

Chidham Parochial Primary School



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" Love each other as I have loved you." John 15 verse 12

10th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here is a look at what is happening in school next week:

Monday 13 th September	Cherry Class YR in 9am - 12 noon PE kits being worn by children in Willow and Oak Classes Apple Class am & Chestnut Class pm Harbour Conservancy Learning (see separate letter for details)
Tuesday 14 th September	Sama Karate Club starts today at 8am Cherry Class YR in 9-1.15pm PE kits being worn by children in Chestnut & Birch Classes
Wednesday 15 th September	Theatre Arts Street Dance Club starts today at 8am Cherry Class YR in 9-1.15pm Apple Class children to be dressed for "Forest School Activities" (see separate letter for details) Piano lessons for named children
Thursday 16 th September	Cherry Class YR in 9-2pm PE kits being worn by children in Chestnut, Willow & London Plane Classes

Friday 17 th September	Cherry Class YR in school all day as of today! PE kits being worn by children in Apple, Oak, Birch and London Plane Classes
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A Warm Welcome It was a delight to see so many smiling faces on Monday, when our new Cherries started. Cherry Class quickly filled with happy laughter and excited chatter. The children were eager to investigate their new classroom and start their school adventure with us. So a HUGE WELCOME to: Freddie Aguado-Navarro, Lila Billingshurst, Delaney Castle, Beau Cater, Felix Crinion-Keal, Tryphena Day, Liam Durand, Christian Durham, Lucy Ellis, Oliver Ellis, Rory Evans, Eleanor Groom, Eleanor Hitchiner, William Johnston, Reily Marsters, Isobel Morgan, Lacey-Beau Morrison, Louie Page, Rafferty Peck, Monique Petrov, Charlie Rowthorn, Hazel Short, Francis Smith, Ruby Sparrow, Elliot Warren, Italia Willard, Sophia Willard and Isabelle Woodward - we look forward to getting to know you all!

....and we warmly welcomed Mrs Emily Assinder, a trainee teacher affiliated with Canterbury University who will be working in Chestnut Class Wed - Fri all term as well !



Meet the Teacher The teachers enjoyed meeting those of you who were able to attend their after school "meet the teachers" meetings this week. For some of you it was possibly about putting a face to the name, but we hope you all went away having an idea of what life in your child's class will be like. All the teachers in school are passionate about teaching, they have high expectations for your children and will support each and every one to achieve and to leave them at the end of the year proud of their successes.

Please know we do want to engage with you, all children achieve well when we all work in partnership with each other and we actively pursue engagement with you throughout the year.

You can always speak to a teacher at the end of the day should you need to. Teachers are contactable by email, but please note that will only be looked at some point within a 24hr "working day window". (Not all teachers work everyday, and if off unwell they will not respond to emails then either.)

Cherry Class	Mrs Gardner Mon- Wed jgardner@chidham.w-sussex.sch.uk Mrs Jewitt Thurs & Fri ejewitt@chidham.w-sussex.sch.uk
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Apple Class	Mrs Chesshire kchesshire@chidham.w-sussex.sch.uk Miss Fleet (Tues-Fri afternoons only) jfleet@chidham.w-sussex.sch.uk
Chestnut Class	Mrs Collins icollins@chidham.w-sussex.sch.uk
Oak Class	Please speak to Mrs Thornton this half term
Willow Class	Mrs Webb all week not Wednesday afternoon or on Thursdays rwebb@chidham.w-sussex.sch.uk Mrs Morgan Wednesday afternoon & Thursdays jmorgan@chidham.w-sussex.sch.uk
Birch Class	Mrs Seton Mon-Wed morning jseton@chidham.w-sussex.sch.uk Mrs Clark Wed afternoon - Friday kparkin@chidham.w-sussex.sch.uk
London Plane Class	Mr Chesshire all week not Tuesdays mchesshire@chidham.w-sussex.sch.uk Miss Mac Tuesday ledwards@chidham.w-sussex.sch.uk



Dates As explained last week these are the dates we have in our diary for the rest of the term that you may appreciate advance knowledge of. We are mindful that DfE advice may change or our own circumstances may alter (eg COVID cases may rise in our area) and where we think we can invite you into school for events, we may find we can't. Some schools near us have already cancelled face to face parent consultations this term, but for now this is still our plan A!

