



Charnwood Primary School

Parents Newsletter



January 2018



We have had a wonderful start to 2018, here at Charnwood. The children and staff are well rested and have settled back into school routines. We are planning exciting learning opportunities for our children during this spring term.

Visiting places of worship

As part of our religious education curriculum all year groups visit a place of worship. These visits are a great way for our children to learn about different faiths represented in our community. Year 3 will be visiting the synagogue to learn more about Judaism, Jews and their place of worship.

Year 3 Curve Theatre trip - Roald Dahl - George's Marvellous Medicine

Year 3 have been working on George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl. As a culmination of their hard work, the children visited the Curve Theatre to watch a theatrical production of the book. It was fascinating for our children to see the book come to life on stage.

Leicester City Books Competition

Our pupils are taking part in the Leicester City Best Books competition again this year. They have been very excited about reading a selection of 20 selected books. They have been discussing and debating which books are the best and have finally decided which five are their best books! They will be reading the top 5 books throughout the year and will join the children across the city to vote for the winning book. This will be announced in the Summer term. Our Year 5 pupils will be invited to a celebration event when the winning book will be announced later in the year.

Reading Diaries

Thank you for supporting our children with their reading at home. We would like you to help us by ensuring children read every day and by writing a comment in their books. Children from Year 2 onwards can write comments in the diaries themselves. I would like to request parents to check the comments and sign the diaries.

Homework

A polite reminder - homework is to be completed by the child themselves. Adults in the family can support, however adults should not be doing the child's homework!

The purpose of the homework is to check children's understanding and consolidation of what has been taught. In this way teachers can revisit the work with pupils if need be.

Please ensure children are accessing the maths homework set on the Abacus website. If your child has lost the password please speak to the class teacher.

Year 2 Football League Competition

Some of our Year Two pupils have been playing matches against pupils from other local schools across the city this term. This has been a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to showcase their talents!

The scores so far are:-

Games played	Scores
Charnwood Vs Sparkenhoe	3-1

Music at Charnwood – Cosmopolitan Arts

We are very excited to be having guitar tuition for some of our Year 6 children here at Charnwood. Our children are really enjoying these sessions – and I have joined them in learning to play this fabulous instrument too! I must say, I am learning a thing or two from the children. As they say you are never too old to learn!!

Future trips/events

Date	Trip/Event
Friday, 26 January 2018	Wear a funky scarf day
Wednesday, 31 January 2018	F1 & F2 Book Fair
Thursday, 01 February 2018	Year 1 & Year 2 Book Fair
Thursday, 01 February 2018	Quest Open Morning for Parents
Friday, 02 February 2018	Year 3 & Year 4 Book Fair
Monday, 05 February 2018	Year 5 & Year 6 Book Fair
Thursday, 08 February 2018	Year 3 Faith Assembly (Judaism)
Tuesday, 13 March 2018	Year 4 Gurdwara Trip
Tuesday, 27 February 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

We will be introducing a new scheme, 'Cool Milk Scheme'. Online registration details will be sent out to parents in February. Payments for milk through this scheme will be made online.

Vacancies at Charnwood

We have vacancies that have been advertised on the Eteach website:
<https://www.eteach.com>

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: **95.0%**

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

This month the following class has had the highest attendance: **3 Palm**

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

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.

Saying Goodbye to a Fantastic Deputy Headteacher

It is with great sadness that we will be saying farewell to Mr Farhaan Patel, our outstanding Deputy Head teacher at the end of this term. Mr Patel has secured a Head teacher's post at an international school in Dubai, UAE.

Mr Patel began his career here at Charnwood in 2002 as a newly qualified teacher. During the past 15 years he has steadily progressed into leadership roles, and has been a Deputy Head teacher for the past 6 years. During his time here he has excelled in his practice as a teacher and as a senior leader. It gives me great pride in knowing that Mr Patel leaves Charnwood having acquired the skills and experience to embark on the next phase of his career as a Head teacher.

I am certain that parents will join the staff, governors and I in wishing Mr Patel all the very best as he ventures into this new chapter of his life. His impact on the development of the school will linger; in all the knowledge, care and attention that he has given each and every child, parent, and member of staff throughout the years, and in the development of staff's skills and teaching methodologies. Mr Patel leaves a lasting legacy at Charnwood because of his selfless acts and for all that he has done for our school community.

Mr Patel, on behalf of the children, staff, parents and governors we thank you for all you have done for our school community. This quote from a mutually respected author reflects who you are and how you live your life:

'If you are going to live, leave a legacy, leave a mark on the world that can't be erased'

Maya Angelou

You have surely left your mark at Charnwood that cannot be erased. Go forth and keep leaving your mark for future generations to come, wherever in the world you may be. You will be missed.

Ms Jassat & the Charnwood family