

### Christmas Events



We usually start to send out dates for your diaries for Christmas events around this time. However, due to COVID-19 we have had to adjust our normal plans for Christmas events this year. We are committed to try and make Christmas as enjoyable as possible for all of our children and make sure that it remains a special time for them.

I am very happy to announce that Christmas parties will take place in classroom bubbles during the last week of term. Children will be having Christmas dinner in the hall over the following days:

**Monday 14th December** Years Rec, 1 & 2  
**Tuesday 15th December** Years 3 & 4  
**Wednesday 16th December** Years 5 & 6



The year groups not having Christmas dinner in the halls on these days will have an alternative hot lunch delivered to their classrooms.

Children and staff are invited to wear a Christmas jumper on the last day of term. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 restrictions also means that we are unable to do our usual carol singing on the last day of term. Don't worry, hopefully we will be back with a bang next year!

### First Closed Bubble

As you know, this week we had to close our very first bubble so that they could isolate. We dearly missed seeing our Ash class children and staff; the school is simply not the same without them so we look forward to welcoming them back soon. We went 10 weeks without having to close a bubble - I would like to let you know, that the Local Authority has confirmed that Chase Lane Primary are one of the last schools in the borough to get a confirmed case.



The school and Ash class parents have been fantastically patient while the school implement remote learning. There have been some issues but together we have managed to sort them out and Miss Khazna has been able to teach and work with the children remotely.

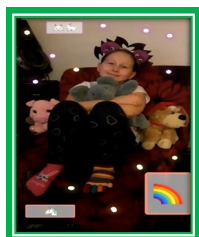
Our families, of course, have been busy ensuring that the learning has continued at home, with some parents even juggling their own work at the same time. Thank you to everyone for putting in so much effort to ensure that our children do not miss out on their learning because of this unfortunate but necessary time off.

### Odd Socks Competition

A huge thank you to everyone who entered the Odd Socks day Competition. We received lots of entries from across the school. It was lovely to see what a creative community we have and how we are all united in celebrating our differences and what makes us unique!

The prefects had the difficult task of deciding who won and after lots of discussions reached a conclusion. Congratulations to Kai, Anastasia and Adeline who are the winners. All three winners will receive their certificate and prize during next week's assembly.

Name	Class	Prize
Kai	Elm	First Place
Anastasia	Sycamore	Second place
Adeline	Ash	Third place



### Attendance w/c 16th November 2020

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

Year	Class	Attendance
Reception	Ash & Kapok	96%
Year 1	Cherry & Cedar	98%
Year 2	Beech, Elm & Sequoia	99%
Year 3	Sycamore & Willow	100%
Year 4	Eucalyptus	98%
Year 5	Sassafras	96%
Year 6	Oak, Olive & Aspen	97%



The minimum target for attendance each week as set by the Government is 96%. During the above period our whole school attendance was 97.2%. Congratulations to **Sycamore & Willow** for both achieving 100% attendance.

### Online Safety

Due to current COVID-19 restrictions, children are spending much more time on electronic devices such as, tablets, iPads, phones and computers than they usually would.

While the internet is a great way for children and young people to stay in touch with their friends, it can also bring risks. It is therefore really important that as parents/carers, we play a key role in helping to keep our children safe online. Please check out the school's website [www.chaselanepimary.waltham.sch.uk](http://www.chaselanepimary.waltham.sch.uk) for information on internet safety. This can be found under the **Children & Parents'** tabs, then by clicking on **Internet Safety**.

It can be difficult to know how to start talking to your child about what they're doing online or who they might be speaking to. But talking regularly, like you would about their day at school, will help your child feel relaxed and mean that when they do have any worries, they're more likely to come and speak to you.

Please also remember that all social media platforms have an age restriction, and most are unsuitable for children under the age of 13 without parental supervision.



### COVID Christmas Hope



One of our school governors, Reverend Lesley Goldsmith has kindly invited Chase Lane to take part in a very good community based project to bring hope to us all in these times of great difficulty. The project is centred around the concept of Hope. Today Mr Jeffery

led an assembly based on hope and discussed the concept with the children in great detail.

Children have been asked to create artwork or poems that depict hope. These will then be displayed along the outside railings and display boards around St Edmunds Church so that members of the community can see them. Please encourage the children to take part and bring in their artwork or writing by **Friday 4th December**.

There has never been a time when we needed to share such positive messages with each other and I can't wait to see all of the children's work displayed for all in Chingford to see.

