



Parents Newsletter

December 2016

As we come to the end of the autumn term, I feel immensely proud of all the children at Charnwood. This term the children have demonstrated a real passion for learning during their lessons. This has been reflected in the quality of work they have produced in class. Overall, the behaviour in class and around school has been excellent.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their hard work and commitment in raising the education standards for our children. Furthermore, thank you to all the parents and carers for your continued support this term.

Attendance

The whole school attendance for this term is : 95.0%

Our school attendance target is : 95.2%

This term **Year 5 Willow** had the highest attendance.

Children with excellent attendance will be awarded a certificate at the end of this term.

Please visit our school website for further information about attendance:-
<http://charnwood.leicester.sch.uk>

Foundation Stage Nativity

The children have been learning about the importance of the festival of Christmas. Our Foundation Stage children performed the annual nativity assembly. It is always a pleasure to watch our youngest children perform and develop such confidence as they re-enact the nativity. Thank you again for coming to watch the performance. Your attendance means so much to our children and the staff.

Theatre Trip

At Charnwood we place great emphasis on providing opportunities for our children to experience and engage with events and celebrations that broaden their understanding and awareness of our multi-faith and multi-cultural society. Our children are encouraged to experience British culture through the curriculum and various trips and events throughout the year. Our children, staff and some of our parents (who accompanied the children on the trip as volunteers - thank you for your support) watched the Cinderella pantomime at the Peepul Centre.

Saying Goodbye

Sadly, this term we will be saying goodbye to Mrs M Abba, one of our teachers. Mrs M Abba has been a very valued member of staff for the past five years. We thank her for her unreserved commitment to the education of our children here at Charnwood. We wish her well as she moves on to experience pastures new.

Miss S Fakee-Mahomed will be joining our team as the new Year Two teacher in January 2017.

Mrs R Abdulla, one of lunchtime supervisors will also be leaving us. Mrs R Abdulla has been a midday supervisor for the past ten years. After many years of looking after our children Mrs R Abdullah is taking sometime out to look after her grandchildren. We thank her for her loyal commitment to Charnwood and wish her many happy moments with her beloved grandchildren.
Ms H Alimahomed will be joining our lunchtime supervisors' team.

Mrs H Sidat, one of our office members of staff will be leaving for her maternity leave. We wish her well and look forward to meeting her baby soon.

School Councillors

The School Council elections took place this term. The children were actively involved in selecting their candidates and ensuring a fair and democratic process was adhered to. This process is an introduction to the British Value of democracy and elections. Each class voted for two class representatives. The school councillors will be supported and mentored as they carry out their duties. I have been very impressed with the enthusiasm and maturity with which our councillors have taken on this responsibility. I look forward to continue working with them during the next two terms.

The following children have been elected as the new School Councillors:

Year 1	1 Maple: Saarah T Parth K	1 Oak: Aaminah S Aadam S
Year 2	2 Magnolia: Aaisha R Abdullah T	2 Ash: Yusraa H Mohammed Esa S
Year 3	3 Palm: Eesa P Aasiyah A	3 Chestnut: Raeesah H Aadam E
Year 4	4 Cherry: Zoya S Talhah R	4 Pine: Abdulrazak A Saarah K
Year 5	5 Sycamore: Hamzah K Fatima J	5 Willow: Fatin V Zara H
Year 6	6 Redwood: Farhan S Yusraa P	6 Olive: Raabiah K Muhammad K



Stranger Danger

A reminder for all the children to stay safe as they enjoy the Christmas break.

Leicestershire Police have asked us to share the following message with our families:-

A stranger is someone you do not know.

- Strangers can be men or women.
- They can be tall or short.
- They can be fat or thin.
- They can be old or young.

Remember...

- Do not go with a stranger.
- Do not take things from a stranger.
- Do not get in a car with a stranger.
- Never play near public toilets.
- Do not go off on your own. Always play with other children and be back home before dark.
- Most strangers are nice but some can be nasty and like to hurt children.
- If you are frightened by a stranger run home and tell a parent or carer.
- If you cannot run home tell someone you can trust. You can trust a police officer, your teacher, or a grown-up you know well.

Further information about stranger danger can be found on the Leicestershire Police website:-

<https://leics.police.uk/advice-and-information/kids-zone/stranger-danger>

E-Safety

During the holidays children will have more time to play. I am sure that many of our children will be using digital media devices such as smart phones, iPads/ iPods and PCs. May I remind you of the importance of ensuring that our children stay safe online. It is advisable to ensure parental controls are activated on the devices and children are supervised whilst online. Further information about E-safety can be found on the Leicester City Council Website:-

<http://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council-services/education-lifelong-learning/parental-support/onlinesafety/>

A Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year to all!

We look forward to seeing all the children back at
school on Wednesday 4th January 2017