



Chesterton
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter – 9th January 2023

This term's value; Persevere

We are focusing on not giving up.

Dear parents, carers and families,

Happy New Year to all our families. I hope you all had wonderful Christmas breaks and enjoyed some time together. The children have come back with a really positive attitude and it is wonderful to see them so focused on the term ahead. We have started the new term and you will have the children's curriculum maps to know what they are learning this term over the next week.

We have had some new staff starting with us this term. Mrs Taylor is teaching Year 2 every morning, Mrs Humphrey's is covering across the school on a Thursday and Friday. Mrs Baras De Castro is teaching Year 3. Miss Hardy has joined Year 2 to support a child in the class. I hope you will make all these staff members feel welcome as they settle into Chesterton.

SOCs our school PTA will be holding their next meeting on Thursday 19th January at 3.15pm. It will be an ideas and planning session so all parents are welcome if you would like to join SOC's or if you just have an idea to contribute.

School attendance, in the last week of term was really low. We had a lot of illness and we know that it can be difficult to decide whether to send the children in or not. If your child is unwell with sickness, please remember they cannot be in school until 48 hours after their last sickness. If they have a cold and they are well enough, they can be in school but other illnesses such as flu, Covid and Scarlett fever, which are highly contagious children should not be in school. This term we are hoping to put lots of the illness behind us and aim for good attendance in the school.

It has been noted that there is an increasing amount of children coming to school late. It is so important that all children arrive on time to start the day. In the morning we start learning straight away and it is a really important time for pupils to be in school. We are making a slight change to our recording systems for lateness. Children who arrive to school after 9.20 will be marked with a U, which is late unauthorised absence.

Finally a **Message from Lynsey Holzer, The Active Learning Trust's new Chief Executive Officer:** I am delighted to have joined the Active Learning Trust and I'm very pleased to visiting all our schools over the next few weeks to meet as many of our pupils, parents/carers and staff as possible. At the heart of my mission is the care and education of our young people and I will be building on the many strengths in these areas that I know already exist across our schools. I hope you and your children will soon begin to feel the impact of our work and I look forward to you all being part of the exciting journey ahead.

With best wishes for the week ahead,
Kate Yeoman.

DIARY DATES

Thursday 26th January; Faith Day

Wednesday 8th February: School Council

Thursday 9th February @ 8.45am: Parent Council

Friday 10th February @ 9am: Elder Class Assembly

Monday 13th February: Half term begins

Monday 20th February: Children return to school

Attendance data...

WB: 12th Dec

1 st	Elder Class	94.3%
2 nd	Hazel Class	94.1%
3 rd	Oak Class	91.4%
4 th	Hawthorn Class	91%
5 th	Elm Class	89.7%
6 th	Beech Class	85.4%
7 th	Pine Class	82.8%

WB: 4th Jan

1 st	Elder Class	100%
2 nd	Hawthorn Class	98.9%
3 rd	Oak Class	96.6%
4 th	Hazel Class	95.5%
5 th	Pine Class	94.3%
6 th	Elm Class	93.1%
7 th	Beech Class	92.2%



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