

Chilton Community Primary School Newsletter



October 2023

Dear Parents & Carers

We have had a great start to the new school year. We have been joined by new children in the Reception class, as well as families who have recently moved to Stowmarket. Children have been working hard to improve their basic skills of handwriting and presentation and we now have some lovely joined handwriting in several classes. Please look on the website to see what your child is currently learning about https://www.chilton.suffolk.sch.uk/web/curriculum - long term plan for all subjects/422771 in other areas of the curriculum. If your child is in Reception class, please continue to use Tapestry to share the learning which happens at school and at home.

I hope that you found the parent and carers' evening useful and a chance to discuss your child's progress and how they have settled into class. If you were not able to attend, you should have received your child's report via email. If you have anything you would like to discuss further with your child's teacher before the next parents' evening in March please make an appointment to see them via the school office.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mrs Gaffney, who has recently been appointed as a SENCo at a school in Ipswich. She will continue to work with us until Christmas. Mrs Thorpe will be joining us after half term and will take on the role of Deputy Headteacher in January when Mrs Gaffney leaves. This will give Mrs Gaffney and Mrs Thorpe the half term to work together to ensure that there is a smooth transition and sharing of information. Mrs Gelling, who has been on a secondment at Chilton, will be leaving the school at half term to return to her previous role. We have enjoyed working with Mrs Gelling and I would like to thank her for her support to the children and staff at Chilton. After half term, children will have the following teachers:

Reception - Mrs Shaw

Year 1 - Mrs Thorpe

Year 2 - Mrs Gaffney

Year 3 - Mrs Bird

Year 4 - Miss Nicholson

Year 5 - Mr Shaw

Year 6 - Mrs Trott

Mrs Carr

Household Support Fund Discretionary Grant Vouchers

You should have received a code to redeem for a £15 supermarket voucher for each eligible child from our new provider Sodexo. This money is designed to help families with their essential living costs during the holiday.

Foodbank Referrals

If you need a foodbank referral please contact Mrs Carr or Mrs Gaffney. Please note there is now a limit on the number of food parcels a family can

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Nemokamas pokalbis apie maistą su ponia Carr.

Cost of Living Support

Suffolk County Council have issued a useful document detailing support on offer to Suffolk residents. https://suffolk.pagetiger.com/cost-of-living-support/scc1?ptia=n

Reception

It has been a busy half term in Reception. The children have settled in well and are enjoying their learning. We have linked lots of our learning to autumn: creating spiky hedgehogs, making faces with autumn objects as well as using these objects to help us in maths.

We have been busy being creative, building and improving our fine motor skills to help us become writers!





















Year 1

Reverend Eden visited the Year 1's recently to speak to them about Christenings. This is part of our Religion and World Views learning. He brought in 'baby' Elizabeth and carried out a christening. The children were very curious and asked lots of interesting questions.



Year 2

In Design and Technology this term, pupils have been looking at how to repurpose an item of clothing. Children learned how to use a template, cut fabric and join pieces together using a running stich. The work was influenced by the artist Frank Havrah Kaffe who specialises in decorative patchwork. Pupils thoroughly engaged with this unit and were very proud of their achievements.





Year 3

This half term, year 3 have been experimenting with different methods of stiffening fabric. We found that flour and water, sugar and water, PVA glue and gelatine all worked really well, but hairspray or starch were less successful.

How we made our boxes:

We stiffened a square of fabric by coating it with paper and PVA glue.

Once it had completely dried, the fabric became more rigid.

We then folded the stiffened fabric to make a box.

We glued the corners together with PVA and used paperclips to temporarily hold everything in place until the glue dried.

TT Rock stars Day

There were some amazing costumes, make up and hairstyles for our TT Rock stars Day on Thursday. Pupils took part in challenges throughout the day and answered over 28,000 questions correctly! Well done to the blue team who won the competition overall with 14,809 correct answers.





Year 5

The children have been looking at food from other cultures and cooked flatbread with garlic butter in the first lesson. The second lesson was a Danish Smorrebrod, a rye bread open sandwich, loaded with cream cheese and salad. The focus was heavily on the presentation of the Smorrebrod.









Year 6

Last week, Year 6 were looking at Street Food across the World in DT. We made some burritos and pitta breads. Also, we learned that healthy food can be tasty!



Booster Class

In preparation for SATs, all pupils in year 6 are invited to attend "Booster Class" next half term starting Wednesday 1st November. These sessions will be held weekly on Wednesdays between 3:10 and 4:00 and will be run by Miss Lacey. Pupils will be strengthening their maths skills using a programme called Century which tracks progress and gears learning to the individual pupil. All pupils are encouraged to attend. Please login to Arbor to register and give your consent.

