

Covid Update



A very warm welcome back to you all! I hope you all had an enjoyable half-term break and managed to take advantage of the glorious weather safely.

Despite the positive case reported this morning, it has been a wonderful start to our final half-term. The weather has finally started to improve and we will endeavour to take as much learning as we can outside of the classroom; this includes P.E. The fresh air and exercise is great for staff and children's mental health and well-being.

All children continue to work hard and are closing gaps in learning that had appeared due to the pandemic. Children have all now completed assessments in reading, writing and maths (this is different in the Early Years) and the final assessments of the children will be shared in reports later this term. In spite of all of the disruption, early indications suggest that our children have continued to make excellent progress over the year and should be congratulated for this.

This week we have had trips for Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 3 and Year 4 children. This is the first time since before the pandemic that we have taken children out of school. This is also the first time that Nursery children have ever been on a trip! Firstly, can I thank all of the parents who were able to give some of their time to support the trips. Thank you to all of the teachers for organising the trips. My biggest thank you goes to the children, I am well informed that the children's behaviour has been outstanding on these trips and they have enjoyed all of the fun activities prepared by the teachers.

Thank you everyone!

Summer Fair 2021 Cancelled

The Summer Fair is always a delight to take part in and is organised by the school's Friends Association. Membership of the Friends Association has dropped significantly over the past two years. This is mainly due to members' children moving on to secondary school. This means that we are down to four members who are fantastically supportive and worth their weight in gold but they just can't run such events on their own. Due to this, it is with a heavy heart that we have had to cancel this year's summer fair.



The friends are still very hopeful that the Year 6 disco can go ahead and they are actively planning this as we speak.

In September, we will be seeking to appoint as many volunteers to commit to the Friends Association as possible so that we can hopefully get back to the full programme of events that we used to enjoy pre-pandemic. If successful, we will be able to run the Christmas Fair, Discos, Bingo nights and similar events for our school community. Coming together as a community is always really special and contributes greatly to what makes us so good at being a community school.

Class Photograph are Ready!



Vancols Photographers are pleased to confirm that the school photographs are ready to view using the QR code on your proof card. Your son or daughter should have brought home the proof card with the QR code and instructions on. If it has been lost, you will need to contact the school office to obtain your unique code. If you have already scanned the QR code on the Proof and registered you will receive an auto email notification. If you have not done it yet, don't panic, you can still view by scanning the QR code on your proof card and following the instructions. Any questions in regards to ordering, please call Vancols Parent line on 01206 273711

Vocabulary Corner

Privilege - a right or benefit that is given to some people and not to others.

Similar words: honour, advantage, right and entitlement.

Example: We had the **privilege** of being invited to the Queen's party.

Attendance w/c 24th May 2021

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



Year Group	Class	Attendance %
Reception	Maple	97.9
Year 1	Cedar	98.6
Year 2	Sequoia	98.2
Year 3	Willow	99.3
Year 4	Palm	98.2
Year 5	Sassafras	96.8
Year 6	Olive	96.6

The minimum target for attendance each week as set by the Government is 96%. During the above period our whole school attendance was 95.7.

Mental Health Support Team



Chase Lane are very fortunate to be receiving support from Waltham Forest mental health support team, which is an intervention service working with children displaying mild to moderate mental health difficulties (such as anxiety or challenging behaviour). A document outlining their services has been sent out Via SchoolPing today to all parents/carers.

If you feel that your child would benefit from this free service, please contact the school explaining the difficulties they are experiencing and we can arrange a referral.

Embers the Dragon



Chase Lane is using a new online resource called 'The Embers programme', which is designed to support the emotional wellbeing of children. Animated episodes and lessons aimed at Reception/Year 1 children (but also suitable for Nursery and older year groups who you feel might benefit) are available, alongside a suite of resources that can be used by parents/carers to support children at home.

In order to access the Emotional Wellbeing programme, parents/carers will need to register on to the platform using your access code: **CLP001ETD**. Simply navigate to the Embers homepage which is www.embersthedragon.co.uk, click on the 'Log In/Register' link in the top right corner, choose 'Or Register' then follow the prompts.

Please do not share your code with anyone outside our school.

Sports Days

Mr Wingrove, our PE coordinator, is planning fun-filled events for Sports Days this year and the children are very excited for all the different activities that they will be taking part in.

