

### Happy Eid Mubarak

Ramadan has now ended and we would like to wish all our families who will be celebrating this weekend, Eid Mubarak.



### COVID 19 Update

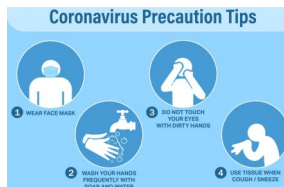
To start, I would like to extend my thanks to all of our families for continuing to support the children and school. The measures in place are becoming tedious for us all but they are working. We have had **zero** cases of COVID in children and adults since our return on 8th March 2021. This is a wonderful stat to share and is down to everyone's continued diligence in following all safety measures in place.

Government guidance for schools was updated this week ahead of the 17th May lifting of some restrictions. The main messages for the day to day running of Chase Lane remain the same. These include:

1. Minimise contact with those required to self-isolate
2. Ensure face coverings are used in recommended circumstances
3. Maintain excellent hand hygiene
4. Maintain excellent respiratory hygiene
5. Maintain excellent enhanced cleaning
6. Maintain social distancing whenever possible
7. Maintain excellent ventilation
8. Promote and engage with testing when necessary
9. Promote and engage with NHS test and trace.

The guidance means that all current measures at chase lane will continue to be implemented. It is far too early to relax in what we do as the risk is still very real. A local school is currently experiencing a small number of cases of COVID in children and this highlights how important it is to remain vigilant and look after one another by following all measures in place.

My thanks again to all, as together, we strive to keep our community safe.



### Walk to School Week, 17-21 May



Next week, Chase Lane will be celebrating the benefits of walking by taking part in the national 'Walk To School' initiative. Walking for 20 minutes is a great way to feel both happier and healthier, as well as reducing pollution and congestion! Getting some exercise in the morning before arriving at school will help set kids up for a positive day; improving focus and concentration, and instilling a sense of physical and mental wellbeing. If you live too far away to be able to walk, see if you can have a 20 minute walk around your local area instead!

### Van Cols Class Photos

Our school photographer, Van Cols will be visiting the school on **Tuesday 25th May** to take class photos of the children.



Please ensure your child/children comes to school in their correct uniform on that day. **Prefects must wear their ties and blazers.** It's really important that children arrive to school on time on that day so that they do not miss their class photo. I've heard Mr Jeffery is even going to get his hair done!

### Play & Stay

Both Play & Stay sessions on Mondays and Wednesdays are now full.

### Attendance w/c 4th May 2021

Congratulations to the following classes for achieving the highest attendance percentage in their Year groups:- over 96%.

Year Group	Class	Attendance %
Year 1	Cedar	98.3%
Year 2	Beech	99.1%
Year 3	Willow	99.1%
Year 4	Eucalyptus	100%
Year 5	Sassafras	99.1%
Year 6	Aspen & Olive	99%



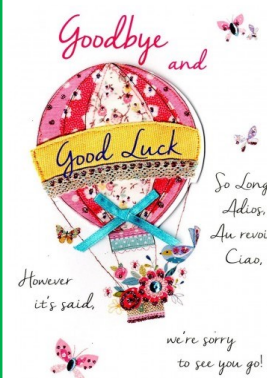
The minimum target for attendance each week as set by the Government is 96%. During the above period our whole school attendance was **96.7%**. Congratulations to **Eucalyptus** class who achieved 100% attendance last week.

### Music Lessons

We have a few spaces in Years 4 & 5 for Guitar and Violin lessons for the remainder of summer term. If your child is interested in having lessons please contact Mrs Silcott at [chaselanepri@clpwaltham.org.uk](mailto:chaselanepri@clpwaltham.org.uk) by **Thursday 20th May**. Please note the spaces will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.



### Farewell to Mrs Ward



Sadly, we are saying goodbye to Mrs Ward who is relocating after having worked at Chase Lane for 8 years.

Mrs Ward will be greatly missed by Cherry class and all the staff here at Chase Lane. She will be remembered for her enthusiasm for her job, her special ability to support children with special needs and behaviour challenges, and of course for her cheeky wit!

Please join me and all the staff in wishing Mrs Ward and her family, good health and the very best for the future.