### Spelling Shed



Earlier this week we sent out a letter to our Year 1 to 6 parents regarding a new online platform to help the children practise spelling. Your child should have come home with their login details to access Spelling Shed. Spelling Shed is an online platform where the children can differentiate the amount of support they receive when practising their spelling. Please remember to encourage your child to engage with Spelling Shed over the weekend.

## Reception Intake September 2021

Don't forget the deadline to apply for a Reception 2021 place is on **Friday 15th January 2021**. You must apply via the e-admissions portal [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk). Mr Jeffery will be holding a meeting at 9.30am on Thursday 3rd December. Please call the office to book a place.

## Keep Doing Your Part to Keep Chase Lane Safe

Once again, please continue doing everything you can to help keep everyone at Chase Lane safe:

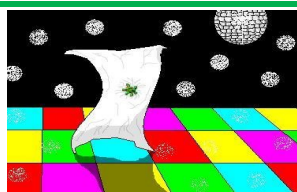
- Use the one way system in place in the school.
- Wear a mask when on the school site.
- Keep 2m apart when dropping off and collecting children.
- Do not mix bubbles outside of school, especially households.



## Joke of the Week

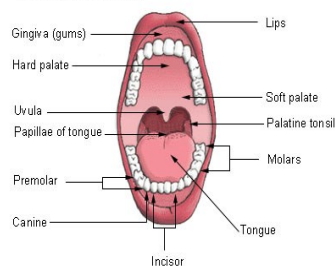
Q. How do you make a tissue dance?

A. You put a little boogie in it!



## Interesting Facts

### Mouth (Oral Cavity)



This week our interesting facts are about the mouth. We all have one and we use it every day!

**Lips:** Your lips, (just like your fingers) have prints that are unique to you. This means no two pairs of lips are the same!

**Teeth:** teeth start to form before a baby is even born but don't come through until they are between 6 - 12 months old.

We have four different types of teeth in our mouth: incisors, canine, premolars and molars.

We need to brush our teeth really well a least twice a day, every day.

For all our swimmers, please remember to close your mouth while swimming because chlorine can wear down enamel on your teeth.

**Tongue:** Did you know that the tongue is the strongest muscle in the human body?

How about this; if you're right handed, you tend to chew your food on your right side. If you're left handed, you favour chewing on your left side.

**Speaking:** It takes 72 muscles for a human to speak!

So lets all make sure we always try to use our mouth in a positive way to speak kind words that encourage, support and bring happiness to other.

## School Dinner Menu Week Commencing 23/11/2020

### Chase Lane Autumn/Winter Menu 2020/21 Week One

Week Commencing 2/11/20, 16/11/20, **30/11/20**, 14/12/20, 11/1/20, 25/1/20, 8/2/20, 1/3/20, 15/3/20, 29/3/20

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Choice	Homemade Cheese & Tomato Pizza served with Garlic Bread	Beef Pasta Bolognese served with Garlic Bread	Sticky Chicken	Homemade Cottage Pie (served with gravy)	MSC Golden Crumb Fish Fingers with Lemon Twist
Vegetarian Choice	Vegetarian Chilli	Vegetarian Pasta Bolognese served with Garlic Bread	Rice, Chickpea & Vegetable bake	Homemade Sweetcorn Quiche	Mac 'n' Cheese served with Garlic Bread
Sides	50/50 Mixed Rice		50/50 Mixed Rice	Sauté Potatoes	Oven Baked Chipped Potatoes
Vegetables	A portion of vegetables	A portion of vegetables	A portion of vegetables	A portion of vegetables	A portion of vegetables
Desserts	Organic Fruit Yogurt Seasonal Fresh Fruit	Organic Fruit Yogurt Seasonal Fresh Fruit	Organic Fruit Yogurt Seasonal Fresh Fruit	Organic Fruit Yogurt Seasonal Fresh Fruit	Organic Fruit Yogurt Seasonal Fresh Fruit

## 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**.

Thursday 3rd December 2020	9.30am Reception September 2021 Intake meeting in the hall.
Friday 4th December 2020	Return HOPE Artwork & Writings
Monday 14th December 2020	Christmas Dinner - Years Reception, 1 & 2
Tuesday 15th December 2020	Christmas Dinner - Years 3 & 4
Wednesday 16th December 2020	Christmas Dinner - Years 5 & 6
Thursday 17th December	Whole School Christmas Nativity
Friday 18th December 2020	Christmas Jumper Day.
Friday 18th December 2020	End of Term: School closes 2.25pm/2.30pm/2.35pm
Monday 4th January 2021	School Re-Opens for Spring Term 2021