vegetables	A portion of vegetables	A portion of vegetables	A portion of vegetables
Desserts	Organic Fruit Yogurt Seasonal Fresh Fruit	Organic Fruit Yogurt Seasonal Fresh Fruit	Organic Fruit Yogurt Seasonal Fresh Fruit	Organic Fruit Yogurt Seasonal Fresh Fruit	Organic Fruit Yogurt Seasonal Fresh Fruit

Lateral Flow Home Testing Kits

Families with children in school can collect LFD testing kits to test themselves at home. For the full details of your local collection point, test sites, opening days and times, please visit the links below:

www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/testing-centres for full details
www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests



Free Face Masks

Waltham Forest residents can request free face masks for your household. Please apply at www.walthamforst.gov.uk/face-masks

The more we ALL follow the rules, the more we keep families, children and school staff safe and schools remains open.



Term Dates

Chase Lane Primary School and Nursery Unit Term Dates 2020-2021

End of Spring term 2

Thursday 1st April - school closes 1 hour earlier than usual

Easter Holidays - school closed

Friday 2nd April 2021 - Friday 16th April 2021

Summer Term 1

Monday 19th April - Friday 28th May 2021

May Half Term - school closed

Monday 31st May 2021 - Friday 4th June 2021

Summer Term 2

Monday 7th June 2021 - Thursday 22nd July 2021



Joke of the Week

Knock, knock

Who is there?

Broken Pencil.

Broken Pencil who?

Never mind, it's pointless

