

Newsletter 1

10th September 2021

Welcome Back



I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our families as we return to school after our summer break especially to all our new families who have joined the Chase Lane community.

The children have settled in very quickly to school routines and have adapted very quickly to their new classrooms and teachers.

We also welcome some new members of our teaching staff:

Mrs Catterall	Reception
Miss Jackson	Year 1
Miss Mulla	Year 3
Miss Cushion	Year 5
Miss Jarvis	Year 6

Clubs

Autumn term clubs start from Tuesday 14th September. Clubs will run for 10 weeks (not 9 weeks as previously stated in the original club letter) from 14th September - w/b 29th November. Please note there will be no clubs during the following weeks:

21st October - 25th October (half-term)

15th November - 19th November (parent consultation week)

Clubs payments need to be made via ParentPay. If you are having trouble using ParentPay, please speak to Mrs Blackmore.



Woodwind, Violin & Guitar Lessons



Woodwind, Violin and Guitar lessons will begin **Monday 13th September** for the pupils who took lessons last year.

Once we know the final numbers of those that wish to continue, if there are spare places, an interest letter will be sent out to Year 5 & 6 pupils.

Induction Meetings

Year 2, 4, 5 & 6 parents are invited to induction meetings next week. The aim of the meeting is to discuss the curriculum of your child's new year group and how you can help your child with his/her work at home. The meetings will be held online on Microsoft Teams and a link will be sent out to you via SchoolPing on the morning of each meeting.



Induction meetings will be held on the following days:-

Year 2 parents, 1.30pm-2.15pm Thursday 16th September

Year 4 parents, 2.30pm-3.15pm Thursday 16th September

Year 5 parents, 1.30pm-2.15pm Friday 17th September

Year 6 parents, 2.30pm-3.15pm Friday 17th September

Induction meetings for Reception, Year 1 and Year 3 parents took place at the end of summer term 2021.

Communication with Parents



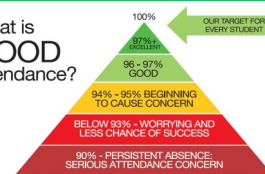
For those parents who have been part of our school community for some time, you will be aware that our communications to you are all done via the SchoolPing app. If you have trouble accessing SchoolPing, please either call the school office or inform us via the school email. Please make sure you download the SchoolPing app to ensure you do not miss out on important school information.



Attendance & Punctuality

Good school attendance is important. Missing a few days of school here and there may not seem a big deal, but research shows that it can have a significant impact on children's learning.

What is **GOOD** attendance?



Punctuality is also important and a great start to your child's day. Here are some tips you might find helpful:



- Set a limit on your child's gadget use.
- Try setting a gadget curfew at least two hours **before bed**, one hour **before bed**, or even 30 minutes **before bed**; the earlier in the evening, the better.
- Get your child/children to bed at a reasonable time so they have a good night's sleep.
- Make sure their uniform and book bag is ready the night before.
- Set the alarm clock early enough to allow plenty of time to get ready properly.
- Make sure they have some breakfast (unless they attend breakfast club)
- Leave home with enough time to walk to school
- If driving or travelling by bus, allow sufficient time for any unexpected traffic delays

Reception Reading & Phonics Meeting

To support your child with their important reading and phonics learning, **Reception** parents are invited to attend a Reading and Phonics meeting on Friday 17th September, 2:30pm-3:00pm.

Due to current Covid circumstances, the meeting will take place online via Microsoft Teams. The link to access the meeting was sent out to Reception parents earlier today.

School Meals

The cost of a school dinner is **£2.20** per day and **£11.00** per week for children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. School dinners should be paid for using ParentPay. 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 (UFSM) and is NOT a Free School Meal status that is issued by the local Authority.



If you wish to swap your child's lunch preference from school dinners to packed lunch, please inform the office either by email chaselanepri@clpwaltham.org.uk or phone 0208 529 6827.

Over the past year, many families have had a significant change in their financial circumstances. If your financial situation has changed due to the pandemic, your child may now qualify for Free School Meals (FSM). If you think you are entitled to free school meals and have not applied please contact Mrs Canham via the school email.

School Office Opening Times & Reporting Absence

The School Office is open from **7.45am** until **5.00pm** **Mon -Thu** and **7.45am** until **4.00pm** **Fri**.

To report a child's absence, please telephone **020 8529 6827** before the start of the school day and select **Option 1** to leave a message for the Attendance Officer. To assist the office at this very busy time of day, please do use this option, rather than selecting Option 2 to speak to the Attendance Officer. When leaving your message, please speak clearly making sure you leave your **child's full name, class and the reason for their absence**. You can also email the school at chaselanepri@clpwaltham.org.uk to inform us of your child's absence. Thank you.



Parents Forum



Our Parents' Forum consists of a group of parents who volunteer to attend termly meetings in school whereby parents can share their views and ideas about different areas of school life. It is hoped that a parent from each class will be at each meeting, together with me. These meetings are intended to be an informal discussion forum.

The next Parent's Forum will take place online via Microsoft Teams on **Thursday 23rd September at 2.30pm**. If you are free to spare approximately 45 minutes to attend, please advise the Office Manager, Mrs Dasilva by email at: chaselane@clpwaltham.org.uk by Monday 20th September.

Health Matters

Allergies in KS1 & 2 - Children in Key Stage 1 & 2 with allergies, wear an orange wristband at lunchtime to identify their more clearly to all staff.



Children's illness - If your child does not seem well before school, i.e. sickness, diarrhoea, flu or other symptoms, please do not send them to school as germs can easily spread and several children in school have low immunity. **Please do not give Calpol or other painkillers before school** as this only masks symptoms which will more than likely recur at lunchtime when the effects of the medicine have worn off. To ensure children are sufficiently well to return to school, and to protect all members of our school community, children should not return to school for 24 hours after the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea.