Sports Days will be taking place on the following dates:

Nursery AM	9.15am - 10.00am	Monday 28th June
Nursery PM	2.15pm - 3.00pm	Monday 28th June
Reception	9.15am - 10.30am	Monday 28th June
Year 1 & 2	9.00am - 11.00am	Tuesday 29th June
Year 4 & 6	9.00am - 11.00am	Wednesday 30th June
Year 3 & 5	9.00am - 11.00am	Thursday 1st July

On their respective Sports Day, the children will be asked to come to school in a coloured t-shirt. Further details of the colour for each class/year group will be provided next week.



We hope to invite parents/carers but will have to wait for the latest government announcements.

The Lost Words Project

As you are aware this week (and continuing next week) the children have been taking part in The Lost Words project which is a poetry book all about the natural world. Hopefully our children will be inspired to spend more time outdoors. With that in mind please see below 50 things to do before you're 11 and 3/4 list from the National Trust. You may wish to complete some of these with your children in this brighter weather!

50 things to do before you're 11 3/4 How many have you done?

We've been working closely with kids just like you to put together this list of the best things to do before you're 11 3/4. (Although lots of them are still great fun even when you're 81 3/4.) You'll find fun things to do for every kind of outside place, from mountains to sea, forests to fields. So what are you waiting for? Get out there and see how many you can do!



Joke of the week

Q. Why did the jelly wobble?



A. Because it saw the milk shake.

No Nuts Allowed in School

PLEASE



NO PEANUTS OR NUT PRODUCTS

We have some pupils in school who have serious nut allergies. A child with a serious nut allergy can suffer a reaction merely by touching a food containing nuts and some children's reactions can be life threatening. I am therefore reminding you that no foods which contain nuts of any kind should be brought into school in packed lunch boxes. This includes peanut butter, chocolate spreads which contain nuts or any foods containing nuts.

I trust that you understand how deeply important it is to respect and adhere to these guidelines.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Birthday Invites & Treats

Some parents have raised questions around birthday party invites and bringing in birthday treats to give out to the children. As a school we do not give out birthday invitations during school time or at the end of the day. If you wish to share invites, you may organise this privately.



Historically, children would give out treats to their friends on the day of their birthday, this had to be stopped due to the increasingly complexity in allergies in children across the school. In addition, the risk posed by COVID-19 means that we should not be giving out treats. It is a known fact that the coronavirus bacteria can survive on surfaces for up to 72 hours, therefore if we gave out treats there would be an increased risk of transmission.

Warm Weather

The warmer weather is, hopefully finally here to stay. With this in mind, children can now wear their summer uniform.

It would be helpful if each child brought a **labelled** bottle of water to school each day. At the end of the day, the water bottle will be taken home. Water bottle containers are to be:-

- 500ml or less
- preferably transparent
- ONLY contain water

We also recommend that children wear a sunhat which can be purchased from the school website and parents apply sunscreen to your child **before** they come to school each day. Children should be wearing the correct school shoes; black shoes or trainers without colours, stripes or lights. Please no sandals or flip flops.



SUMMER TERM SCHOOL DINNER MENU

Chase Lane Summer Term Menu 2021

Weeks Commencing 26/04/21, 10/05/21, 24/05/21, **14/06/21**, 28/06/21, 12/07/21

Summer Menu 2021 week 2	Monday (save the planet day)	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
CHOICE 1	Tomato & Vegetable Pasta Bake (VE)	Vegetable Wellington (VE)	Chicken Biryani	Squash and Spinach Curry (VE)	Fish Fingers (V)
CHOICE 2	Bolognese (V)	Chicken & Ginger Stir Fry with Noodles	Homemade Cheddar & Sweetcorn Slice (V)	Oven Roasted Sausages	Homemade Falafel Filled Torpedo Roll (VE)
Sides	Wholemeal Spaghetti	Seasoned Jacket Wedges	50/50 Mixed Rice	Creamed Mashed Potato	Oven Baked Chips
Vegetables	Sweetcorn Green Beans	Broccoli or Organic Carrots	Cauliflower Garden Peas	Sweetcorn Mixed Vegetables	Baked Beans 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 Bread	Homemade Bread	Homemade Bread	Homemade Bread	Homemade Bread