



★ Friday 10th January ★

## Headteacher's Comment



As you know, we have had a mixture of weather conditions this week, including snow and ice. Snow and ice can create some beautiful winter scenes, and we understand how tempting it can be for children to want to play and explore outside. While we want to encourage children to enjoy the snow and have fun, we also want to make sure they stay safe.

To ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable experience, we would like to share some important safety guidance and advice:

### Snow and Ice Safety Tips:

- 1. Slips and falls:** Snow and ice can make surfaces slippery. Please ensure that children are wearing appropriate footwear with good grip to help prevent slipping. It is important that children are supervised at all times when playing in the snow or ice. This will help avoid accidents, particularly when sliding, running, or playing games. If walking outside, be mindful of icy patches on pathways and driveways. It's a good idea to take shorter steps and walk carefully to avoid slipping.
- 2. Avoiding Frozen Puddles:** While it may look tempting to walk on frozen puddles, there is a risk that the ice may not be thick enough to support weight. Children should be reminded not to play on or around frozen puddles or ponds.
- 3. Dressing Warmly:** Layers of clothing, waterproof outerwear, gloves, hats, and scarves are essential for keeping warm and dry during outdoor play. This helps to avoid cold-related injuries like frostbite.
- 4. Snowball Play:** If your child is involved in a snowball fight, please remind them to keep the snowballs soft and avoid throwing them at faces or sensitive areas of the body.

**Respecting Others:** Snow and ice can be a lot of fun, but it's also important to make sure everyone is playing safely and not endangering others, whether on the playground, in the garden, or out in the local community.

In an emergency



### **Ice safety advice regarding waterways:**

Children are attracted to frozen lakes, canals and Lochs as they present natural play opportunities. Ice, however, can be a serious hazard in the UK in the winter.

- Plan your route if you're going out and about near waterways in winter
- Look out for the signs and warnings. They are placed to warn of non-obvious hazards
- Stay off the ice and frozen waters they will not be able to hold a person's weight
- Keep away from the edge, and be aware that snow and leaves may obscure the edge
- Supervise children around ice and waterways

Keep your dog on a lead near ice and frozen waters and don't throw sticks or balls onto the ice for them.

We appreciate your support in reinforcing these safety tips with your child. By being mindful and taking precautions, we can help ensure that everyone enjoys the beauty of the winter season safely.

Thank you for your continued cooperation, and we hope everyone gets to enjoy the snow while staying safe and warm!

Kind regards

Mrs Tottie  
Headteacher



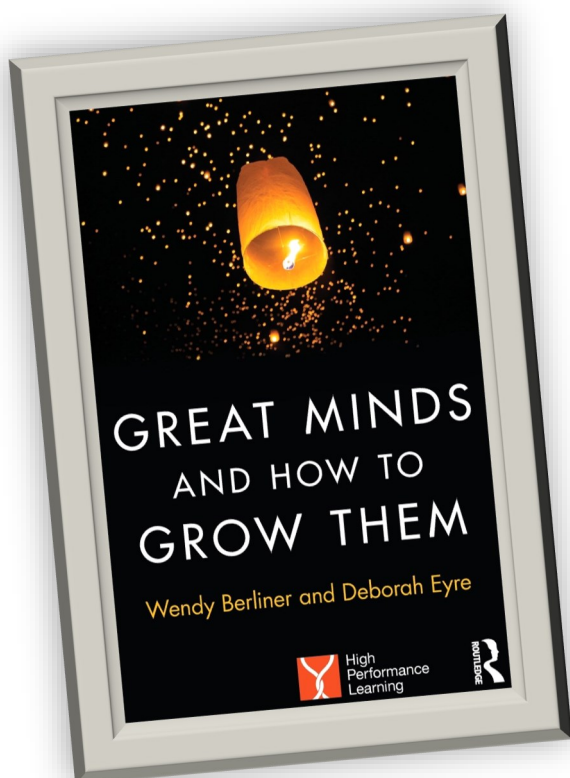
## High Performance Learning at Chapelford Village Primary School



As a school, we have embarked upon a journey of adopting a High Performance Learning philosophy and framework with the aim of becoming a High Performance Learning School. This is a unique teaching and learning framework to support us in establishing an ambitious school culture.

