

### Seasons Greetings

I write to thank you all for your continued support this term. I am happy to openly share the fact that this term has been by far the most challenging in the pandemic due to the number of cases during November. If it wasn't for the support of our families and the amazing work of staff at the school, it would have been impossible to get through. As always the Chase Lane community has pulled together and done it. As always it fills me with great pride to be part of that community as both a parent and the headteacher.

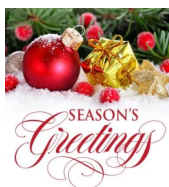
The latest national information suggests that the new Omicron variant could continue to affect a greater number of people. Due to this, schools will have to react to government advice as and when it comes. As you will be aware, at Chase Lane, the school is very conscientious and follows all control measures diligently to try and minimise the rate of infection. If there are any updates that I need to communicate over the Christmas break they will be sent via SchoolPing.

We will be checking the school email during the school break so please let us know if your child tests positive over the holidays, by emailing the school at: [chaselanepri@clpwaltham.org.uk](mailto:chaselanepri@clpwaltham.org.uk)

This week we have had the pleasure of enjoying Nursery, Reception, Year 1, 2 & 5 concerts and plays. It has been wonderful for the children to be allowed to enjoy these activities even though we had to be a little creative in how we shared them with our families! Thank you to all of you for following the rules which allowed us to proceed safely. We have now edited the Year 1, 2 & 5 performance and I'm very pleased to announce that we can now publish it thanks to some clever editing. I must remind you that the video is for personal use only. **It is not to be copied, downloaded or posted on any private accounts, social media or the internet and is for use in your family home only.** If this request is not honoured then we will not be able to record events in the future. The recording will be saved in an area in your child's Microsoft teams class. When your child logs in to Microsoft Teams, there is a section called files on the left of the screen and the performance will be saved in there in two parts. It has been a joy to see these performances take place and I am genuinely saddened that we could not invite all parents in to see them. The children were amazing and they clearly enjoyed the performances thoroughly. Well done to them all and to the staff that made them possible.

Finally, I wish you a wonderful break, whether you celebrate Christmas or not I wish you all the best of health, a Happy Christmas (or Christmas break) and a Happy New Year. I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year when school reopens at **8.45am on Tuesday 4th January 2022.**

Kind regards and stay safe,  
Mr Jeffery



### Spring Term 2022 Dates

<b>Spring term 1</b>	
<b>Bank Holiday</b>	Monday 3rd January 2022
<b>School starts</b>	Tuesday 4th January 2022 at 8.45am
<b>Term ends</b>	Friday 11th February 2022
<b>Half-term</b>	Monday 14th February - Friday 18th February 2022
<b>INSET Day</b>	Monday 21st February 2022 - only staff attend
<b>Spring term 2</b>	
<b>School starts</b>	Tuesday 22nd February 2022 at 8.45am
<b>Term ends</b>	Friday 1st April 2022 - closing one hour earlier
<b>Easter Holiday</b>	Monday 4th April 2022 - Monday 18th April 2022 (Easter Monday included)

### NELFT School Nurse Drop-In

The School Nurse health team are providing sessions offering advice and support on a range of topics including:

**Healthy Eating**  
**Behavioural problems**  
**Head Lice**  
**Hygiene- hand washing and oral; health**  
**Bed wetting**  
**Hearing and vision**  
**Height- weight management**  
**Emotional health**

Or any other health related concerns you may have regarding your child. The next drop-in session will take place in school on Thursday 6th January 2022 at 9.30am.

### Attendance 6th December - 10th December 2021

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

Year Group	Class	Attendance %
Year 1	Kapok	97.2%
Year 2	Cherry	97.2%
Year 3	Sequoia	97.9%
Year 4	Hazel	100%
Year 5	Palm	96.6%
Year 6	Olive	98.1%



The minimum target for attendance each week as set by the Government is 96%. During the above period our overall school attendance was **95.3%**. Well done to **Hazel** class for having 100% attendance. Attendance for the whole term was 96.4%. Well done.

### Stay & Play



New sessions Stay & Play sessions will start on **Monday 10th January 2022.**

### Family Link Parenting Nurturing Programme

We are very excited to announce, we will be facilitating a 'Family Link Parenting Nurturing Programme' during the Spring term 2022.



"All our work is underpinned by the Nurturing Programme which provides adults and children with the understanding, skills and ability to lead emotionally healthy lives, build resilience, empathy, self-esteem and support positive relationships."

The four areas we focus on are:

- Self-awareness
- Appropriate expectations
- Empathy
- Positive discipline

For more information check out :

<https://www.familylinks.org.uk/what-we-do>

This is a weekly opportunity through a range of discussions, fun activities and self-reflection to come together as a group to discuss the challenges and joys of parenting in a supportive and nurturing environment. The group facilitators are Mrs Canham and Mrs Mara. It takes place in school on a Tuesday morning for 10 consecutive weeks (9:10am - 11:10 am), starting on the 11th of January 2022.

If you would like to join this very popular 10 week programme, please email the school office [chaselanepri@clpwaltham.org.uk](mailto:chaselanepri@clpwaltham.org.uk)

### Joke of the Week



Q. Why does everyone love Frosty the Snowman?

A. Because he's cool.

### Vocabulary Corner

**Rejoice** = to be full of joy or show great happiness

Similar words - celebrate, delight

Example - The angels **rejoiced** at the news of the baby Jesus' birth.