



Charnwood Primary School

Parents Newsletter

February/March 2018



We have come to the end of yet another busy term at Charnwood. The staff and pupils have engaged in some exciting activities, as well as preparing for the end-of-year statutory tests (EYFS profile assessments, SATs and KS1 Phonics screening tests).

Bourne Westfield Primary Academy and Charnwood Primary Collaborative Arts Project

Building on our successful collaboration last year, Bourne Westfield Primary Academy pupils visited us this term! As you may recall, Bourne Westfield Primary Academy is a school in the town of Bourne, just north of Peterborough. We invited them to work on an art collaboration project. The children participated in various art activities, including the performing arts, alongside the Bourne Westfield children. The collaboration project once again provided another excellent opportunity for our pupils to meet and reconnect with children from another part of England. This type of pupil exchange allows pupils to connect with children from across the country.

Year 3 Judaism Assembly

Our Year 3 children performed a fantastic assembly to enlighten us all about the faith of Judaism. Visitors from the Hebrew congregation were invited to watch the assembly. I received a letter from them after their visit. Below is an extract from that letter:-

‘The performance of your children was truly magnificent and neither of us can believe the work that they, and your staff contributed towards such an assembly. We are totally blown away by the whole morning- both because of the children’s efforts and understanding of Judaism but also because of your very warm welcome.’

(Sandra Cohen, Hebrew Congregation)

Year 4 Sikhism Assembly

Our year 4 children will be performing the Sikhism assembly this week. We are hoping to have representatives from the Gurdwara attending the assembly.

Fundraising Events

Poverty Action Week – Wear a funky Scarf Day

In support of poverty action week we raised money for Charity Link, a local charity in the city. Charity Link helps local people and children by providing essential items including: food, clothing and beds to those in need. With your kind donations we raised £ 101.99 and collected food items for hampers which were donated to the Highfields Food Bank. We

received a letter from Jon Ashworth (MP) thanking the school community for the generous donations made.

Second hand book sale

I hope the books bought by children are making a nice addition to your home libraries. We raised £256.72. This will be put towards purchasing more books and resources for our children.

Scholastic Book Fair

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair was a great success yet again. It is wonderful to see so many children adding books to their bookshelves at home. I hope you are enjoying some shared reading time with your children. Through these sales the school received £1248.40 worth of new books for our library.

Christmas Jumper Day – We raised £124.73 for ‘Save the Children’ charity.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our school and local community.

There have been so many exciting learning opportunities this term, the list is exhaustive! Here is a snapshot of all the additional exciting activities and events the children have been engaged with:

Incredible Eggs – We have had chicks and ducklings in school! The children have looked after eggs in FS2 and Year 5 and have seen chicks and ducklings hatching. The children have enjoyed taking care of the chicks and ducklings and have learnt about lifecycles. Children from the across the school have had an opportunity to spend time with the ducklings and chicks.

Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service presentation - Years 1 and 5 had a presentation from the Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service.

Dinosaur Discovery workshop – FS2 have had a dinosaur discovery workshop delivered by the Leicestershire Museum services.

Author Visit – Year 5 pupils have had the opportunity of meeting and working with the author Andy Seed at Leicester Tigers. This was part of the Local Authorities, Authors Awareness Week. The children had the opportunity to experienced first-hand what it would be like to be authors for the day and wrote their own stories.

First Aid Training for Year 6 pupils - The children in year 6 have had the opportunity to receive first aid training delivered by the British Red Cross. The sessions were interactive and fun, and designed to increase confidence to act in an emergency. They learnt first aid skills to deal with bleeds, burns, head injuries and choking, using role play and quizzes. The children were also taught age appropriate ways to help someone who is unresponsive.

This term we have had the following drop in sessions and workshops for parents:

- School Nurse drop in sessions for parents
- F1 & F2 parent drop in sessions
- Year 2 maths workshop for parents - Sadly we had very low attendance at this meeting. The teachers will be having a follow up meeting to discuss the upcoming

SATS after the Easter holidays. We would really appreciate your attendance at this meeting. Please use the opportunity to ask questions about the upcoming SATS tests, as during the parents evening meetings the teachers will focus mainly on your child's progress and attainment.

I hope you have benefitted from these sessions. Thank you to those parents and carers who take the time to attend these workshops and events. Our aim is to work in partnership with you to support our children and your attendance at these meetings is very important if we are to continue to have a positive impact on our children's attainment and progress.

Farewell Mr F Patel

It is with a heavy heart that we say farewell to Mr F Patel, our wonderful Deputy Head teacher, as he ventures into this new chapter in his life.

