

## Newsletter – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022

**This term's value**; Respect We are focusing on respecting others.

Dear parents, carers and families,

Welcome to the second half of the term, that first half went by very quickly. This is always such a busy half term, we have lots of exciting events coming up and we are leading up to Christmas. This half term the children will be starting their second topics and more information about what the children will be learning will be sent through the curriculum maps at the end of the week.

Next week we have our first parent share sessions. The focus of these will be reading, you will have the opportunity to go to your child's class to see how the skill of reading is taught at Chesterton. In Reception and Year 1 the focus will be phonics, whilst the rest of the school the focus will be on the teaching of comprehension skills. Each parent share will begin at 9am and be followed by a talk about the school curriculum and assessments in the hall at 9.30am. Monday 7<sup>th</sup> will be Year 6. Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> is Years 1 and 2, Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> will be Years 3 and 4 and Reception will be on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>. Please come to the main office and you will be directed to the classrooms. Due to Year 5 going on a trip on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> their parent share will take place the following week on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 9am.

Pupils are able to bring in snacks for morning break time. Although pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have fruit provided. We ask that any other snack brought in is either fruit or a cereal bar. Please do not send in anything else and if you send a cereal bar please ensure it does not contain nuts.

The week beginning the 14<sup>th</sup> November is anti-bullying week. The children will be recognising this with lessons and activities in their classes. We would also like to start the week with odd sock day, Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November children are invited to wear odd socks, in recognition of everyone being able to be different.

As a school, we have been impressed with the attendance and punctuality of pupils. There have been some bugs going around that cannot be helped but most children have had a really good rate of attendance, which is great to see. Please can I remind you that absence from school that is not health related will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. If you wish to take children out of school during term time this request needs to be made in an email or letter to myself and will be considered on a case by case basis.

With best wishes for the week ahead, Kate Yeoman.

## **DIARY DATES**

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3.15pm: SOCS AGM Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 9am: Year 6 Parent Share sessions. Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 9am: Years 1 and 2 Parent Share sessions. Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 9am: Years 3 and 4 Parent Share sessions. Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 9am: Reception Parent Share sessions. Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November: odd sock day

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November: Year 5 Parent Share session





## Attendance data...

WB: 10<sup>th</sup> Oct

1 <sup>st</sup>	Elder Class	100%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hawthorn Class	98.7%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Oak Class	98%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Elm Class	96.7%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Pine Class	95.2%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Hazel Class	94%
7 <sup>th</sup>	Beech Class	91.8%
WB: 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Hawthorn Class	98.1%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hazel Class	97.7%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Elm Class	94.8%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Beech Class	94.4%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Elder Class	90.8%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Oak Class	90.7%
7 <sup>th</sup>	Pine Class	82.1%