

Happy Half-Term

I write today to say thank you to you all. We have managed to make it to half term without any confirmed cases of COVID 19 in the staff or children. We all hope that this continues to be the case however, numbers nationally are continuing to rise. Due to this, we ask that we all continue to take great care to best look after ourselves and one another.

As a school, systems in place during the school day certainly seem to be helping us all to stay safe. The children have been amazing in following all of the procedures and they appear to be working very well. We will continue to review our procedures on a weekly basis and periodically publish our reviews on the school's website for your information.

Yesterday, the government updated travel restrictions and I must politely remind us all that children are expected back on the 2nd November. The list of countries and travel restrictions is explained fully on the link below.
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-countries-and-territories-exempt-from-advice-against-all-but-essential-international-travel>

Over the half term break, it is very important that we stick to the current government Tier 2 restrictions so that our school community remains safe and well. This means limiting who we mix with and not mixing at all indoors (apart from with our own family). This does not mean locking ourselves inside and hiding from the world so get out in the fresh autumn air and find large spaces to explore. My personal favourite is exploring the forest which is so close for all of us.

Tier 2 Restrictions explained:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-covid-alert-levels-what-you-need-to-know#local-covid-alert-level-high>

On a totally different and happy note, we say goodbye today to Mrs Grist. Mrs Grist has worked in the office at Chase Lane for a phenomenal 21 years! Her commitment throughout her time has been amazing and she is now ready for a very well earned, long and happy retirement. Please join me in extending our very best wishes for the future.

Finally, have a wonderful half term everybody and stay safe!

Best wishes
Mr Jeffery



Attendance w/c 12th October 2020

Congratulations to the following classes for achieving the highest attendance percentage in their Year groups:- over 96%.



Year	Class	Attendance %
Reception	Kapok	99.3%
Year 1	Cherry	99.3%
Year 2	Sequoia	99.3%
Year 3	Hazel	99.2%
Year 4	Eucalyptus & Palm	99.3%
Year 5	Acacia	97.9%
Year 6	Aspen	100%

The minimum target for attendance each week as set by the Government is 96%. During the above period our whole school attendance was 97.5 %. Congratulations to **Aspen** class who achieved 100% attendance last week!



Keep up the excellent effort everyone!

School Photos



Earlier this week the proof of your child's individual pupil photo was sent home. Please note the deadline to return your completed order form and payment (in the Van Cols envelope that they have provided) is **Monday 2nd November**.

School Meals

Please email the school office at chaselanepri@clpwalham.org.uk if your child wishes to change their meal pattern from packed lunch to school meals or vice versa. We require one week's notice so that our cooks can order food accordingly and this change can **only** be done **half-termly**. We do not have provision for children to change their meal pattern weekly.



Music Lessons

All music lessons places for are now filled and we have a waiting list. If any places become available next term they will be offered to children on the waiting list.



Children in Need

On **Friday 6th November** we will be celebrating Children in Need. Children are invited to wear a brightly coloured spotty top (home-made tops are encouraged) for free to school as part of their school uniform. Children will **not** need to bring in any money to take part. However, should you wish to donate £1 towards this charity you can.



Don't Forget The Clocks Go Back This Weekend

Don't forget to put your clocks back before you go to bed on Saturday night. British summertime ends 2.00am on Sunday 25th October so we all get an extra hour in bed on Sunday morning.



Interesting Facts

There are three different species of elephant; the African Savannah elephant, the African Forest elephant and the Asian elephant. Elephants are the world's **largest** land animal! Male African elephants can reach 3m tall and weigh between 4,000 - 7,500kg. Asian elephants are slightly smaller, reaching 2.7m tall and weighing 3,000- 6,000kg.



Reception Golden Rules Dress Up Day

This half-term our Reception children have been learning all about the six golden rules. These are:

Mona Monkey - Good listening

Louis Lion - Being honest

Alfred Alligator - Being kind and helpful

Elsa Elephant - Always trying hard

Gino Giraffe - Looking after property

Zelda Zebra - Being gentle

The children have been trying their best to follow all the golden rules. Today the children came to school dressed up as one of the animals mentioned above to raise funds for the RSPCA; a very good cause.



Year 6 Secondary School Applications



Another gentle reminder for Year 6 parents/carers, the deadline to submit secondary school application forms for your child is **Saturday 31st October 2020**. Applications should be made online at www.eadmissions.org.uk. If you are unable to apply online you can download a copy of the application form from www.walthamforest.gov.uk



Reception Admissions 2021-2022



IS YOUR CHILD STARTING PRIMARY SCHOOL IN 2021-2022?

