

Newsletter – 27th February 2023

This term's value; Care

We look after our environment and each other.

Dear parents, carers and families,

We have a busy half term ahead with various different events taking place. Last week, Years 3 to 6 were visited by two artists from the local gallery; Kettle's Yard. With the artists, the children were using the environment to start creating a piece of work. Some of this work, when completed, will be displayed in Kettle's Yard for everyone to see. The artists will be returning in a couple of weeks to complete the work with the children.

This week it is World Book Day on Thursday. Throughout the week, every class will be completing work on the book; the Song of the Tree by Coralie Blackford-Smith. On Thursday all the children are invited to dress up as a 'wondrous word'. Some of the children have been already thinking about how they could dress up as; stylish, positive, creative, fragile and many more. If you are after some further inspiration type in 'vocabulary parade' into google images or Pinterest. We can't wait to see the Chesterton Vocabulary Parade.

Last week, there was a lot of traffic issues in Chesterton. All different routes have temporary traffic lights and there are a few road closures. We are aware this is out of your control, however now that we are aware of it we ask you to make allowances for it on your journey to school. If you are driving you will need to set off earlier to avoid being stuck in the traffic and ensure the children get to school on time. Thank you for supporting us in ensuring the children are at school on time.

This Thursday SOCs will be holding a meeting to discuss upcoming events. SOCs are working very hard to organise some activities for the school, to fundraise and to provide a community events. They would really appreciate support from anyone who has time to give, however small that time might be.

Next Year's term time and holiday dates are now on the school website. If you would like to see them, as I know some of you are looking at booking holidays, please follow this link; <u>https://chestertonprimary.org/our-school/termdates</u>

School attendance, is on the decline. The week before half term, there was a lot of absence. It is really important that children attend school and have a rate of attendance at least above 95%. We are aware there have been lots of illnesses around and the majority of pupil absence has been unavoidable but we are hoping it will improve again this half term.

With best wishes for the week ahead, Kate Yeoman.

DIARY DATES

Thursday 2nd March: World Book Day Thursday 2nd March @ 9am: Reception phonics share session Tuesday 7th March @ 6pm: Year 6 SATs meeting Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th March: Parents Evening Thursday 30th March @ 9am: Elm Class Parent Assembly Friday 31st March: Children break up for Easter holidays



Attendance data...

WR. 6th Feb

Hazel Class	96.4%
Elm Class	96.2%
Elder Class	96.1%
Hawthorn Class	94.5%
Pine Class	90%
Oak Class	88.6%
Beech Class	85.7%
WB: 30 th Jan	
Hawthorn Class	99.3%
Oak Class	98.9%
Hazel Class	98.3%
Elm Class	95.9%
Elder Class	95.5%
Pine Class	93.8%
Beech Class	91.4%
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