

Season Greetings

Dear Families,

We have come to the end of the most challenging year we have ever encountered! Parents, children and staff have adapted continually to the constantly changing pandemic. It genuinely fills me with great pride knowing how everyone has done their part in ensuring the health and safety of our school community.

Public Health, Waltham Forest report continually rising case numbers in Chingford. This has caused some local schools to close and some to close to many year groups. At Chase Lane, we have only had 4 confirmed cases that have had close contact with other children in school. For a long time I put this down to luck but I am increasingly feeling that this is down to our strict hygiene measures, rigorous cleaning regime and following the safety measures put in place in school.

Please remember that while children are not attending school, you should limit their contact with others outside of school and outside of your household. There is a real risk to our children, families and staff from COVID19 and we urgently need EVERYONE to follow the guidelines.

Once again, thank you for your support at what is a challenging time for us all. We will maintain regular contact with families so keep up to date with SchoolPing messages and please contact the school via email at chaselanepri@clp.waltham.org.uk if you have any queries.

I wish you all a lovely Christmas break with your families and I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Stay safe
Mr Jeffery

Attendance w/c 7th December 2020

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

Year	Class	Attendance
Reception	Maple	99%
Year 1	Cherry	98%
Year 2	Elm	99%
Year 3	Hazel	100%
Year 4	Palm	97%
Year 6	Aspen	99%



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 **Hazel** class for achieving 100% attendance.

Uniform



When we return in January, as the weather gets colder, we would encourage the children to wear a few extra layers of clothing under their uniform to ensure they keep warm.

As part of our risk assessment, during this pandemic we are required to maintain ventilation throughout the building and may therefore be slightly colder than usual.

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 Around the World

Many people around the world celebrate Christmas but not everyone celebrates in the same way. Here are some different ways that people around the world celebrate:

Japan - Kentucky Fried Chicken is traditional for the Christmas feast and you might have to make reservations to get a table at KFC.

Caribbean - celebrates the Christmas holiday season with music, lights, lots of food and gift giving. The different islands have also created a number of their own traditions, adding even more cheer to the end of the year.

Philippines - there is a special tradition of having a Christmas lantern, which is called 'paról'; the lantern is star-shaped, remembering the star of Bethlehem, and mainly made out of bamboo and paper.

Australia - is in the southern hemisphere, so the festive season is during summer time and thus it is easy to understand that during Christmas time friends and family often gather at the beach.

Iceland - children put their shoes on the windowsill so that Santa Claus fills the shoes with little goodies.

South Africa - on Christmas Day the family gathers at a 'braai', which is the South African version of a BBQ. In South Africa it is summer season in December.

Ghana - people celebrate Christmas from the 20th of December to the first week in January with lots of different activities. Many people travel to visit their relatives and friends in other parts of the country. Over 66 languages are spoken in Ghana and all these language groups have their own traditions and customs!

France - in many regions, Christmas celebrations start on the 6th of December. In Provence, they have a tradition of serving 13 different desserts at the end of Christmas Dinner. Now, that's my kind of Christmas!

Spelling Shed

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

Year 6: Olive
Year 5: Baobab
Year 4: Pine
Year 3: Hazel
Year 2: Beech
Year 1: Cherry



Christmas Crossword



Christmas Decorating

ACROSS

- Used to wrap a present
- Decoration for a banister
- Striped and sweet
- Used to open a walnut
- Door decoration
- Many times these are strung together
- Glitter for the tree



DOWN

- Decorative spheres
- Another word for decorations
- Christmas tree fruit
- Might light the dinner table
- Place where greetings are found
- Hung by the chimney
- Might be cedar, fir or pine



Joke of the Week

Q. Who delivers presents to baby sharks at Christmas?

A. Santa Jaws!



School Dinner Menu Week Commencing 04/01/2021

Chase Lane Autumn/Winter Menu 2020/21 Week Two

Week Commencing 9/11/20, 23/11/20, 7/12/20, 04/01/21, 18/1/20, 1/2/20, 22/2/20, 8/3/20, 22/3/20

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Choice	Tomato & Vegetable Pasta Bake served with Garlic Bread	Hot n Kicking Chicken	Beef Lasagne served with Garlic Bread	Oven Baked Sausages	MSC Fish Finger with Lemon Wedge
Vegetarian Choice	Jacket Potato served with various fillings	Fresh Vegetable & Chickpea Stir Fry	Vegetable Korma	Quorn Sausage	Arrabiatta Pasta served with garlic bread
Sides		Jacket Wedges Noodles	50/50 Mixed Rice	Creamed Potatoes	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 Spring Term 2021

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

Monday 4th January 2021	School Re-Opens for Spring Term 2021
Monday 11th January 2021	After School Boosters start for targeted pupils
Friday 15th January 2021	Reception writing workshop
Tuesday 9th February 2021	Safer Internet Day
Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February 2021	HALF -TERM
Friday 5th March 2021	Dress up day for World Book Day
Wednesday 24th March 2021	Parent Consultations - details to follow
Monday 29th March 2021 - Wednesday 31st March 2021	Parent Consultations - details to follow
Thursday 1st April 2021	End of Term - school closes 1 hour earlier than usual.