As part of this framework, we have strengthened the children's understanding of our school ethos to Learn, Achieve and Respect. For this half term in Spring 1, we will be focusing on what it means to Respect, which is to be Collaborative, Helpful and to Listen. Each week, we will explore a different value and how all children can demonstrate this to be a high performer.

Value for Spring 1 is **RESPECT**



As part of the school's ambitious journey to becoming a High Performance Learning school, we encourage you to purchase and read this book which shows how you can grow the minds of your children and guide them to success both in school and in life.

We currently have copies of this book that as a parent you can loan from the school, please ask at the school office.

## Dates for your diary

<b>January 2025</b>	
<b>Monday 13th</b>	Year 3 visit to St James Church
<b>Thursday 16th</b>	ChaPTA New Year Chocolate Bingo
<b>Monday 20th</b>	Year 4 to visit St James Church
<b>Tuesday 21st</b>	Brass performance for Class 17 and 18
<b>Wednesday 22nd</b>	Vision Screening for EYFS
<b>Thursday 23rd</b>	Year 2 parent Meeting - supporting your child's learning
<b>Thursday 23rd</b>	ChaPTA Bake Off competition and Bake Sale
<b>Tuesday 28th</b>	Brass performance for Class 19 and 20
<b>Fri 24 - Thurs 30th</b>	Be Dog Safe Assemblies across the school
<b>Wednesday 29th</b>	Lunar New Year
<b>Friday 31st</b>	Dragon Dance Workshops for whole school
<b>February 2025</b>	
<b>Mon 3rd - Fri 7th</b>	Children's Mental Health Week
<b>Thursday 6th</b>	ChaPTA Family Auction Night
<b>Thursday 6th</b>	Year 4 Parent meeting
<b>Monday 10th</b>	Year 5 Safety Central Trip
<b>Tuesday 11th</b>	Year 5 Safety Central Trip
<b>Tuesday 11th</b>	Parents Evening to include our Book fair
<b>Wednesday 12th</b>	Year 2 Safety Central Trip
<b>Thursday 13th</b>	Year 2 Safety Central Trip
<b>Thursday 13th</b>	Parents Evening to include our Book Fair
<b>Friday 14th</b>	End of half term
<b>Monday 24th</b>	Back to School—Spring 2

## Out of School Achievements

Congratulations and well done to....

**Gwyneth** from class 22 passed her Grade 5 drumming examination with Distinction.

Well done to you.



## School Meals

Please be aware that we are a **NUT FREE** school.

We have children in school with severe nut allergies, please do not send your child into school with any nut related products.

Thank you in advance.



In line with the Governments Healthy School incitive parents are requested to only send healthy snacks for their children for break and lunch time. Please ensure these items are low in fat and/or sugar. Thank you for your co-operation.



Chapelford are now working with Roberts Recycling—a specialist clothing bank company to raise funds for school. These clothes are collected up and redistributed around the world to places in need. This reduces the amount of clothes that go into landfill and ChaPTA receives money for every kilo donated for our children.

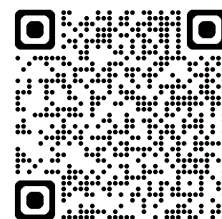
The clothing bank is located outside of the Chapelford Nursey gates, o the Sainsburys car park side of our school.



### Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools

Don't forget to sign up for the Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools.

Further information can be found via the QR code Download the Asda Rewards app via the App Store or Google Play.



## Parental concerns and issues

We take all concerns and issues seriously.

- ◇ If you have any worries, please contact the school and/or class teachers directly via the following methods: Email the class teacher: All class teachers have a direct email – these can be found on the [school website](#)
- ◇ Email the school office: [office@chapelfordvillageprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@chapelfordvillageprimary.co.uk).
- ◇ Call the school: 01925 712554





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