



# Chisenhale Chatter

Chisenhale Primary School Bow



Learning Together for a Better Future

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Hello,  
I have had a wonderful first term here at Chisenhale, getting to know the children, parents and staff. I will be here full time from September, so I look forward to getting to know everyone better in the new term.

We are saying goodbye to several members of staff today, as they embark on new adventures - we wish all the best to Harriet, Delyth, Pippa, Miranda, Vukola, Macey, Leigh and Faima. They have all made a huge impact on the children they have worked with and will be missed here at Chisenhale.

It's that time of year when hopefully we can look back and reflect on all of the achievements of the children and the memories that we have made. We also say farewell to the year 6 children and wish them all the very best for the future. If they head to secondary with the resilience and determination that they have shown with us then they will surely succeed. It has been lovely to see some staff who have left Chisenhale come to support Year 6 at their play and leavers' events - Helen, Nigel, Ali, Nicky and Asma all popped in to see the children, as did Hannah, with her new baby.

I hope you all have a lovely break - stay safe over the summer holidays and I look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 5th September.

**Gemma Anidi, Headteacher**

These children will receive a praise postcard this week:

**Sprouts** - Aleina and Truman

**Broccoli** - Ikram and Callum

**Curly Kale** - Reuben and Fatimah

**Beetroot** - Thomas and Aiyaz

**Basil** - Onika and Umamah

**Thyme** - Rayan and Ellie

**All of year 4** for their great learning and emotional resilience this year, and for always supporting each other

**All of Year 5** for all their efforts with their learning this year

**All of year 6** for their amazing end of year production of Shrek and hard work this year - we will miss you!

## Well-being and mental health

If you have concerns around your child's well-being over the holidays you can contact a FREE, remote (phone or online video) charity-funded counselling service called 'Stop Breathe Think.' The service offers counselling to all 8 - 21 year olds and responds to all referrals within 24hrs, with no waiting lists.

Students can self-refer in here:

<https://www.stopbreathethink.org.uk/young-person>

Parents can refer their children in here:

<https://www.stopbreathethink.org.uk/parent>

**Please see the summer holiday activities leaflet, attached, for lots of ideas for free fun this summer.**

**School reopens on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September.**

## HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING OVER THE HOLIDAYS

**Nursery:** when you are out and about over the holiday play 'I Spy'. Say 'I spy with my little eye something beginning with....eg. t (use the letter sound at the beginning of the word to help embed letter/sound correspondence). Look for letters and numerals in the environment eg. signs and labels and help your child to understand how to read by segmenting and then blending the letters and sounds in words eg. c-a-t = cat. Visit and sign up to a library. The Idea Stores have summer activities, which are free. Give children materials and resources to practise mark-making including writing their name and drawing. Nursery children became very interested in art and artists through our topic work this term. Art galleries like Tate Modern and the National Gallery provide free activities for children over the summer.

**Reception:** remember to do lots of reading over the holidays and share stories with your family. Practise your letter formation. Write a postcard or letter to a friend or family member, remember to sound out words, and include finger spaces and full stops. Continue to do lots of counting and number formation. You might want to go on a shape hunt, or do some data collecting. You could create your own tally charts or pictograms. In Year 1 the children will start PE lessons so it would be really beneficial for you to be able to confidently, independently dress and undress yourself.

**Year 1:** over this summer the Year 1s would benefit from lots and lots of reading. Please read plenty of stories to your children and discuss what happened and why. Please also ask your children to read to you, ideally from a range of different kinds of stories, poems and non-fiction texts. If you are lucky enough to have some cool experiences this summer maybe you could write a story or a recount about what happened to share with your year 2 teachers? Last, but by no means least, please look for any and all opportunities to find examples of maths in the real world eg. reading clocks, counting coins, measuring distances and solving puzzles!

**Year 2:** learn your 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables to get off to a flying start in year 3. Master the common exception words from Year 1 and 2 to improve your spelling. Learn the 200 high frequency words and start learning the common exception words for Year 3. Handwriting; we will start joining in Year 3, practise this. Write a diary of your best day or write a story. Keep writing. Please get out and enjoy the weather!

**Year 3:** Keep up the daily reading at home during the break. Remember to discuss the characters, the story or the information you have read about together. Visit the Idea Store or another local library as a family to find some exciting new books to enjoy. We have been learning our x3, x4 and x8 tables, ready for Year 4 so keep practising these at home. Baking is a great way to secure the learning we have been doing in our mass and capacity unit during maths lessons. You could time your baking by using an analogue clock to practise time intervals too. We have been learning about flowers, seeds and fruits in science so why not visit some of the lovely public gardens in Tower Hamlets and see which flowers you can recognise?

**Year 5:** visit the Idea Store on Roman Road and borrow a couple of books to read each week. You could then create character profiles for some of your favourite characters in the books. Write poems about any interesting places you visit, or things you do. You could also keep a diary detailing your thoughts and feelings. Keep using TTRockstars to practice your times tables. You need to practice all your tables up to and including the 12 times table. Use the BBC Guardians of Mathematica to look at other areas of the KS2 curriculum, such as fractions, shape, multiplication and division. Continue to develop your art skills by using the Shoo Rayner and Draw with Bob tutorial videos. If possible visit some free museums linked to the topics we have covered this year; Vikings, Ancient Egypt and WWII. The Imperial War Museum is free and has some excellent exhibitions linked to WWII.

**Year 4** have impressed us all with their clear love for reading, inspiring others to read books they have recommended while also confidently sharing which books they have disliked. It would be great if you could continue to foster their love of reading by reading widely but also continue to have story time – this will spark their imagination, let them notice new vocabulary and discuss this with you. It would be fantastic if you could visit the Idea Store so that children could choose books that interest them. Taking them to some of the free museums and attractions in London would keep developing their interest in the wider world as well as helping them make connections with their learning. Year 4 have worked incredibly hard to learn their times tables this year and should be very proud of their achievements! A little bit of maths practice every day, whether that is times tables or a calculation problem to solve with a written method would continue to support their fluency and reasoning.

**Year 6:** keep your times tables fresh in your mind and have a go at the summer reading challenge if you can! Have a go at trying the journey to your new secondary school a few times and try to keep in touch with your friends over the summer - especially those who aren't going to the same secondary school as you. We are so proud of you all and can't wait to see you all at the tea party in the Autumn term – parents, please keep an eye out for emails relating to this.