High School Applications for September 2024

If you have not already done so, you MUST apply for a high school place for your child by the deadline of Tuesday 31st October 2023. To apply go to; https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-places/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place-2024-2025

Junior Road Safety Officers

Our new JRSO's have been selected and are looking forward to promoting road safety in school.



Breakfast & Afterschool Club

Our breakfast club is increasingly popular and is now often fully booked. Please ensure sessions are booked in advance. If your child is not booked in, they may be turned away.

After school club can be booked for up to two sessions, either finishing at 4pm or 5pm. After school club agreements need to be completed before your child can attend, these are available from the school office. It is important that children are collected by 5pm, or a late collection fee may be charged, to cover the cost of staffing for the additional time. Children are not permitted to stay without a signed afterschool club agreement and payment being made for the session. Sessions MUST be booked and paid for in advance.

SEN

Do you have a child who has special educational needs?

Did you know...

- As the Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator, I oversee the Special Educational Needs provision in
- Any child who has been identified as having special educational needs has a support plan which is reviewed at least three times a year.
- Your child's class teacher will work with you to set targets that your child will work on in school to ensure they make progress.
- Your child may be supported in the class, but sometimes they might be involved in booster sessions or preteaching sessions. You will always be told about these and will be kept up to date about the progress your child is making.
- Progress will be discussed at parent's evening and you will also be invited into school when we review support plan targets.

Our school website has more information about our school's SEND offer. You can find out lots of information about the support available the Local Authority by clicking on this link https://infolink.suffolk.gov.uk/kb5/suffolk/infolink/localoffer.page?localofferchannel=3

If you are ever unsure about the support your child is getting, please speak to your child's class teacher initially.

On Tuesday 21st November between 9 - 11, I will be holding a SEN surgery. If you have spoken to your child's class teacher and still have worries or concerns about your child, please contact the office to make an appointment for this session.

Mrs Gaffney

PE Kit Reminder

A polite reminder that as we enter the colder and wetter weather, please could you ensure that your child has the appropriate clothing to take part during their PE lessons. Where possible PE lessons are taught outside, therefore a reminder that our PE kit consists of the following items:

Blue school jumper (no hoodies)

Plain black shorts/leggings/tracksuit trousers

Plimsolls/Trainers (black soles)

Plain black tracksuit bottoms, top and jumper (Outdoor PE)

No jewellery (Please ensure that earrings are not worn on PE days)

Earrings are not permitted in PE lessons to ensure the safety of the individual and other children within the class. Tape can only be worn to cover earrings in the first 6 weeks after the child has had their ears pierced. The class teacher will be vigilant with which activities the child can safely take part in. The school swimming service (Vertas) does not allow earrings to be worn during swimming lessons, so therefore they must be removed.

Changes to PE Days

After half term there will be a change to PE days for children in Year 1 & 2.

Reception Friday

Year 1 Wednesday

Year 2 Tuesday

Year 3 Tuesday

Year 4 Thursday

Year 5 Thursday

Year 6 Wednesday

Attendance

If your child is absent from school, please ensure you contact us either by leaving a message on the absence line or emailing office@chilton.suffolk.sch.uk.

Please provide full details of the reason for absence and avoid using phrases such as "not feeling well", "poorly" or "sick".

Where possible medical and dental appointments should be made outside of the school day. We require evidence from the Dr/Dentist in order to authorise these absences.

Children in Need

We will be supporting Children in Need on Friday 17th November 2023 by holding a non uniform day. Children may wear their own clothes to school for a suggested donation of £1. This year's appeal is spot themed so children may wish to wear spots or Pudsey clothing if they have some but there is no need to buy a new outfit.



The Poppy Appeal

We have a selection of children's wristbands, reflectors & zip pulls along with traditional poppies available for a donation to The Poppy Appeal. These will be available from the school office at break and lunch times after half term.

Whole School Dates

A complete list of next year's term dates are available on our website; http://www.chilton.suffolk.sch.uk/web/term_dates_20232024/523751

Monday 23rd October—Friday 27th October 2023—Half term

Friday 3rd November 2023— Friends of Chilton School Disco

Friday 17th November 2023—Children in Need

Tuesday 21st November 2023—SEN Surgery between 9:00-11:00

Thursday 21st December 2023—Last day of term for pupils

Friday 5th January 2024—PD Day

Friends of Chilton Community Primary School

The Friends of Chilton are holding a Halloween Lights disco on Friday 3rd November 2023. Please post your payment in a named envelope in the Friends post boxes in the playground.

