



Chilton Community Primary School Newsletter



November 2023

Dear Parents & Carers

We have had lots of excitement in school over the last few weeks: children have been cooking and making salads; Year 5 are making good progress in their trombone lessons and we have created some wonderful artwork across the school. We have been working hard in school and are looking forward to enjoying some of the activities to come: the Christmas Fete, Nativity, Christmas show and Christmas lunches. Thank you for continuing to support your children in reading everyday and in getting to school on time - please remember to allow yourselves some extra time to travel, now the weather is starting to turn icy. Enjoy the next few weeks and the Christmas break when it arrives.

Mrs Carr

Household Support Fund Discretionary Grant Vouchers

You will receive a code to redeem for a **£30** 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 have in a year.

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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>

Safeguarding

Please make sure that you are not on the school site before 8:30 am (unless you are taking children to breakfast club) in the morning. In the afternoon, please do not come onto the site before 3pm, the end of the day is 3:10pm. Thank you.

Car Parking

The school car park is not for parents to use at the start and end of the school day. If you have car park permit, please ensure you park considerately and do not block others in. The gate should be closed—you may open this but please ensure you close it behind you. Inconsiderate parking may result in your permit being withdrawn.

Lateness to School

A reminder that the start of the school day is now 08:40. Playground gates will close at 08:40. Pupils should be in school and ready to learn by this time. Pupils arriving after 08:40 are LATE and need to enter school via the school office where you will be asked to sign your child in.

SEN

Mrs Gaffney will ensure that Mr Shaw our new SENDCO is fully up to date with the work that she has been doing with children on the school SEN register. A thorough handover will take place so that all SEN work will carry on smoothly and efficiently.

Staff Update

We would like to wish Mrs Gaffney good luck and say a big thank you for her hard work in the school as Acting Deputy Headteacher, DSL and SENCo since 2022. She has been a great support for many staff and families in the school in her time here. She will be leaving at the end of December to be a full time SENCo in an Ipswich school.

Mrs Thorpe will be taking over as Deputy Headteacher and DSL from January. We have enjoyed working with her this half term, as she has been getting to know the children, the staff and the curriculum in her role as Year 1 teacher.

Mr Shaw will take up the role of SENCo in January. Mr Shaw has been working with Mrs Gaffney to get to know the needs of the children on the SEND register. He will be supported by other SENCos with schools that we are currently working with. We are very pleased that we have appointed a SENCo from within the school, who already knows the needs of our children.

Miss Gooderham will continue to work with classes and children across the school. She will spend most of her time in Year 1 and Year 5 when Mrs Thorpe and Mr Shaw need time to fulfil their other roles.

Mr Canham will shortly complete his teacher training and will take over as Year 2 teacher in January. He has worked with the class before and many children in the class have attended his afterschool sports clubs. He will be well supported by Mr Shaw, who will be his mentor.

We have also been joined by two new midday supervisors: Mrs Osborn and Miss Everson and two new teaching assistants: Miss McKenna & Mrs Dimova.

We will be very sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Terry at the end of December. She has worked in the school office since 2014. In her time at Chilton she has supported me greatly in my role, as well as staff, children and families. Lots of the work she does is behind the scenes and has contributed to the running of the school and the positive steps we have made. She will be going to work in school finance in another Trust. Although we will miss her, we wish her luck!

Mrs Carr

Reception

We celebrated Bonfire night by making our own bonfire pictures, used paper and lolly sticks to make our own poppies for Remembrance Day and we made Pudsey masks for Children in Need.



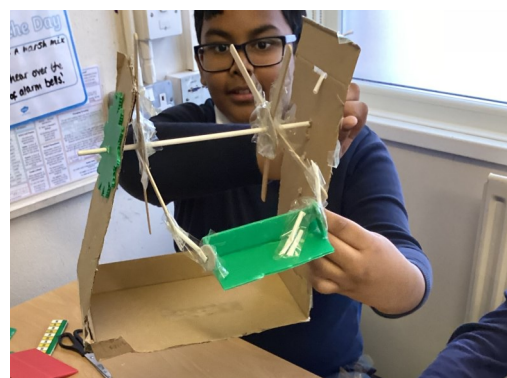
Year 2

Year 2's have been learning how to prepare food safely as part of their DT lessons. They had a great time chopping, grating and slicing salad vegetables to make colourful jam jar salads. Everyone was very pleased with their work and took their salads home for tea.



Year 6

Year 6 had a fantastic full day of DT on Friday, looking at gears/pulleys and finally making prototypes of our own Ferris wheels that could potentially hold our weight and work successfully if built to scale! Year 6 demonstrated exceptional team work and made some really impressive models together.



TT Rock Stars Competition

Between 27th November and 15th December we will be taking part in a TT Rockstars competition against all of the other schools in the CET. Children in Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be able to take part in school and at home. Please encourage your child to participate at home in the evenings and at the weekends. Knowing the times tables really helps the children become confident mathematicians and we are keen to support them. We would also love to win the competition again!

Children in Need

We had a great day celebrating Children in Need. Thanks to your donations we raised £155.73.



Attendance

If your child is absent from school, please ensure you contact us either by leaving a message on the absence line or email; 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.

PE Days

A reminder of PE days.

