Chisenhale Chatter



04/09/20

Welcome, welcome, welcome!

It was so lovely to see the children (and parents), so eager to get into school on the first day. They have done fantastically well settling in to classes in an instant and are glowing! Almost everyone is back, apart from a few having to quarantine.

We have also welcomed some new staff members; Halima Begum - Sprouts Class teacher, and Helen Idieho - Moon Class teacher. Also, we have employed five teaching assistants to support specifically with the additional work required due to the pressures of Covid and getting back on track. Welcome to Karolina, Blue, Tina, Joli and Eva. We congratulate Ola in completing her training with us and qualifying, now flying solo as Broccoli Class teacher.

Thank you for being so patient with us at the end of day, it worked relatively well for a first go! Please queue at each gate to collect your children, and move away as quickly as possible – social distancing is required outside the school gate. It is only possible where you have children in years 5 & 6 and 1 & 2, for them to be collected together. This is because the time difference is half an hour between pickups. However, the time difference between other year groups is shorter, and therefore we ask that you are patient and collect at the allocated times. This is to avoid overcrowding in the playground.

In the next couple of weeks teachers are focussing on formative assessment of all of the children, working out where they are at, and looking at where each of them needs to go next. Parents are doing a great job, getting here on time - all classes are starting well - keep it up, thank you.

Sharon Taylor-Sezgin Headteacher

Packed lunches

We are speaking to the local authority about the packed lunch provision and hoping to see an improvement in this. Each morning the children are asked which option they would like for their

packed lunch or hot dinner so that Nigel can make sure everyone gets something they will enjoy. While we are still waiting for more details about this we will send you information every

Friday so that you can talk over the options with your child for the week ahead. We will also remind you which classes are having packed lunches the following week.

FIRST AID

As teachers are not seeing parents at the end of the day we are implementing a new first aid reporting system. If your child has an accident at school, you will receive a standard text message informing you of this, rather than a written note. This is to ensure you have the information, as notes in bags can be missed. If it is a serious injury or an injury to the head or face, we will call you as previously.

Secondary school choices meetings We have not yet had any information from the borough about whether secondary schools will be holding open days this year for Year 6s and their parents. As soon as we find out we will let you know. We will also try to organise a zoom meeting for parents. In the meantime, if you have any questions about the process please email <u>rcrossan.211@lgflmail.org</u> or leave a message with the office for Ruth, to arrange a time for a phone call.