

### Welcome Back

Welcome back to all families,

What a fantastic week it has been. It has been truly wonderful to get the children back in to school and see all of the community back together again. Our focus is now getting back to some sense of normality in school regardless of all of the changes. In doing so, we are championing the well-being of all children and staff. To help support this, if you have any concerns, then please get a message to us.

We also welcome two new members of teaching staff:

**Miss Smith** Reception Class Teacher  
**Mr Hill** Year 5 Class Teacher

Thank you to all of the children this week who have been truly amazing at following all of the new routines in place. As you know we have worked hard this week to continue to provide a safe environment for the children to learn in. In school, we have adopted countless measures to ensure that outstanding hygiene is maintained and each bubble is restricted to maintain excellent safety.

As with all new ventures we have experienced some challenges to overcome. The main issue is social distancing among families at collection time at the end of the day. As stated this week, it is imperative that we stick to the one way systems in place and the times shown for arrival and dismissal. This will help to ease the congestion. The congestion has got better throughout the week. In addition, you may have noticed that we have cordoned off a number of parking spaces. This is again to help ease the congestion. In the KS1 playground we are also moving the chains at the end of the day to allow for parental standing space. We will continue to monitor the situation and make further changes if necessary.

Some parents have asked if face coverings should be worn. Public Health England promote social distancing of 2 meters to be the most effective way of protecting ourselves. If you choose to wear a mask of course this is fine for drop off and collection purposes however, please remember that this helps protect others and not yourselves as face masks are not PPE.

Many parents this week have contacted me with various questions and I have endeavoured to answer all of them. If you do have any further questions, please email [chaselanepriamary@clpwaltham.org.uk](mailto:chaselanepriamary@clpwaltham.org.uk)

This week there is additional information for parents that are new to Chase Lane. This was attached with this newsletter entitled 'Information for New Chase Lane Parents' and can also be found on our website.

In the meantime, kind regards and stay safe.

### Ready for Learning

Good school attendance and punctuality is important and a great start to your child's day.

Here are some tips you might find helpful:

- Set a limit on your child's gadget use.
- Try setting a gadget curfew for at least two hours **before bed**, one hour **before bed**, or even 30 minutes **before bed** - the earlier in the evening, the better.
- Get your child/children to bed at a reasonable time so they have a good night's sleep.
- Make sure their uniform is ready the night before.
- Set the alarm clock early enough to allow plenty of time to get ready properly.
- Make sure they have some breakfast (unless they attend breakfast club)
- Leave home with enough time to walk to school and use the new one-way system for those families who have children in more than one year group
- If driving or travelling by bus, allow sufficient time for any unexpected traffic delays

It is really important that drop off times are strictly adhered to in order to minimise congestion in the playground.

Thanks for your continued support.

### Bikeability

**Dr Bike** is visiting Chase Lane Primary school  
 Date: **Thursday 17th September 2020**

Time: **3pm - 5pm**

Venue: Chase Lane Playground  
 Bring your bike along!

- Dr Bikes is FREE to anyone who lives, works or studies in the borough
- Dr Bike is an experienced mechanic who checks everything on your bike from wheels, brakes, gears and tyre pressure to lights, racks, pedals, saddles and more
- This is a great opportunity for pupils to have their cycles checked so you can cycle to school



### Merit Assembly & Star of the Week

Merit assemblies will continue and we will be giving 'Star of the week' to one child per class each week. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 we are unable to invite parents in to school. The assembly will be done using our internal systems and children will see it in their classroom.



### iPads

During lockdown we were lucky to be able to loan out many iPads to families. Unfortunately there are still a large amount that have not been returned. Children cannot continue with ICT without them. Please return them to school as soon as possible so that children can resume their ICT lessons. iPads must be returned by Mon 14th September between 3.05pm - 3.30pm. Thank you

### No Birthday Treats

Due to COVID-19, children are not to bring in any birthday sweets until further notice. Thanks for your cooperation.

### After School Clubs

**After School Club** Chase Lane always strive to offer the widest possible range of clubs to the children. Due to COVID, unfortunately, we cannot do this this term. However, many of the teachers have kindly offered to run an afterschool booster for their class. This will be for either Maths or Literacy depending on the needs of the class. This will be a great opportunity for the children based on the amount of schooling they have missed recently. Please look out for letters in the next two weeks offering places.

### Swimming Lessons for Year 5

We are still waiting to hear from Larkswood Leisure Centre as to when school swimming lessons will resume. Hopefully this will be next half-term if not in spring term. We will let you know once we have more details.



## Walking Home Arrangements

Year 6 children **only** are allowed to walk/cycle home at the end of the school day if written permission has been received from the parent/ carer.

Year 6 children are permitted to walk home after school for the whole year; however, **all** Year 6 children **must** be collected by an adult **if** they attend an after school booster club.

Children who are not collected from school may bring a mobile phone to school. All mobile phones are to be given to the class teacher at 8.45am and collected from the class teacher after school.



## Joke of the week

Q. What do you call a magician's dog?

A. 'labracadabrador'



## Important Dates for Autumn Term 2020

Usually the table below would be full of exciting dates for trips and workshops. However due to the current COVID-19 situation such activities have been out on hold. Please note, additional items added or any amendments made each week will always be entered in **BOLD**.

Monday 5th October 2020	Van Cols Individual Pupil photos
Wednesday 7th October 2020	9.10am Harvest Assembly
Friday 23rd October 2020	Reception Golden Rule Dress -Up Day. Details to follow
<b>Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October</b>	<b>HALF-TERM</b>
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
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
Friday 18 December 2020	End of Term: School closes 2.25pm/2.30pm/2.35pm