Reception	Friday
Year 1	Wednesday
Year 2	Tuesday
Year 3	Tuesday
Year 4	Thursday
Year 5	Thursday
Year 6	Wednesday

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.

Friends of Chilton

The Friends will hold their Christmas Fete on Friday 1st December. Tickets to visit Santa can be purchased on arrival at the Fete.

Santa will also visit each class during the afternoon so all children have the chance to say hello!

The Friends have kindly agreed to fund a Christmas lunch for all pupils again this year. Christmas lunch will be on Tuesday 19th December. Children may wear a Christmas jumper with their uniform on this day.



Christmas Tree Festival

All classes have created decorations for the Chilton Tree on display at St Peter's & St Mary's Church, Stowmarket for this year's Christmas Tree Festival.



Invitation to a Christmas Craft afternoon



Reception and Year 1 classes would love to invite you to a fun and festive craft afternoon on

Thursday 7th Dec at 1:30

in Reception class.

Please bring your best Seasonal cheer!

Christmas at Chilton

Friday 1st December—Friends Christmas Fete 3:10-4:30pm

Thursday 7th December—Yr R & 1 Christmas Craft at 1:30pm

Monday 18th December— Singing Club performance in the hall 3:20-4:00pm

Tuesday 19th December—Christmas Lunch—children may wear a Christmas jumper/hat with school uniform

Wednesday 20th December— Yr R & 1 Nativity Performance 1:30pm

Thursday 21st December—Booster Cushion performance of Goldilocks & The 3 bears Plus

Apply for a School place in Reception 2024/2025

If you have a child born between 1st Sept 19—31/08/2020 you must apply for a full-time Reception year school place 15 January 2024. To apply for a place visit:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-places/apply-for-a-primary-school-place-2024-2025>

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

Thursday 21st December 2023—Last day of term

Friday 5th January 2024—PD Day

Monday 8th January 2024—Pupils return to school

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SMART TVs

Smart TVs connect to the internet without the need for a set-top box or streaming device, letting users access a range of features through the TV set itself: from on-demand content apps like BBC iPlayer to streaming services such as Netflix, as well as connecting to smartphones and other wireless devices. Most new televisions are internet enabled – so whether you're thinking of upgrading your home viewing system or buying an additional TV for your child's room, it's now even more important to consider the online safety aspects.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

From Netflix to Disney+ to Prime Video, there is a plethora of streaming services available. While these services offer content catering for younger viewers, they also provide material for more mature audiences. If you don't have parental controls set up on your accounts, your child could find themselves being exposed to shows and movies with adult themes, strong language and violence.

INCREASED SCREEN TIME

The array of content available through smart TVs could lead to your child spending excessive amounts of time in front of the screen. Not only can prolonged screen time distract from important activities such as schoolwork or exercise, but experts have also warned that endless hours in front of the box can lead to health problems including obesity, poor sleeping patterns and depression.

REMOTE-CONTROL RETAIL

Like many online devices, smart TVs facilitate digital purchases: buying a new app or the latest season of a favourite show, for example. If your child has access to a bank card and isn't restricted by spending controls on the system, they could run up a sizeable bill through a smart TV fairly quickly – especially if they're not quite old enough to fully appreciate the value of money.

UNCONVINCING SECURITY

As Internet of Things (IoT) devices, smart TVs can be uniquely vulnerable to attack. Experts warn that internet-enabled TVs tend not to support high-level security software, so you won't always be able to download strong antivirus programmes like you would on a phone or computer. Being targeted by hackers could be deeply upsetting for your child, as well as putting their personal data at risk.

A SILENT SPY?

Some smart TVs already collect data on users' viewing habits and then display targeted advertising based on that personal information – while there have also been reports of internet-enabled TVs (and the apps installed on them) being used to 'eavesdrop' on owners. In models with a built-in microphone (for voice activation), third parties could potentially listen in on someone's home life.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

Many smart TVs can be used for web browsing, social media and live streaming – all of which could allow unknown users to contact your child (or vice versa). If your child engages with these functions of the TV, a stranger could potentially discover their contact information and potentially then use it to obtain even more sensitive personal details, such as your home address.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MAKE IT A FAMILY THING

Family TV time is a great way to model the responsible enjoyment of technology – showing your child how to use the smart TV safely for when they're old enough to watch it independently. You could also take this opportunity to establish some healthy TV boundaries, such as time limits on their daily viewing or how to make sure they're only watching content that's appropriate for their age.

SET UP PARENTAL CONTROLS

It's likely that your smart TV has built-in parental controls, which not only let you filter out age-inappropriate shows, movies and games but can also restrict in-app purchasing, so your child can't accidentally spend money through the device. When you've enabled these safeguards, have an open conversation with your child about the reasons, helping them to understand the potential risks.

CREATE CHILD PROFILES

Much like with smartphones and tablets, apps can be downloaded onto smart TVs: from free content platforms such as BBC iPlayer to paid-for services like Prime Video. Most of these apps allow you to create a separate account for your child which has different settings to your own – suggesting more child-friendly material and reducing the possibility of them viewing explicit content.

CONSIDER THE LOCATION

If you're concerned about the online safety hazards that a smart TV might pose to your child, you could consider where in your home you put the device. The safest option would be to place the smart TV in a shared family space – so that an adult is usually nearby and able to supervise while your child's watching it – rather than in the relative privacy of a bedroom.

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