Asthma - Especially now the cold weather is looming and liable to aggravate asthma, it is imperative that we always have blue inhalers in school for **all** children who have been diagnosed with asthma. Nursery children should always have one pump in the Nursery Unit, children in Reception to Year 2 should always have one pump in the main Welfare Room, and **Upper School children from Years 3-6 should always have two pumps in school** - one pump in the main Welfare Room and another which is kept in their classroom. Please ensure all pumps left in school are up to date. Please ensure that parents of **ALL** children diagnosed with asthma inform the Welfare Officers in the school Office and have completed an Asthma Card to be kept in the Welfare Room together with blue inhalers as detailed above - even if your child has not recently shown any symptoms.



Medicines - No child should ever have any medication in class with them, apart from a spare inhaler for asthmatic children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. Especially at this time of year, lots of children suffer from colds and sniffles. Please be advised that only medicines that have been prescribed by a doctor and which carry the pharmacist's label identifying the child's name can be given by our Welfare staff in school and these should be brought directly by the parent/carer to the Office and a pink permission slip completed by the parent/carer.



Antibiotics can only be given if they have been prescribed **four** times a day; antibiotics that have been prescribed three times a day can be given by the parent/carer at home spaced throughout the day at breakfast, straight after school and in the evening. Please note no cough mixtures, cough sweets, painkillers such as Calpol, or sinus inhalers are permitted in school - children who are ill enough to need these medicines should be kept at home for their own welfare and to protect other children's health. If your child is suffering with cracked lips, a plain lip balm, Vaseline or similar item should be brought to the Office with the child's name and class attached and a pink form should be completed.

Responsibility for Medicines - If your child has medicine regularly in school, or if their medicine is stored in school for an emergency, please note it is the parent/carer's responsibility to ensure that this medicine is in date and replaced as often as necessary. This includes EpiPens. Please ask at Welfare any time if you would like to check the use by date.

Up to date contacts - It is vital that we have up to date contact numbers in case of an emergency. It is very distressing for poorly children to have to wait in Welfare when they urgently need to be picked up. Please email the school office if you wish to update or clarify your contact details.



Thank you.

Please speak to Mrs Tremeer, our Senior Welfare Officer, in the Office if you wish to discuss medicines or medical related matters.



Thank you for supporting our Health and Safety Policy.

Walking Home Arrangements

Year 6 children **only** are allowed to walk/cycle home at the end of the school day as long as written permission has been received from the parent/carer.

Year 6 children are permitted to walk home after school for the whole year; however, Year 6 children are **not allowed** to walk home after all after school club. All children **must** be collected by an adult **if** they attend a club.



Children who walk home alone may bring a mobile phone to school. All mobile phones are to be given to the class teacher at 8.45am and collected from the class teacher at the end of the school day.

Happy Birthday



Happy Birthday to everyone who has celebrated their birthday since **1st September** or will be celebrating later this month.

We hope you have a very special day!

Stay & Play Sessions

The new Stay and Play sessions, will resume on **Monday 20th September and Wednesday 22nd September, 9.00am - 10.30am**.

These sessions are for parents who have children already attending the school who have a younger sibling. The sessions are a chance for children and parents to meet new friends, take part in messy play, songs, rhymes and snack time.



A 50p donation is welcome but not essential.

Please note, if your child already attends our afternoon nursery, they would not be able to attend the morning Stay and Play sessions.

Appointments with Class Teachers

If you wish to meet your child's class teacher, appointments can be booked as follows:

talk to your child's class teacher after school and arrange a mutually convenient time for an appointment.

or

a member of the office staff can be contacted early in the morning to make an appointment to meet with the teacher before or after school.



Bikes & Scooters

Please be reminded that children (and parents) must dismount from all bikes/scooters at the school gate entrance.



Bikes and scooters are **NOT** allowed to be ridden anywhere on the school grounds and should not be left in the playground in the morning.



School Term Dates 2021-2022

Autumn Term 2021

Half-term 1	Start	Staff start Wednesday 1 st September 2021 Children start Monday 6 th September 2021
	End	Friday 22 nd October 2021
Staff Training Days		1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd September 2021 - <i>staff only attend</i>
Half-term holiday		Monday 25 th October 2021 - Friday 29 th October 2021
Half-term 2	Start	Monday 1 st November 2021
	End	Friday 17 th December 2021 - closing one hour earlier
Christmas holiday		Monday 20 th December 2021 – Friday 31 st December 2021

Spring Term 2022

Half-term 3	Start	Children & Staff start Tuesday 4 th January 2022
	End	Friday 11 th February 2022
Bank Holiday		Monday 3 rd January 2022
Staff Training Day		Monday 21 st February 2022 - <i>staff only attend</i>
Half-term 4	Start	Tuesday 22 nd February 2022 at 8.45am
	End	Friday 1 st April 2022 – closing one hour earlier
Easter Holiday		Monday 4 th April 2022 – Monday 18 th April 2022 (includes Easter Monday 18 th April)

Summer Term 2022

Half-term 5	Start	Children & Staff start Tuesday 19 th April 2022
	End	Friday 27 th May 2022
May Day Bank Holiday		Monday 2 nd May 2022
Half-term holiday		Monday 30 th May 2022 – Friday 3 rd June 2022
Half-term 6	Start	Monday 6 th June 2022
Staff Training Day		Monday 4 th July 2022 - <i>staff only attend</i>
	End	Friday 22 nd July 2022 – closing one hour earlier

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School Dinner Menu w/b 13th September 2021

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