

Covid Update

Dear Parents/Carers

I write today with a COVID update.

Recorded rates of COVID have doubled in the last two weeks in Waltham Forest. This is broadly in line with London averages and below national rates. The true number is believed to be considerably higher as it is believed that not all of the population are now taking part in testing. Cases have increased the most in the 5 - 11 and 60+ age groups. At Chase Lane there has been strong evidence to support the reported trends and we continue to monitor them very closely.

On the 1st of April access to free PCR and LFD testing ends so this means that it is unlikely we will be able to ask children to be tested if they display symptoms linked to COVID. Schools are expecting new Health Protection guidance to be published that should include advice on respiratory conditions more generally and not just COVID. We are particularly interested to see if children and staff would be asked to isolate if showing such symptoms.

Currently, schools have not been issued with any updated guidance. This means that it is very difficult to plan for the summer term. It is expected that the current good practice of enhanced cleaning and excellent hand and respiratory hygiene are to be continued. This means that until further expectations are made clear that our current arrangements will remain in place. This may change in to the summer term as 'Living with the virus' becomes the new expectation.

As soon as I can provide any more useful information I will share with the school community accordingly.

In the meantime, have a great weekend, enjoy the sunshine and stay safe.

Mr Jeffery

Red Nose Day Thank You

Last Friday the children and staff took part in our **Superheroes dress up day** to raise money for Comic Relief Red Nose day. All the money raised will benefit organisations providing aid in Ukraine.

THANK YOU
for supporting Red Nose Day

Thanks to your generous donations, £103 was donated via ParentPay and we believe even more funds were donated directly to the Comic Relief website.

PTA (Parent Teacher Association)

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 Leaver Discos

**FRIENDS
OF CHASE LANE**

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. 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 friendsofchase@hotmail.co.uk to express your interest and the Friends will reply to you.

Hopefully with enough volunteers, the school will be able to have a Summer Fair next term.

Attendance 14th March - 18th March 2022

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

Year Group	Class	Attendance %
Year 2	Cherry	96.6%
Year 3	Sequoia	97.9%
Year 4	Hazel	97.5%
Year 6	Aspen	98.2%



The minimum target for attendance each week as set by the Government is 96%. During the above period our overall school attendance was **94.5%**.

Early Closure Last Day of Term



Please remember that next **Friday 1st April** school will close **one hour earlier** than usual for the Easter holidays.

Please make sure your child/ren are collected promptly on that day.

Happy Mother's Day

This Sunday is Mother's Day. Mother's Day is a extra special day when children (and adults) think about their mother, and thank her for taking care of them. Here in the UK, it is also known as 'Mothering Sunday'.

Mother's Day is celebrated across the world, in more than 50 countries, though not all countries celebrate it on the same day.

Some countries celebrate Mother's Day on the second Sunday of **May**, these include; Australia, Belgium, the Caribbean, Denmark, Finland, Italy, Switzerland, Turkey, and the USA.



Happy Mother's Day to all the mums, step mums, grandmothers, aunties, and all the other people that look after us at home. We hope you have a happy and relaxing day on Sunday. May those little rays of sunshine - your children - bring you great joy for the day, and for every other day of the year too!

Playground Climbing Equipment



In both of the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds we are very lucky to have climbing equipment. During play and lunch breaks the children are supervised by school staff when using the equipment. An increasing number of children are attempting to go on the equipment at the end of the school day. Please be reminded that this is **not allowed** for health and safety reasons as staff are focused on dismissing the children safely and not monitoring the playground equipment.

Thank you in advance for keeping the equipment clear.

Parent Consultations 28th - 31st March

Parent Consultations will take place next week, online via Microsoft Teams.

Nursery consultations will take place between Monday 28th March - Thursday 31st March

Reception - Year 6 consultations will take place on Monday 28th March and Thursday 31st March.

Please be reminded that all after school boosters and after school clubs ended this week. This does not include the after school Tea Time provision that is run by the YMCA.



Please ensure your child is collected promptly at 3.25/3.30/3.35pm.

Easter Lunch Thursday 31st March 2022



School Garden

The school garden is showing many beautiful signs of spring.

Thank you to the members of our Gardening club for their efforts.



Earth Hour 8.30pm Tomorrow

Don't forget Earth Hour takes place tomorrow at 8:30pm.



Earth Hour is a worldwide movement in support of energy conservation and sustainability, sponsored by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF). Earth Hour takes place every year, on the last Saturday of March.

It's a special event where millions of people in over 190 countries around the world will switch off their lights for one hour, to show how much they care about the future of our planet and

want to look after it.

Earth Hour encourages you to think about the amount of energy we use (or waste!) every single day which contributes to our planet heating up — a process known as climate change or global warming.

Chase Lane is committed to being eco-friendly and doing the best for our planet.

Joke of the Week

Q: Why was the house so neat on Mother's day?

A: Because mum spent all day Saturday cleaning it!



Safety First

It has been brought to our attention that some parents are driving dangerously when dropping off or collecting children from school. Please **DO NOT** drive down Sopers Close to the Nursery gate. If you need to drive to school, please find a sensible place to park in the streets surrounding the school to ensure our children can walk into school safely.



Finally, please remember to turn off your car engine when parked. The pollution caused is excessive, unnecessary and harmful to the environment.

Menu Week 1 28/03/2022	Save The Planet Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday
First Choice	Planet Pizza	Vegetable Biryani (V)	Vegetarian Curry (VG)	MSC Golden Crumb Fish Fingers served with Lemon Twist
Second Choice	Planet Pizza (VG)	Homemade Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie with Gravy	Lasagne	Homemade Cheese & Broccoli Quiche (V)
Third Choice	Emmanuel School's Favourite Smoky Cheese & Cherry Tomato Pasta (VG)	Jacket Potato with Various Fillings (VG)	Jacket Potato with Various Fillings (VG)	Deep Fried Homemade Battered Fish Fillet with a lemon wedge
Sides	Garlic Bread	Parsley Steamed Potatoes	50/50 Mixed Rice	Oven Baked Chips
Vegetables	Sweetcorn Minted Garden Peas	Mixed Vegetables Fresh Seasonal Organic Carrots	Sweetcorn Green Beans	Baked Beans Minted Garden Peas
Salads	Unlimited Salad Bar Selection	Unlimited Salad Bar Selection	Unlimited Salad Bar Selection	Unlimited Salad Bar Selection
Desserts	Peaches & Custard	Cheese & Crackers with Fresh Apple Slice	Fresh Fruit & Ice Cream	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	Organic Fruit Yogurt with Seasonal Fresh Fruit
DAILY	Seasonal Fresh Fruit	Seasonal Fresh Fruit	Seasonal Fresh Fruit	Seasonal Fresh Fruit
Bread	Homemade Bread	Homemade Bread	Homemade Bread	Homemade Bread