### Mental Health Awareness Week, 10-16 May

This year, the Covid pandemic has presented struggles in a variety of different ways to many people. The impact over time can take it's toll and we should all take a moment to reconnect and check in on our own mental well-being. Waltham forest challenge you to connect more with nature this summer for your well being:



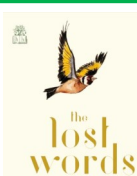
- Take part in the Plant Lovers Walk happening in Lloyds Park
- Go out for a walk, jog or cycle in nature reserves in and around Waltham Forest
- Take up gardening, site seeing or fishing in Walthamstow Wetlands, London Wildlife Trust
- Take notice of the varying colours of nature
- Smell the scent of flowers
- Listen to the birds sing

Take a photo of yourself in nature and share your personal experience of the benefits with your loved ones and networks using **#TakeNotice #MentalHealthAwarenessWeek** (tag @council).

Visit the Waltham Forest website below for more information and ideas:

[https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/mhaw2021?utm\\_content=&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_name=&utm\\_source=govdelivery&utm\\_term=](https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/mhaw2021?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=)

## Lost for Words Project



During the first two weeks after the May half term (summer term 2), all classes will be taking part in a whole-school project based around a book called 'The Lost Words'. This beautiful book contains illustrations and poems which revolve around nature words. As part of the project we will be encouraging the children as much as possible to experience their outdoor environment. With this

in mind, each year group will spend either a morning or an afternoon in a local park to experience the natural environment. However, for these excursions to take place we will need parent volunteers to accompany the children. We will not be able to take the children unless we get enough parent volunteers.

Please click on the link in the original SchoolPing message which was sent out yesterday, to complete the reply form confirming whether your child is allowed to go on the excursion and let us know whether you are available to accompany us on the trip as a parent helper.

## Joke of the Week

Q. Why does the lunch hall clock never show the right time?



A. It keeps going back four seconds!

## Term Dates



### Summer Term 1

Monday 19th April 2021 - Friday 28th May 2021

**Half term holiday** - Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021 - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021

### Summer Term 2

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021 - Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021 (closing one hour earlier).

## Vocabulary Corner

**Ode** = An **ode** is a poem, especially one that is written in praise of a particular person, thing, or event.

Here is an example of an **ode** to a thing:

Oh, my beloved bed.  
How I love to fall  
Into you each night  
After a stressful day.  
You are still there  
With open arms  
And welcoming smile.  
Thank you for everything  
Thank you will all my heart.

## Happy Birthday



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

## No Birthday Treats

Please note, due to COVID-19, children are not to bring in any birthday sweets until further notice. Thanks for your continued cooperation.



## Something to do this weekend



If you are staying indoors this weekend check out some online creative activities from the National Gallery 'Make and Create' pages:

<https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/stories/make-and-create>

**Why not draw Van Gogh's 'Sunflowers'** and learn how to take your pencil for a walk and other ways of drawing nature

<https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/stories/make-and-create-drawing-van-goghs-sunflowers>

**Or why not learn how to print on fabric to tell a story**

<https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/stories/make-and-create-printing-on-fabric>

## SUMMER TERM School Dinner Menu

### Chase Lane Summer Term Menu 2021

Week Commencing 19/04/21, 04/05/21, **17/05/21**, 07/06/21, 21/06/21, 05/07/21, 19/07/2021

Summer Menu 2021 WEEK 1	Monday (save the planet day)	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
CHOICE 1	Planet Pizza (V)	Mac N Cheese (V)	Sweet Potato Korma (VE)	Jerk Chicken	Samosa (VE)
CHOICE 2	Planet Pizza (VE)	Meatballs in Tomato sauce	MSC Lemon Crumb Salmon Fillet with Lemon Twist	Five Bean Burrito (VE)	MSC Fish Fingers
Sides	Jacket Wedges	Wholemeal Spaghetti	Steamed Minted New Potatoes 50/50 Rice	Rice and Peas	Oven Baked Chips
Vegetables	Sweetcorn Minted Garden peas	Mixed Vegetables Broccoli	Shredded Green Cabbage Organic Carrots	Sweetcorn Green Beans	Baked Beans & Minted Garden Peas
DAILY	Organic Fruit Yogurt with Seasonal Fresh Fruit	Organic Fruit Yogurt with Seasonal Fresh Fruit	Organic Fruit Yogurt with Seasonal Fresh Fruit	Organic Fruit Yogurt with Seasonal Fresh Fruit	Organic Fruit Yogurt with Seasonal Fresh Fruit
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Bread	Homemade Garlic Bread	Homemade Bread	Homemade Bread	Homemade Bread	Homemade Bread