

Newsletter – 13th September 2021

On this day - 1997: Elton John releases "Something about the Way You Look Tonight" in the UK. Birthdays – 1916: Roald Dahl, British author; 1989: Thomas Müller, German footballer.

Dear parents, carers and families,

I want to start this first newsletter of the school year by thanking everyone within our community for making the start of term a success. A great deal of hard work goes into each day at school, from a great many people, and the rewards come in seeing the impact on our young people. Thanks and appreciation must go to parents and carers, our children, and of course our fabulous team of staff.

Congratulations to the children in our new Reception Class (Pine Class), who completed their first week at school last week. It was great to watch their progress in adapting to the new routines. Well done to Mrs Smith, Mrs Day and Mrs Hurst for the impact they have already had on our new pupils.

It has been wonderful to see children mixing on the playgrounds and in the lunch hall, and to have hosted two Friday morning assemblies already this term. Despite this return to 'the way things should be', we are still very aware of the threat of Covid-19 within our community. Hand hygiene, ventilation and cleaning are still high on the agenda for all of us in school.

Those of us who are able to be outside to welcome you in the morning and say goodbye in the afternoons are always happy to speak with you and to pass on short messages to the classrooms. If you have more detailed or important message, especially concerning attendance, appointments or absences, please email the school office on admin@chestertonprimary.org. This will ensure we keep an accurate diary, with communication to refer back to should we need to. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

After school clubs are due to start this week, with various third party providers. Some clubs, however, have not received enough interest to be made viable. I understand from our partners that parents who had signed up for these clubs are being contacted directly and offered alternatives where available.

With huge thanks for your support so far this term, and best wishes for the week ahead.

Richard Martin.

DIARY DATES

Thursday 16th September: First Year 5 swimming lesson.

Friday 17th September: Year 3 and 4 Bikeability.

Weds 22nd September: CaterLink taster session for parents.

Thursday 21st October: NHS flu nasal spray for children.

SOCS NEWS

Christmas Cards

Templates have arrived in school already and children in all year groups will be creating designs for their Christmas cards by the end of this month. Later in the term, you will have the chance to order cards, labels, paper, mugs and more from these designs.

Attendance data...

1 st	Hawthorn Class	98.6%
2 nd	Pine Class	98.6%
3 rd	Elm Class	98.1%
4 th	Oak Class	96.8%
5 th	Elder Class	96.6%
6 th	Hazel Class	95.3%
7 th	Beech Class	94.8%

Punctuality data...

1 st	Oak Class	100%
2^{nd}	Hawthorn Class	100%
3 rd	Hazel Class	100%
4 th	Pine Class	100%
5 th	Beech Class	98.5%
6 th	Elder Class	97%
7 th	Elm Class	95.4%