

Chisenhale Primary School



Learning Together for a Better Future



EYFS Newsletter

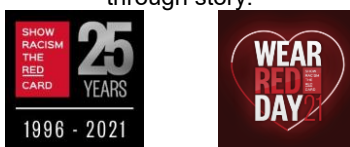
Autumn 1
15th October 2021

Trips & Celebrations

Reception Classes are hoping to take their **Harvest Festival** donations of **non-perishable food** (tins and packets) and **toiletries** to St Barnabas Church next week.



Throughout October we will also be exploring **Black History Month** through story.



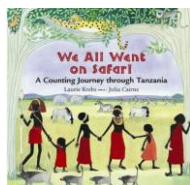
We will be wearing red to show racism the red card next **Thursday 21st October**.

On our first day back after our half term holiday (**Monday 1st November**) we are going to mark the festival of **Halloween** through story-telling, spelling and a spooky rumpus – your child is welcome to dress up for the occasion!

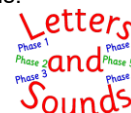


This week in EYFS!

In **Nursery** we have been learning about **Africa** and hearing some stories and learning some African songs and dances. We learnt a call and response song from Ghana called "**Kye Kye Kule**", and read the story of **Handa's Hen**, set in Kenya.



Reception have had a disruptive visitor this week – It was George! They have written letters to tell him "**Oh No George!**". They have continued their phonics programme focusing on the letter/sounds **o, g & c**. They have been learning about shape and pattern in their mathematics lessons.



We will be holding a **workshop** for **Reception** class parents in the school **library** on **Monday** morning, **18th October**. It will be held at the beginning of the school day from **9-10am** to explain how we teach phonics to help your child develop their early reading and writing skills.

We are having some issues with children bringing toys from home into the EYFS setting. Children have lost some cherished items, and it has also caused problems between members of friendship groups as children find it difficult to manage their feelings when other children have their own toys in school. We would ask parents to ensure that children leave their own toys **at home** in future.

School meals are **free** for children in Reception-Year 6. Nursery lunches cost £11.50 a week, which can be paid by card or through a parentpay account. If you need a log-in for parentpay contact Kim in the office. If you have a child in Nursery who could be entitled to free school meals please contact Christine.

Parent Partnership

We have two designated email addresses for queries:

Nurseryteachers@chisenhale.towerhamlets.sch.uk

Receptionteachers@chisenhale.towerhamlets.sch.uk

Free English Classes for parents

Monday from 9-11am. Speak to Ruth Crossan our Home School Liaison Worker for more information.

Half Term Holiday

The half-term holiday will be from **Monday 25th-Friday 29th October**.

School will also be closed on **Friday 22nd October** for an INSET day.

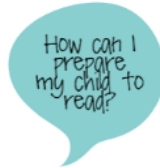
Book Bags & Reading

Your child needs to bring their book bag into school every day. Please check their book bag daily for important letters or information. Initially we will be inviting your child to choose a book to take home and share with you every **Friday**.



How you can help

You can help by reading to and with your child every day.



Bikes & Scooters

We are able to accommodate bikes and scooters in the Early Years playground if your child chooses to scoot or cycle to school.



Over the course of this half term each class has amassed a large amount of unlabelled clothes and possessions. Children are generally not able to identify their own clothing or possessions independently. Therefore we are proposing to place a container of Lost Property outside the Early Years Gate next week.

Anything that is not claimed by Thursday evening will be recycled.

All personal property should be labelled clearly with your child's name and class!

In this way we can help your child become responsible for their own possessions.