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November 2023 Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Chinley Primary School,

As we start the new half term, I wanted to thank you all for ensuring the children are dressed so smartly; that they are arriving to school on time and for attending so well even with the large number of bugs around.

With regards to any sickness bugs please can I remind you that if your child has a bout of sickness or diarrhoea then they should not return to school for 48 hours after the last episode – this is to help restrict infection in school. Thank you for your help with this matter.

Parent Consultation Sessions

Telephone consultations with your child's class teacher will be taking place later this term. The telephone appointment system allows you to choose a time convenient to your home and work life as well as ensuring no waiting in corridors for an appointment. You will receive a letter in the next week to book an appointment with your child's class teacher. Consultations are taking place between 1pm and 7pm on:

Monday 4th December – Year 2

Wednesday 6th December – Year 5

Wednesday 6th December – Year 6

Thursday 7th December – Year 1

Thursday 7th December – Year 3

Thursday 7th December – Year 4

Reception class meetings took place last month.

Diabetes Awareness Day and Children in Need

The week ahead is going to be a busy one. On **Tuesday 14th November** the children are invited to wear something blue (as well as the rest of their uniform) to raise awareness for diabetes – we will be completing assemblies to upskill the children's understanding.

The school council are inviting the children to '**Break the Rules for Children in Need**' on **Friday 17th November**. There are 5 rules which can be broken (no more):

1. Wear a school jumper or top.
2. No crazy hair.
3. No crisps or biscuits at lunch (remember to avoid any nut products)
4. Wear school shoes only.
5. No bring soft toys to school

It will cost 50p per rule or £2.00 to break all five – it is up to you. All proceeds will contribute to Children in Need.



Parent Governor Applications

Please can I remind you that the Parent Governor applications closes on Monday 20th November. The nomination form can be found on the school website <https://www.chinley.derbyshire.sch.uk/information/the-governors> or from the recent Parent Hub post.

Nominations can be signed after the closing date as long as they are received by the 20th. We look forward to receiving your application.

Parking around school

Thank you to everyone who has responded so positively to our request for more considerate parking around school, especially around the school gates. Unfortunately, the school site is such that parking is difficult, especially at home time. If you have to park a distance away to walk and are running a little late we will keep the children safe and if the weather is poor we will bring them inside to wait.

Please can I remind you to:

- Park where there is no solid white line – this can be one or two lines – especially close to the bend near the farm by school. Leave room at the entrance to the farm as they have large waggons and tractors which need to turn in.
- Turn off your engine while you are waiting; the fumes are horrible for children walking or in pushchairs to pass by.
- Keep dropped kerbs clear so people, especially those with pushchairs can cross safely.
- Only park outside the main school gates if you have arranged this with school first, it will be clear that a person has permission – they will have a school permission badge on display.

Thank you for your understanding.

Important Dates for you Diaries

Tuesday 14th November – Diabetes Awareness Day – wear something blue (and your uniform).

Friday 17th November – Children in Need fundraising (Break the Rules Day)

Friday 24th November – PTA Non-uniform Day – bring bottles for the tombola

Saturday 25th November - KS2 Cross Country event #4 at Woodbank Park, Stockport

Monday 27th November – Christmas Lights Switch On – Chinley Green, 7pm.

Friday 1st December – PTA Non-uniform Day – bring chocolate and sweets for the tombola

Friday 1st December – PTA Christmas Fair, 3.15pm – 4.30pm (full details to follow).

Week 4th December – Parent Consultations (details above)

Monday 11th December – Visiting Theatre Group – *Beauty and the Beast* – Reception to Year 6

Wednesday 13th December – KS1 Nativity (school hall); 9.30am and 2.00pm (details to follow)

Thursday 14th December – Nursery Winter Wonderland (details to follow)

Friday 15th December – Year 4 History Van visit (details to follow)

Monday 18th December – KS2 Carol Service (Chinley Chapel); 10.00am and 1.45pm (details to follow)

Thursday 21st December Xmas Parties all classes (non-uniform day for all)

Friday 22nd December – School closes today at 3.15pm

Monday 8th January 2024 – School reopens following the break – 8.50am

Saturday 20th January – KS2 Cross Country event #5 at Woodbank Park, Stockport

Term Dates and INSET 2023/2024

Autumn Term 2: 06/11/23 – 22/12/23

Spring Term 1: 08/01/2024 – 16/02/2024

Spring Term 2: 26/02/24 – 28/03/24

Summer Term 1: 15/04/24 – 23/05/24 (24/05/24 school closed for INSET)

Summer Term 2: 03/06/24 – 19/07/24 (22/07/24 and 23/07/24 school closed for INSET)

Where possible all this information is on the school website www.chinley.derbyshire.sch.uk Should you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact school to discuss them further.

Yours sincerely
Peter Lambert
Headteacher