Check out the parents' guide to
primary school admissions

Reminder to all parents with children born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017, who will be due to start Reception in September 2021. The deadline to apply for a Reception place is on **Friday 15th January 2021**. You must apply via the e-admissions portal www.eadmissions.org.uk. Dates of Chase Lane Reception meetings are listed on the calendar below.

Test & Trace Self-Isolation Support

Self-isolation may well cause hardship to people who are unable to work ; - particularly those on low incomes. To offset the worst effects of this requirement the Government has introduced a scheme to assist those who have to self-isolate and have lost earned income as a result. This scheme is currently intended to run until 31 January 2021.



Further details for Waltham Forest residents can be found below:
<https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/test-and-trace-self-isolation-support-payment>

Anti-Bullying Week 2020

Anti-Bullying week 2020 is taking place on Monday 16th - Friday 20th November. This year's theme this year is ; **'United Against Bullying'**.

On **Monday 16th November** children and staff are invited to wear odd socks.

The idea behind this , is to celebrate what makes us different and unique.

Children will not need to bring in any money to take part.



Half-Term Reading

This half-term why not spend some time getting lost in an exciting book. Here are some interesting suggestions, please click on the links below for your child's year group:

Reception: <https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks1-school-pupils/100-best-picture-books-to-read-before-you-are-5-years-old/>

Year 1: <https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks1-school-pupils/suggested-reading-list-year-1-pupils-ks1-age-5-6/>

Year 2: <https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks1-school-pupils/suggested-reading-list-year-2-pupils-ks1-age-6-7/>

Year 3: <https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks2-school-pupils/reading-list-for-year-3-pupils-ks2-age-7-8/>

Year 4: <https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks2-school-pupils/suggested-reading-list-for-year-4-pupils-ks2-age-8-9/>

Year 5: <https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks2-school-pupils/suggested-reading-list-for-year-5-pupils-ks2-age-9-10/>

Year 6: <https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks2-school-pupils/suggested-reading-list-for-year-6-pupils-ks2-age-10-11/>

SchoolPing

This is a polite reminder that we have signed up to a new communication service called **SchoolPing**. This system will replace Groupcall which is the current text messaging/email service that we use.



Please note, we will no longer be using Groupcall from **Monday 2nd November** so please make sure you have signed up to the SchoolPing app before then to avoid missing out on important school messages and information.

SchoolPing is a free app which sends instant messages straight to your smartphone, wherever you are. If you do not have access to a smartphone, you can also receive messages via email or by logging in to your account on the web. Whether you're at work, at home or on the go, all you need is an internet connection to stay up to date with all of the school's news. We recognise that not all parents/ carers have access to a smartphone or email and so hard copies will still be available upon request.

Joke of the Week

Q. What do you call a train full of toffee?
A. Chew, Chew!



Joke shared by Max in Hazel Class, Year 3

Important Dates for Autumn Term 2 2020

Please note, additional items added to the Autumn calendar or any amendments made each week will always be entered in **BOLD**.

Monday 26th October — Friday 30th October	HALF-TERM
Wednesday 4th November 2020	9.30am-10.30am Reception Admissions 2021-2022 Parent meeting
Friday 6th November 2020	9.30am-10.30am Reception Admissions 2021-2022 Parent meeting
Friday 6th November 2020	Children in Need - Spotty T-Shirt Day
Wednesday 11th November	Remembrance Day 2020
Monday 16th -Friday 20th November 2020	Anti-Bullying Week.
Monday 16th November 2020	Odd Socks Day
Monday 16th November 2020	3.45pm - 6.00pm Parent Consultations Evening Nursery - Yr6. Details to follow
Tuesday 17th November 2020	3.45pm - 5.30pm Nursery Parent Consultations Evening. Details to follow
Tuesday 17th November 2020	NO BOOSTER CLASSES BECAUSE OF PARENT CONSULTATIONS
Wednesday 18th November 2020	9.30am-10.30am Reception Admissions 2021-2022 Parent meeting
Wednesday 18th November 2020	3.45pm - 5.30pm Nursery Parent Consultations Evening. Details to follow
Thursday 19th November 2020	3.45pm - 6.00pm Parent Consultations Evening Nursery - Yr6. Details to follow
Thursday 19th November 2020	NO BOOSTER CLASSES BECAUSE OF PARENT CONSULTATIONS
Wednesday 2nd December 2020	9.30am-10.30am Reception Admissions 2021-2022 Parent meeting
Friday 4th December 2020	9.30am-10.30am Reception Admissions 2021-2022 Parent meeting
Friday 18th December 2020	Christmas Jumper Day. Details to follow
Friday 18th December 2020	End of Term: School closes 2.25pm/2.30pm/2.35pm