

Newsletter – 21st March 2022

On this day – 1991: The UK Government announces plans for a new property tax in place of the controversial poll tax.

Birthdays - 1935: Brian Clough, English footballer and football manager, born in Middlesbrough.

Dear parents, carers and families,

I hope you were all able to enjoy some peace over the weekend. The sunshine, from what I saw, certainly seemed to signal the start of spring for many people. It was great to see so many people enjoying outside activities. Still a bit too soon for flip-flops though, in case you are interested in my opinion on that!

Thank you so very much for the support you gave to the school, its staff and that the community last week. It was certainly challenging and I know the staff appreciated the support shown by our community. My thanks, also, to our amazing team of staff for the way they supported each other and ensured our provision for the children was consistent.

Our Year 3 children enjoyed a visit to the Sedgwick Museum in Cambridge last Tuesday morning. I am informed that the trip was a great success and the children represented the school very well. Tuesday was also the planned date for our first spring term parents' evening. These have now been moved to Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th March. We will advise you later today once we have created the appointments for you to sign up for in the usual way. Thank you for your understanding of this change.

This marks my last newsletter as the Interim Head Teacher of Chesterton Primary School. Tomorrow, we are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Yeoman back to school following her maternity leave. It was good to see Kate in school last week and I am sure you will join me in wishing her a warm "Welcome Back" to her position as the school's Head Teacher. Thank you for the support you have shown me over this past year. I have enjoyed playing my part in the school's successful running and have grown from the experiences offered. I am sure I will have the chance to say farewell to many of you over the next two weeks, before my last day with the school on Friday 1st April. Best wishes to you all for the terms and years ahead.

A final, quick note on attendance. It wouldn't feel right if I didn't mention it one last time! Average attendance last week was 95.6%; average punctuality was 96.3%. Just 0.6% of arrivals were after 9.00am. Thank you all!

With best wishes for the week ahead, Richard Martin.

DIARY DATES

Monday 28th March: SOCS Summer Fete meeting – 6.30pm online.

Tuesday 29th March: Parents' Evening (virtual) 3.30pm – 6.30pm.

Wednesday 30th March: Parents' Evening (virtual) 3.30pm – 5.30pm.

Friday 1st **April:** Non-uniform day – contributions for SOCS.

Friday 1st April: Beech Class assembly.

Tuesday 19th April: PD day for staff (no children in school).

Wednesday 20th April: All children return to school.







Attendance data...

1 st	Hawthorn Class	98.6%
2^{nd}	Elm Class	97.7%
3 rd	Oak Class	97%
4 th	Pine Class	96.3%
5 th	Hazel Class	95.9%
6 th	Beech Class	95.4%
7 th	Elder Class	88.4%

Punctuality data...

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1 st	Elder Class	98.9%		
2^{nd}	Hawthorn Class	98%		
3 rd	Beech Class	97.7%		
4 th	Oak Class	95.7%		
5 th	Hazel Class	95.1%		
6 th	Elm Class	94.6%		
7 th	Pine Class	94%		