The positive impact he has had on the development and wellbeing of the children and staff here at Charnwood is immeasurable. We thank him for his years of commitment and hard work, and wish him every success as he moves to Dubai to be the Head teacher of an International school. Mr Patel will be dearly missed.

We also say farewell to Mrs Z Ali, our wonderful lunchtime supervisor. We thank her for her hard work and wish her all the best for the future.

Future trips/events

Date	Trip/Event
Monday, 09 April 2018	Year 5 Apple Store trip
Wednesday, 11 April 2018	Year 5 Apple Store trip
Wednesday, 11 April 2018	Year 2 SATs workshop
Monday, 16 April 2018	Year 5 Apple Store trip
Monday, 16 April 2018	Year 1 Reading Café
Tuesday, 17 April 2018	Year 2 Reading Café
Tuesday, 17 April 2018	F2 Parents Evening
Tuesday, 17 April 2018	Year 1-6 Parents Evening
Wednesday, 18 April 2018	Year 1-6 Parents Evening
Wednesday, 18 April 2018	F1 Parents Evening
Wednesday, 18 April 2018	Year 5 Apple Store trip
Thursday, 19 April 2018	F2 Parents Evening
Thursday, 19 April 2018	Year 5 Conduit Street Central Mosque trip
Thursday, 19 April 2018	Year 4 Reading Café
Friday, 20 April 2018	Year 6 Reading Café
Monday, 23 April 2018	Year 5 Reading Café
Monday, 23 April 2018	F1 Parents Induction Meeting
Wednesday, 25 April 2018	FS Reading Café
Thursday, 26 April 2018	Year 5 Parents French Experience session
Friday, 27 April 2018	Year 3 and Year 4 Parents French Experience Session
Tuesday, 01 May 2018	F2 Twycross Zoo trip
Tuesday, 08 May 2018	Year 4 Beaumanor Hall trip
Tuesday, 08 May 2018	F2 Parents Induction Meeting
Monday, 21 May 2018	Nurses drop in session for parents
Friday, 22 June 2018	Year 6 Harry Potter World trip

P.E. Kits

Please could you make a note of your child’s P.E days and ensure that your child has got their P.E Kit with them on that day. We will not be making any phone calls home.

Highfields Food Bank

The Highfields food bank is run at the Highfields Centre on Melbourne Road (Leicester). If you are in need of a food parcel please see Mrs R Ahmad (School Business Manager) in the school office.

Data Collection

If there is a change to your contact details, you must inform the school office. It is the responsibility of the parent to update the school of any changes to contact details.

Cool Milk Scheme

The ‘Cool Milk Scheme’ will now be providing milk for your child. You can register online for your child to have milk on www.coolmilk.com. Payments for milk through this scheme can be made online. This scheme will commence from Monday, 09 April 2018.

Crossing Patrol

Leicester City Council currently have a vacancy available for a school crossing patrol. If you are interested, please call Michael Bridge on 0116 454 6202 or apply online on www.leicester.gov.uk/jobs

Parent View

Parent View gives you the chance to tell us what you think about our school. Please have a look at this website and give your view: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

Office

It is vital that the school is kept informed of any changes to contact phone numbers, new home address and medical needs. These details are very important in any case of emergency. Please note calls made to and from the school may be recorded and used for monitoring and training purposes.

Attendance

Our Education Welfare Officer is reviewing all our pupils’ attendance.

The whole school attendance for this year to date is: **94.9%**

Our school attendance target figure is **95.2 %**

This month the following class has had the highest attendance: **2 Ash**

Please visit our school website for further information about attendance:-

<http://charnwood.leicester.sch.uk>

You may phone the school office on **0116 251 6574**

Teachers 2 Parents Texting Service

If you wish to send a text message to the school please use the following number:-

07786 208 889

Teachers 2 Parents is now also available as a mobile app. Please use the link below to download the app on your mobile:

www.teachers2parents.co.uk/public/teachers/app_store.html.nc

If your child is absent please ensure you ring the school office every day that your child remains absent. May I take this opportunity to remind you that term time holiday requests **will not be authorised**. Please visit the school website to read the attendance information and policies.

Pupils should arrive in school between 8.30am - 8.40am. If pupils arrive to school between 8.50am – 9.00am this will be recorded as late.

If your child arrives to school after 9.00am this will be recorded as an unauthorised late.

End of Term

The last day of term will be Friday, 23 March 2018. We look forward to seeing all the children back at school on **Monday, 09 April 2018**.

We hope you have a lovely break.