



## CHESTERTON NEWSLETTER

10<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear parents/ carers,

It's definitely true to say that we have an amazing start back to school; it has probably been the most enjoyable start back to school I have had.

Thank you to all who came to the event about "Ollie and his Superpowers" last night; I hope you found it useful and informative. If we have enough interest from people who couldn't make the session, Ali and Caroline have agreed to come back to repeat it. Please let me know if this is the case.

We are starting a new phonics scheme in EYFS, Y1 and Y2 this year called "Storytime Phonics". It is a way of teaching phonics using stories the children will already meet in school. Please make sure you ask your child what phonics sound they are currently working on.

We have been fortunate enough to appoint Andy Smith as our new caretaker on a part time basis. Andy has already done a sterling job trying to keep on top of the grounds maintenance as well as all the other "little" jobs around the school.

We are also looking at arranging for a piano teacher to teach piano through private lessons in the school. If you would be interested in this, please could you let Maxine in the office know? I also hope you all remember to dress up for Roald Dahl day on Friday!

I hope you have a great week. ☺

Toni Jackson

### ECO SCHOOL

We are looking to achieve "ECO School" status this year. To help achieve the status we need a team of children from across the school to work with some staff and parents/ carers to introduce and monitor the ECO initiatives. The team has to be primarily led by the children with most of the work being undertaken by the children. It would be useful, however, to also have a couple of parents/ carers on the team; meetings will be held during the school day. If you would be interested in being part of the team, please could you email me [TJackson@chestertonprimary.org](mailto:TJackson@chestertonprimary.org). Many thanks.

### ATTENDANCE NEWS!

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Beech	100%
	Elder	100%
	Hazel	100%
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Pine	98.81%
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	Oak	92.31%
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	Hawthorn	91.67%
7 <sup>th</sup> Place	Elm	87.04%

### PUNCTUALITY

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Elm	100%
	Beech	100%
	Hazel	100%
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Pine	99.41%
	Hawthorn	99.41%
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	Elder	99.38%
7 <sup>th</sup> Place	Oak	98.72%

If you wish to see a copy of our attendance policy you can ask for one at the office or look at our website.

### SUPPORT STAFF FOR THIS YEAR

Reception	Pine Class	Mrs Day
Year 1	Elm Class	Miss Crook
Year 2	Beech Class	Mrs Jeffrey
Year 3	Elder Class	Ms Thomas/ Mrs Taylor
Year 4	Hazel Class	Ms Thomas/ Mrs Taylor
Year 5	Hawthorn Class	Ms Thomas/ Mrs Taylor
Year 6	Oak Class	Mr Dowell
Learning and Behaviour Mentor		Mrs Wykes
Pastoral Support Worker		Mrs Monk
Family Support Worker/ TA		Mrs Cornwell

**DATES FOR THE DIARY:** 13<sup>th</sup> September – Roald Dahl day. 13<sup>th</sup> September – SOCs Bring and Share picnic. 18<sup>th</sup> September – Y5 start swimming. 30<sup>th</sup> September – start collecting food donations for Harvest.

*Did you know that on this day in .....*

- 1515 – Thomas Wolsey is invested as a Cardinal.
- 1846 – Elias Howe is granted a patent for the sewing machine.
- 1960 – At the Summer Olympics in Rome, [Abebe Bikila](#) becomes the first sub-Saharan African to win a gold.