

Welcome Back

Happy New Year and welcome back to a new school term, It has been an absolute delight welcoming back all of the children this week. Their bright smiles illuminate the school and their commitment to their learning is honourable.



I do hope you all managed to have a restful break with your families/friends.

The return to school has been very busy and although I would like to talk about other things, COVID and the Omicron variant have dominated the return to school. The school's risk assessment has been reviewed and updated on the school website. Control measures in place are largely the same as last term and include enhanced cleaning and maintaining excellent hand and respiratory hygiene.

There are three significant changes with regards to isolation that effect our practices.

As a school we are now not allowed to ask children to stay at home if anyone in their house has tested positive. As an example this means that...

'Dad/mum/sister/brother tests positive, child must take a Lateral flow device test every day for the next seven days. As long as the results are negative the child must attend school.'

This scenario does not reflect life and individual circumstances for every family. If you find yourselves with difficult circumstances, that do not fit the expectation please discuss with me and we can take each families situation into consideration and help to find solutions to the varying needs of our families.

From Tuesday 11th January positive LFD test results no longer need a confirmatory PDR test to be taken. (School may provide you with a postal PCR test if required)

The 10 day isolation could be reduced if...

You receive a positive PCR or LFD test result. Self-isolate for the next 10 days. Self-isolation can **only end early** if two lateral flow tests, taken 24 hours apart on days six and seven, show negative results. These results should be logged at <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> and provided to the school before the child can return on day 8. If test results are not provided via the government portal the full 10 days will be expected.

Finally, many children who are isolating feel better sooner than the isolation period ending. Our amazing teachers are able to invite the children to join most class sessions via Microsoft Teams. I would like to thank the teachers for this as this is way over and above expectations and most schools would not offer this.

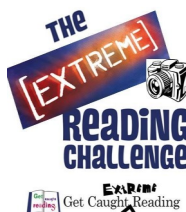
Thank you again for all of your continued support as we pull together to get the best for our children.

Kind regards and stay safe

Mr Jeffery

Extreme Reading

We know children at Chase Lane love reading and we're sure that it happens even in the strangest places! Over the next few weeks, we would like you to try to take photos of your families reading in unusual or extreme places! When you have taken your photo, please print it out and bring it to Mr Barker or email it through to the school office and we will put all the photos on display. We will share the most unusual with the children across the school and there will be prizes for the most extreme readers! The closing date for entries will be **Tuesday 25th January**.



Vocabulary Corner

Insipid = having little taste or flavour.
Can also mean not interesting or challenging



Example: Every day Paddy's Gran served him **insipid** meals.

Attendance 13th December - 17th December 2021

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

Year Group	Class	Attendance %
Year 2	Hawthorn & Cedar	97.9%
Year 4	Hazel	93.3%
Year 5	Pine	96%
Year 6	Oak	96.6%



The minimum target for attendance each week as set by the Government is 96%. During the above period our overall school attendance was 94.8%.

Reception Admissions 2022/2023



Children start school in the September after their fourth birthday. If your child was born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018, you can now apply for a Reception place in September 2022. The deadline is **15th January 2022**.

You must apply via the e-admissions portal www.eadmissions.org.uk. If you need help filling in your online application, please contact the school and we will assist you.

Parent Governor

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor representative on the Chase Lane Primary School and Nursery Unit Governing Body.

Be a School Governor



The school, as you know, is led by myself (Mr Jeffery). I am supported a great deal by a wonderful board of school governors. The purpose of a school's governing body is to ensure that the children and the community of Chase Lane are essentially getting the best deal possible. Collectively the governing body perform many tasks that support the school, hold the school/me (Mr Jeffery) to account and provide appropriate challenge to the school when necessary. The board is made up of a mix of people from a wide range of backgrounds with various skills and experience.

No special qualifications are needed and the Local Authority provide free training to all new governors. The key qualities to an excellent governor are to have a keen interest in the school and outcomes for the children. In addition, a governor will be available to play an active part in the Governing Body's work.

