

Covid Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

For almost two years now I have written many messages to our families that often are not very positive. Today's is the same so I'll start differently.

The children and families we work so hard for at Chase Lane are an absolute pleasure to work with. The children brighten each and every day for all of us. Your children are eager to learn, inquisitive, cheeky (some of them!), and the list of positive qualities could go on and on and on. So I start with a simple thank you. Thank you to all of our families both old and new, for making Chase Lane a community to all be proud to be a part of!

I write to update you with two key themes today.

Ukraine

First of all, can I extend my thoughts and offer of support to any of our families who are affected by the crisis unfolding in Ukraine. We have a number of families that are from both Ukraine and Russia. A number of KS2 children are now understandably discussing the emerging crisis in the Ukraine.

I ask that this weekend you help your child to understand the situation and also discuss what to do when we hear news that might be upsetting. The following link is great guide from BBC's Newsround webpage that you might find very useful. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/13865002>

COVID-19

COVID 19 restrictions have now been updated by the government. In school we must:

- Ensure good hygiene for everyone (hand and respiratory)
- Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes (touch surfaces cleaned at least twice daily)
- Keep occupied spaces well ventilated
- Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19

The last point is one we are still awaiting further clarification on from the Local Authority and we are expecting an update by next week.

So... What does this all mean? Well for now, it means that all control measures remain in place. We continue to adhere to regular hand washing and sanitising. We promote excellent respiratory hygiene. We have committed to increased cleaning up until the end of the summer term. We keep spaces well-ventilated. Staff continue to wear face masks in communal areas within the building but children are not expected to.

Asymptomatic testing:

The expectation for staff to now test at least twice weekly has ended although we have had three positive cases in staff just this week. If your child is identified as a close contact, you will still be informed via a Warn and Inform letter but they are no longer required to test for seven days.

Should a child display symptoms you are still required to take a PCR test although this ends on 1st April. Children will need to stay at home unless they receive a negative test result.

Self-isolate guidance is now not statutory but highly recommended. This means that any positive cases identified for the remainder of this term will still be asked to stay at home for 5 days and return after two negative tests taken 24 hours apart from day 5. This is also my expectation for any staff who test positive. This measure is to stay in control of the potential spread and ensure that we can keep Chase Lane open for face to face learning.

The school are no longer handing out test kits and the limited supply available to us will be used for children or staff who may be symptomatic.

As and when further Local Authority expectations are clear, I will update our families again.

In the meantime, if you have any other questions please feel free to see me before or after school when I am out on duty.

Kind regards and stay safe,
Mr Jeffery

Attendance 7th February - 11th February 2022

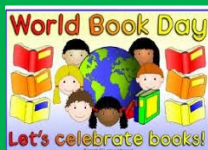
Congratulations to the following classes for achieving the highest attendance percentage in their Year Groups; over 96%.

Year Group	Class	Attendance %
Year 1	Maple	97.6%
Year 2	Cedar & Cherry	97.3%
Year 3	Beech	98%
Year 5	Eucalyptus	98.3%
Year 6	Aspen	99.3%



The minimum target for attendance each week as set by the Government is 96%. During the above period our overall school attendance was **95%**.

Book Week 28th February - 4th March 2022



Just a reminder that Book Week will run from Monday 28th February until Friday 4th March. Our theme this year is 'Culture' and the children will be looking at tales from different countries which will be explored through the creative curriculum.

Class teachers will be giving out competition entry sheets to design a book cover and the closing date for this is Monday 7th March. We are looking forward to seeing the children wearing their favourite tale and book character costumes on **Thursday 3rd March**. All children will be given a World Book Day token which can be used in bookshops, supermarkets and at Book Fair which starts on **Wednesday 2nd March and runs until Tuesday 8th March**. This will be held in the KS1 playground weather permitting and is a cash only event.

School Nurse Drop-In Dates



The Community School Nursing Team will be holding their next drop-in session here in the school meeting room on **Thursday 3rd March 2022 at 8.30am - 9.30am**. Parents/carers are welcome to drop by to discuss issues such as bedwetting; weight/height, healthy eating, behaviour etc. Parents are reminded to please wear a face covering before entering the building.

Royal Academy of Arts 'Young Artists Show' Competition

Miss Rhodes has entered the school into the Royal Academy of Arts 'Young Artists Show' competition! For this, ANYONE can create a piece of artwork with ANY theme! It can be a painting, a photograph, a sculpture and can use any materials!

If you wish to enter, please give Miss Rhodes your piece of Artwork before MARCH 30TH!

For this, you will need to provide your name, a small paragraph about your work and the actual piece of work. It will be submitted to the website as a photograph and you need to make sure that you have your parents permission to do so!

If you decide to enter, your artwork could win prizes and be displayed in the Royal Academy of Arts showcase which will be a London Art Gallery!

This is a wonderful opportunity for budding artists!

Good Luck to EVERYONE and I look forward to seeing what create!



Year 4 Project



As part of our end of term assessment, we are creating a diorama and a globe. Each child will require a cereal box and some newspaper. We would be grateful if you could send any empty cereal boxes and newspapers that you don't want, in to school with your child. Thank you in advance.
Year 4 Teachers.

