

Newsletter 3

24th September 2021

Covid Update

This week has seen the easing of some restrictions in school. I do hope that they have made life easier for our families. We have noticed some small issues with regards to crowding and families waiting. In the morning we have taken steps to alleviate this and have shared this with Reception parents. We would also like to start the same soft start principal with Year 2 as the older children. Children in Hawthorn and Cherry class will now go straight into their classroom as they arrive at school. Cedar class will go in through the KS1 corridor. These are the doors that we use when it is raining to get the children straight in.

At the end of the day there is more crowding in the KS2 playground. Please be aware that this is unavoidable and that recommendations are that face coverings are worn in crowded places. I also ask that you spread out as much as possible. This will help keep our families safe and make it easier to dismiss the children as we can see parents and carers more clearly.

We have had another great week here at Chase Lane. Our new Reception children have made an amazing start to full-time school and are thriving in their new classrooms.

This week we had our first Parents Forum meeting for 2021-2022 and we welcomed 3 new parents to the group. This was in addition to the parents who committed prior to the pandemic. The forum is not a decision making group but a fantastic opportunity to share good news with parents and listen to the views and ideas of parents in a professional meeting. Parents carefully raised many questions which were gratefully received. Some issues raised have resulted in the school taking further actions. Thank you again to all of those who were able to give their time.

Thank you to everyone that has helped make this week run so smoothly.

Mr Jeffery

PTA Family Bingo

The Friends of Chase Lane PTA will be hosting a Family Bingo night on **Friday 8th October**, 6pm–8pm in the school hall. Mr Wingrove has kindly offered to be our Bingo caller for the night.

The entrance fee is 50p per family. Families do not need to book a place, simply turn up and enjoy a fun-filled evening! If you are available to help support the event in any way, please email the PTA at

friendsofchaselane@hotmail.co.uk and one of the PTA members will contact you.



Harvest Festival

I am very pleased to announce that our Harvest assembly will take place on **Wednesday 6th October**. The children will attend an assembly from their classroom watching it via Microsoft Teams. Reverend Leslie will join me in celebrating the end of the year harvest and tell stories (non-religious) of the importance of harvesting the crops, the value of food and supplies to all in our community and giving thanks to the farmers who work all year round to provide for us.

This year, we are continuing to ask for your kind donations. All donations will be given to the local food bank so that your kindness is fed straight back into the community. For hygiene reasons, we are asking for canned foods only. All donations will be stored for a minimum of 72 hours to reduce the risk of the spread of COVID. Donations can be sent in from **Monday 27th October until Friday 1st October** and can be placed in the larger containers that will be marked 'Harvest Festival Contributions' and will be placed under a table outside the window of the main school office. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Vocabulary Corner

Gigantic = a very great size, huge.

Similar words are: massive, enormous

Example: The Blue Whale has a **gigantic** mouth that can hold up to 90 tonnes of food and water!



Attendance 13th-17th September 2021

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



| Year Group | Class | Attendance % |
|------------|------------|--------------|
| Year 1 | Ash | 98.1% |
| Year 2 | Hawthorn | 98.6% |
| Year 3 | Sequoia | 98.6% |
| Year 4 | Hazel | 99.3% |
| Year 5 | Eucalyptus | 100% |
| Year 6 | Olive | 99.6% |

The minimum target for attendance each week as set by the Government is 96%. During the above period our overall school attendance was **97.3%**

Special congratulations to **Eucalyptus** class who had 100% attendance. Well done everybody.

Year 3 Roman Warships



Next week, Year 3 children will be making Roman warships in class.

In order to make these, we kindly ask that the children bring in any cardboard/other materials that you would consider useful e.g. cereal boxes, shoe boxes, egg boxes, scrap bits of fabric, bottle lids and kitchen roll tubes.

Thanks for your continued support!

Miss Hibbett, Mr Wicks, Mr Wingrove and Miss Mulla

Reception Intake September 2022

The deadline to apply for a Reception school place for September 2022 place is on **15th January 2022**.

You must apply via the e-admissions portal www.eadmissions.org.uk. Mr Jeffery will be holding Reception Intake meetings on the following dates:



Tuesday 9th November
Tuesday 23rd November
Tuesday 7th December
Friday 10th December

The meetings will take place at 9.15am - 10.00am in the school hall, limited to two adults per family and children will not be allowed to attend. To book a place, please call the school office 0208 529 6827.

Well-Being/Behaviour Parent Survey



A huge thank you to all the parents that have completed the Well-being/Behaviour survey. Please be reminded the survey will be closing at **9.00pm on Sunday 26th September**.

Stay & Play Spaces

We have 4 spaces left at the Play & Stay **Wednesday** sessions, 9.00am - 10.30am.

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



If you would like to book one of these spaces, please email Mrs Canham at chaselanepri@clpwalham.org.uk

Friends of Chase Lane PTA

A PTA (Parent, Teacher Association) is a great way to bring together parents, teachers and the school community to raise funds and to support the school. Here at Chase Lane our PTA is known as the 'Friends of Chase Lane'. The Friends is a registered charity that raises money for the school and they spend that money to enrich the lives and benefit all children.

Our current PTA members have worked really hard over previous years to arrange many fun events such as:

Family Bingo

Lower & Upper Phase Discos

Christmas Fairs

Easter Fairs

Summer Fair

Year 6 BBQs & Leaver Discos

All the events have been a huge success and I thank all of the members who supported the events. Remember, we thrive when more people help out.

The PTA is now down to just 4 dedicated members and they need your commitment to ensure that we have a Christmas Fair this year and many other fun events throughout the year.

If you would like to help by joining the Friends Committee, volunteering to assist at events and suggest new ideas, then WE NEED YOU! Please contact friendsofchaselane@hotmail.co.uk to express your interest and one of the PTA members will reply to you.



Community News



Healthy Eating

Healthy Eating Session,
Wednesday 6th October 10.00am -11.30am

Parents/Carers have an opportunity to explore healthy eating alongside nutrition trained Healthy Families Practitioners. The team provides one-to-one appointments to discuss any topics you might like to raise. Families often like to talk to them about:

- Fussy eating
- Active play
- Healthy eating for all the family
- Eating well for less
- Portion sizes

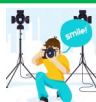


This session is being held virtually:

To book please call the Infant Feeding helpline: 0208 496 5222 or email wfsupport@henry.org.uk

Van Cols Individual Photos

The school photographers, Van Cols, will be visiting us on **Monday 11th October** to take individual photos of the children. Please ensure your child/children are dressed in their smartest uniform on that day and arrive to school on time. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Outstanding School Uniform Orders

We are currently experiencing a delay in receiving some uniform items from our supplier. If you have ordered age 7-8 PE tops or 3-4 cardigans, please bear with us. This includes issues with the Prefect blazers. We will contact you once these items arrive. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Please Label School Uniform

Please ensure your child's uniform is clearly labelled with their name and class. This should include bags and coats and when needed, hats and water bottles. By doing this you will be helping us ensure that as few items as possible end up in lost property.



Joke of the Week

Q. Why did the scientist wear denim?

A. Because she was a jean-ius.



School Dinner Menu w/b 27th 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 | Bolognaise (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 |
| | Seasonal Fresh Fruit | Seasonal Fresh Fruit | Seasonal Fresh Fruit | Seasonal Fresh Fruit | Seasonal Fresh Fruit |