- Friday 24th September Macmillan Coffee Morning : children to come with a cake and bring a donation for the charity
- Wednesday 13th October School Harvest Service: children to come with harvest gifts for us to give to a local food bank
- Thursday 14th October YR parents in at 2.45pm for their child to show them their new class
- Tuesday 19th October, Wednesday 20th October & Thursday 21st October Y1-Y6 parent consultations from 3.30-5.30pm each day
- Wednesday 20th October and Thursday 21st October YR meetings with parents & carers through the day
- Friday 22nd October: INSET Day
- w/b 25th October Half Term
- Monday 1st November: INSET Day

- Tuesday 9th November Yellow Photograph - they will take individual & sibling photographs
- Wednesday 17th November NHS flu vaccinations for all children
- Tuesday 7th December Oak & Willow Class Christmas presentation pm
- Wednesday 8th December Apple Class nativity play pm
- Thursday 9th December Cherry Class nativity play pm
- Monday 13th December Birch & London Plane Christmas concert at St Mary's Church at 2pm
- Sunday 19th December Chestnut Class participating in the Christmas service at St Mary's Church at 6pm

Please also note that there is an additional School Closure Day and therefore changes to the WSCC School Calendar 2021-22. An additional non-working day for schools has been allocated by the government next academic year to mark the Queen's Jubilee. Having considered the pattern of the school year in neighbouring local authorities and consulted with executive headteacher representative views, WSCC have decided to alter the school calendar by tagging the additional day at the end of the summer term 2022. This will mean that the last day of the summer term will be 21st July with the 22nd July being the start of the summer holiday. This means (as we end the summer term with 2 INSET days) that the last day of the summer term for all children at our school is now Tuesday 19th July.



Summer works During the summer break we had various contractors in. SSE were here putting in new outdoor lighting and Grubb & Banks Building Services Ltd came to build an extension for us. This will be a new group room and will be used for various activities. In the last parent survey someone asked if it would be possible to provide more musical tuition. Space was always the barrier to this, but once the extension is finished we will see if WSCC Music Services on one day a week are able to support us in providing this. In case you are wondering where this build is - the entry door will be from the main corridor in the school. The building takes up part of the outdoor area between Cherry & Apple Classes.



Parking Just to let you know that a county councillor, Joy Dennis, and Jane Towers one of the parish councillors came to look at parking and school traffic after school on Monday. Joy Dennis went away to look into repainting the yellow zig zag lines outside school so they stand out more and to see if they can be extended along the length of the school fence.



Headlice Please do check your child's hair regularly throughout the school year for headlice.

How common are head lice?

Head lice are most common in school-aged children. Each year hundreds of school-aged children get head lice.

How do head lice spread?

Head lice are crawling insects. They cannot jump, hop, or fly. The main way head lice spread is from close, prolonged head-to-head contact.

What are symptoms of head lice?

Itching on the areas where head lice are present is the most common symptom. However, it may take up to 4 to 6 weeks after lice get on the scalp before the scalp becomes sensitive to the lice saliva and begins to itch. Most of the itching happens behind the ears or at the back of the neck. Also, itching caused by head lice can last for weeks, even after the lice are gone.

How do you check for head lice?

Regular checks for head lice are a good way to spot head lice. Seat your child in a brightly lit room and part the hair. Look for crawling lice and for nits on your child's scalp a section at a time. Live lice are hard to find. They avoid light and move quickly. Nits will look like small white or yellow-brown specks and be firmly attached to the hair near the scalp. The easiest place to find them is at the hairline at the back of the neck or behind the ears. Nits can be confused with many other things such as dandruff, or dirt particles. The way to tell the difference is that nits are firmly attached to hair, while dandruff, dirt, or other particles are not. If headlice is found, please treat. A popular method is the "Comb -Out Method"

What is the comb-out method?

Step 1: Wet your child's hair.

Step 2: Use a fine-tooth comb and comb through your child's hair in small sections.

Step 3: After each comb-through, wipe the comb on a wet paper towel. Examine the scalp, comb, and paper towel carefully.

Step 4: Repeat steps 2 and 3 until you have combed through all of your child's hair.

A dark grey rectangular sign with white chalk-style text that reads: "Transfer from Primary to Secondary School".

Transfer from
Primary to
Secondary School

Y6 Transfer to Secondary School If your child is due to transfer to secondary school next September please remember that your application needs to be in by Sunday 31st October to secure

your chance of a place in one of your preferred schools. You need to apply online at:

www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions

There is free internet access, if needed at West Sussex libraries and Children & Family Centres.



Chartwells Are Recruiting Chartwells, the company contracted by WSCC to provide school lunches are looking to recruit people. Please read the email below and the advert attached to this newsletter for more information if interested.

Good morning.

I hope you all had a restful break.

Chartwells are recruiting a number of staff to work in the school kitchens in the Chichester and surrounding area.

Please could I ask that you share the attached with your parents/carers in the hope we can fill the vacancies, some of which may be in your school.

Your help as always very much appreciated.

Kind regards

KERRY SCOTT

Chichester Area Manager



COVID-19 Safety If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111.

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Please remember to:

- wash your hands with soap and water often - do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards.

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Please note the updated advice from the DfE should you become unwell with COVID but your child appears not to:

Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test and if the outcome is negative the child can attend school

The DfE are clearly wishing to keep schools open and children in school. The advice about possible "bubble closures" has this term changed ie a class would only be sent home now if:

- 10% of children, pupils or staff who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive* for Covid-19 within a 10-day period (for example 3 children/staff in a class of 30 would meet the threshold), or
- 5 children, pupils or staff who are likely to have mixed closely (for example in a sports team), test positive* for Covid-19 within a 10-day period

Always
remember to be
happy because
you never know
who's falling in
love with your
smile.