Pancake Day Tuesday 1st March 2022

To save you looking up a pancake recipe here's one that makes 8 pancakes.

You will need:

100g Plain Flour
Pinch of Salt
1 Egg
300ml Milk
1 table spoon (tbsp.) Oil

Pancakes Anyone?



To make a pancake:

1. Sift flour and salt into a bowl.
2. Add the egg and half of the milk.
3. Beat into a smooth batter.
4. Coat the base of a frying pan lightly with oil and place on a medium heat.
5. When the oil is warm pour about 3 table spoons (tbsp.) of the batter mix into the frying pan.
6. Tilt the pan until the bottom is covered in batter.
7. When the pancake moves freely flip it over.
8. Cook until golden.

Toppings



Top your pancakes with whatever you like. Why not try a mixture of berries - or just one type. How about a drizzle with honey, golden syrup or maple syrup? Or maybe top with whipped cream and chocolate chips? You could keep it simple with a squeeze of lemon and a pinch of sugar.

Whatever your choice to put on your pancake, enjoy!

Vocabulary Corner

Prefer: To choose above all others. Best liked or most wanted.

Similar word: Favour, choose, select.

Peter **prefers** peas to all other vegetables.



Spring Term 2 2022

Spring Term Tuesday 22nd February 2022 Friday 1st April
End of Spring Term 2 Friday 1st April 2022 - *closing one hour earlier*
Easter Holidays Monday 4th April 2022 - Monday 18th April 2022
(includes Easter Monday 18th April)
Summer Term 1 Tuesday 19th April 2022 - Friday 27th May 2022
Half-Term Monday 30th May 2022—Friday 3rd June 2022
Summer Term 2 Monday 6th June 2022—Thursday 21st July
INSET Day Monday 4th July 2022 - school closed to children
End of Summer Term Thursday 21st July 2022 - *closing one hour earlier*

Spare Underwear for Nursery

Nursery would very much appreciate donations of spare underwear! In particular we are in need of boys pants and socks, ages 3/4/5. Donations can be brought to the Nursery at the beginning or end of each school day. Thank you in advance!



The Nursery Staff

Joke of the Week

Q: What's the best pancake topping?

A: More pancakes.



Something for the Weekend

This weekend, why not check out Walthamstow Wetlands where you can experience and enjoy local nature and wildlife right here in Waltham Forest.

What about getting out and going on a family walk in Epping Forest? Either way, both are absolutely FREE! For more details, click on the link below:
<https://www.wildlondon.org.uk/walthamstow-wetlands-nature-reserve>

<https://www.londonxlondon.com/epping-forest-walks/>



Menu Week 1 w/c 28/02/2022	Save The Planet Monday	Tuesday Pancake Day	Wednesday	Thursday World Book Day	Friday
First Choice	Planet Pizza	Vegetable Biryani (V)	Honey Roast Chicken & Gravy	<i>Horrid Henry's Hotdog</i>	MSC Golden Crumb Fish Fingers served with Lemon Twist
Second Choice	Planet Pizza (VG)	Homemade Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie with Gravy	Tomato & Basil Pasta (VG)	<i>Matilda's Mac 'n' Cheese (V)</i>	Homemade Cheese & Broccoli Quiche (V)
Third Choice	Favourite Smoky Cheese & Cherry Tomato Pasta (VG)	Jacket Potato with Various Fillings (VG)	MSC Lemon Crumb Salmon Fillet	<i>BFG Human Bean Burrito (VG)</i>	Deep Fried Homemade Battered Fish Fillet with a lemon wedge
Sides	Garlic Bread	Parsley Steamed Potatoes	Crispy Rosemary Roast Potatoes	<i>Mrs Potts Pommes Noisettes</i>	Oven Baked Chips
Vegetables	Sweetcorn Minted Garden Peas	Mixed Vegetables Fresh Seasonal Organic Carrots	Fresh Seasonal Broccoli Fresh Seasonal Cauliflower	<i>Peter Rabbit Roasted Carrots Jack's Magic Baked Beans</i>	Baked Beans Minted Garden Peas
Salads	Unlimited Salad Bar Selection	Unlimited Salad Bar Selection	Unlimited Salad Bar Selection	<i>Secret Garden Salad Selection</i>	Unlimited Salad Bar Selection
Desserts	Peaches & Custard	Pancakes	Chocolate Cracknel with Chocolate Sauce	<i>Bruce Bogtrotters Chocolate Cake & Chocolate Sauce</i>	Rice Pudding with a Fruit Compote
DAILY	Organic Fruit Yogurt with Seasonal Fresh Fruit	Organic Fruit Yogurt with Seasonal Fresh Fruit	Organic Fruit Yogurt with Seasonal Fresh Fruit	<i>James & Giant Peach with Elsa Ice-Cream</i>	Organic Fruit Yogurt with Seasonal Fresh Fruit
DAILY	Seasonal Fresh Fruit	Seasonal Fresh Fruit	Seasonal Fresh Fruit	<i>Handa's Surprise Fruit Platter</i>	Seasonal Fresh Fruit
Bread	Homemade Bread	Homemade Bread	Homemade Bread	<i>Winne the Pooh Honey Bread</i>	Homemade Bread