



COVID-19 Update

We come to the end of another busy week at Chase Lane. Well done to children for having such focus in school and also those learning at home. Thank you to Sassafras parents for your patience and support during some of the technical issues we had this week.

Christmas this year will be different for everyone, whether you are one of our families that celebrates Christmas, or one of our families that simply uses the festive break to meet up with family and friends.

The Government has advised that we may form a bubble with family/friends no bigger than 3 households between 23rd - 27th December. You cannot mix bubbles once you have formed one. Please try your best to adhere to these rules to protect your family, friends and our school community. For further government details on Christmas socialising rules, please check out the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/making-a-christmas-bubble-with-friends-and-family>

I must also politely remind you all that children are expected back in school on **Monday 4th January 2021**. Therefore, if you are planning to travel abroad during the Christmas break, please make sure you are fully aware of the list of countries from where when you travel back to England, your family will need to self-isolate. Please check out this link for full details: www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-corridors#updates-to-the-travel-corridor-list

Please note, any children that do not return to school on Monday 4th January 2021 because they have returned from a country that requires them to self-isolate, will have their absence recorded as unauthorised.

Please remember, the school email will be checked daily throughout the holidays for parents that need to communicate with us.

Mr Jeffery

Goodbye



It gives me great sadness to announce that Mrs Jordine will be leaving Chase Lane Primary. Her last day with us is Friday 18th December. Mrs Jordine has worked at Chase Lane since 2009 and has been an invaluable member of staff who has worked so hard to support all children at this school. We wish Mrs Jordine all the very best of luck for the future and will miss her loads.

Mrs Shaw, an experienced teacher, will be the new teacher for Eucalyptus class from the start of the spring term.

Thank You

Reverend Lesley Goldsmith, one of our school governors, has asked me to give a BIG thank to all the children who took part in her very special community based project that she organised to bring hope to everyone in these times of great difficulty.



Reverend Lesley Goldsmith said she was very impressed with the amazing artwork and beautiful poems that were produced. She said that every piece of work sent in had truly depicted 'hope'. All the artwork and poems will be displayed along the outside railings and display boards of St Edmunds Church next week so that members of the community can see them.

Spelling Shed

Thank you to everyone who has logged onto Spelling Shed this week. This weeks top classes per year group are:



Year 1: Cherry
Year 2: Sequoia
Year 3: Willow
Year 4: Pine
Year 5: Baobab
Year 6: Olive

Attendance w/c 30th November 2020

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

Year	Class	Attendance
Reception	Maple	97%
Year 1	Cherry	99%
Year 2	Sequoia	97%
Year 3	Hazel & Sycamore	97%
Year 4	Palm	100%
Year 5	Sassafras	99%
Year 6	Olive	98%



The minimum target for attendance each week as set by the Government is 96%. During the above period our whole school attendance was 96.3%. Congratulations to **Palm** class for achieving 100% attendance.

End of Term Events



Next week Christmas lunch will be served in the hall on the days below, to children who currently have a school meal. Please note, packed lunch children will need to bring in a packed lunch as usual. The year groups not having Christmas dinner in the halls on these days will have an alternative hot lunch delivered to their classrooms unless they are usually packed lunch in which case you should still provide your child a packed lunch.

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

All year groups will enjoy their Christmas parties on **Thursday 17th December**. Due to Covid, this year we cannot share party food and the children will be having fun and games in our school uniform. We have sent a special invitation to the North Pole for Santa and his Reindeers to visit Chase Lane this Christmas. He has replied saying that he will try his very best to make a space in his busy diary



On **Friday 18th December**, children and staff are invited to wear a Christmas jumper. Children will not need to bring in any money to take part.



Please remember, school will be closing **one hour earlier** than usual on the last day of term; Friday 18th December at the following times:

Nursery 2.20pm
Receptions 2.25pm
Year 1 2.15pm
Year 2 2.30pm
Year 3 2.25pm
Year 4 2.35pm
Year 5 2.15pm
Year 6 2.30pm

Please make sure your child is collected promptly. Thank you.



After School Boosters



All after school boosters ended this week and will resume in January 2021 for targeted children only. Invite letters will be distributed the first week back. Please make sure your child/children are collected at the correct finish times next week.

Attendance

School attendance continues to be statutory. Children who have the usual cold symptoms; runny nose or snuffle, that are **not** COVID related, should attend school as normal. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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.

Christmas in Waltham Forest

Waltham Forest are offering FREE online virtual Christmas workshop. The adult sessions will be on Friday 11th December, with the family sessions on Saturday 12th December.

Check out the link below for further details:

<https://www.lbwfadulthoodlearning.co.uk/main/free-virtual-festive-workshops-for-adults-and-families/#.X9NNJtj7QRE>

Joke of the Week

Q. What do Snowmen eat for breakfast?

A. Snowflakes and Ice Crispies.



Interesting Facts

This week's interesting facts are all about Christmas Trees.

With only 14 more sleeps until the big day, the Christmas tree is seen as a must-have decoration for many who celebrate Christmas. Many homes, shops and local attractions have decorated Christmas trees on display.



It was Prince Albert, Queen Victoria's husband, who brought the tradition to England in the 1840s.

A Christmas tree can take up to 15 years to reach typical height.

Between the 1500s and 1600s, people in Latvia and other Eastern European countries began decorating Christmas trees, and later on, the Germans adopted this tradition.

98% of all Christmas trees are grown on farms.

Artificial Christmas trees originated in Germany.

The Guinness World Records says the tallest cut Christmas tree ever was a **221-foot** Douglas fir that was displayed in 1950 at a shopping centre in Seattle, USA.



Christmas trees were once hung upside down traditionally in Eastern Europe.

School Dinner Menu Week Commencing 14/12/2020

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, Chick-pea & 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
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**.

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 2020	Whole School Christmas Nativity
Thursday 17th December 2020	Christmas Parties
Friday 18th December 2020	Christmas Jumper Day.
Friday 18th December 2020	End of Term: School closes 1 hour earlier than usual
Monday 4th January 2021	School Re-Opens for Spring Term 2021