The school governors dedicate themselves voluntarily to approximately 10 meetings per year which take place on Tuesday evenings. Their commitment is immense and they are always well prepared for each meeting having read all relevant paperwork in advance. A rare opportunity to be part of the school's governing body has come up and the body would love to welcome a new parent governor. If you feel you could be an active member of the group then please apply when the application packs are sent via school ping. If several people apply then the position will go to an election that the school will oversee.

Please do consider whether or not you could commit to this opportunity. Parent governors are crucial to the governance of the school, supporting and challenging me as the headteacher and the staff who run the school and helping us to provide the best possible education for all of our children. If you have any further questions about the governing body or a full description of a governors role, please email chaselanepri@clpwaltham.org.uk or speak to myself when dropping off or collecting your child.

Mr Jeffery

Family Link Parenting Nurturing Programme

Our 'Family Link Parenting Nurturing Programme' starts on Tuesday 11th January 9:10am - 11:10 am for 10 consecutive weeks.



The four areas we focus on are:

- Self-awareness Appropriate expectations
- Empathy Positive discipline

For more information check out :

<https://www.familylinks.org.uk/what-we-do>

This is a weekly opportunity through a range of discussions, fun activities and self-reflection to come together as a group to discuss the challenges and joys of parenting in a supportive and nurturing environment. The group facilitators are Mrs Canham and Mrs Mara.

If you would like to join this very popular 10 week programme, please email the school office chaselane@clpwalham.org.uk

Adults attending must wear a face mask and provide a negative LFD test result that is not more than 48 hours old. You can report LFD tests at <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>.

Please note the crèche facilities will not start until Tuesday 18th January so anyone attending on Tuesday 11th January will need to find alternative childcare for this session only.

We look forward to welcoming you to the programme.

Joke of the Week

Q. What's a cow's favourite holiday?

A. Moo Year's Eve



Stay & Play



Stay & Play sessions restart on **Monday 10th January 2022**.

Spring Term Dates 2022

Spring term 1

Bank Holiday	Monday 3rd January 2022
School starts	Tuesday 4th January 2022 at 8.45am
Term ends	Friday 11th February 2022
Half-term	Monday 14th February - Friday 18th February 2022
INSET Day	Monday 21st February 2022 - only staff attend

Spring term 2

School starts	Tuesday 22nd February 2022 at 8.45am
Term ends	Friday 1st April 2022 - closing one hour earlier
Easter Holiday	Monday 4th April 2022 - Monday 18th April 2022 (Easter Monday included)

Menu Week 1 w/c 10/01/2022	Save The Planet Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
First Choice	Planet Pizza	Vegetable Biryani (V)	Honey Roast Chicken & Gravy	Butternut Squash, Carrot & Chick Pea Tagine (VG)	MSC Golden Crumb Fish Fingers served with Lemon Twist
Second Choice	Planet Pizza (VG)	Homemade Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie with Gravy	Tomato & Basil Pasta (VG)	Lasagne	Homemade Cheese & Broccoli Quiche (V)
Third Choice	Emmanuel School's Favourite Smoky Cheese & Cherry Tomato Pasta (VG)	Jacket Potato with Various Fillings (VG)	MSC Lemon Crumb Salmon Fillet	Jacket Potato with Various Fillings (VG)	Deep Fried Homemade Battered Fish Fillet with a lemon wedge
Sides	Garlic Bread	Parsley Steamed Potatoes	Crispy Rosemary Roast Potatoes	50/50 Mixed Rice	Oven Baked Chips
Vegetables	Sweetcorn Minted Garden Peas	Mixed Vegetables Fresh Seasonal Organic Carrots	Fresh Seasonal Broccoli Fresh Seasonal Cauliflower	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	Unlimited Salad Bar Selection
Desserts	Peaches & Custard	Cheese & Crackers with Fresh Apple Slice	Chocolate Cracknel with Chocolate Sauce	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	Organic Fruit Yogurt with Seasonal Fresh Fruit
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Bread	Homemade Bread	Homemade Bread	Homemade Bread	Homemade Bread	Homemade Bread