



# Charnwood Primary School

## Parents Newsletter



January/February 2016



We have had a good start to the spring term at Charnwood. It is pleasing that many visitors to our school have commented on the good behaviour of our pupils. The children continually demonstrate a desire to learn and have a thirst for knowledge. We continue to support our children in learning how and when to use appropriate language in different situations e.g. addressing adults and peers in a respectful manner, demonstrating a polite manner (e.g. saying please, thank you and greeting others with good morning, good afternoon) as well as speaking in full sentences to improve their spoken language. With your continued support, as positive role models, I am certain we can maintain this excellent standard of behaviour at Charnwood.

### Uniform Reminder

At Charnwood we want our pupils to take pride in their appearance. This shows respect not only for themselves but for the school. Please ensure that the uniform worn complies with the school policy. Details of the uniform can be found in the school prospectus and the school website.

We will be issuing uniform reminders to parents again this term. We aim to ensure standards are kept high throughout the school. We need your support do this effectively.

### Attendance

The whole school attendance for this term to date is: **95.8%**

Our school attendance target figure is **95.6%**. So far we have met our target!

This term the following class had the highest attendance: **4 Pine**

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

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

### Parent Workshops

This term we are planning a number of parent workshops to keep parents informed and involved in helping our pupils achieve the very best outcomes. Mrs K Vaghela and Miss R Islam delivered an excellent Phonics workshop last week. I hope parents who attended the workshop found this useful in supporting learning at home. I hear that parents were keen to participate in the activities. Thank you for your enthusiasm. A number of workshops are planned for this term. Please look out for the parent workshop letters.

### SPARK Poetry Project

Class 4 Pine have been extremely lucky to take part in The SPARK Arts for Children Poetry Project. The poet Joseph Coehlo will work in school as a poet in residence. The pupils will write their own poetry which will be collated to create a booklet of poems. The theme of the poems will be based around a poem for Leicester - Being and Belonging in Leicester City. We will be participating in a variety of exciting activities which will conclude with selected children reading their poems at an evening for the Lord Mayor.

### Scholastic Book Fair

We recently held a successful book fair. We would like to thank all our families who came into school and supported this event.

#### Dates for your diary:

Date	Year Group	Activity/Trips/ workshops	Time
04/02/2016	3, 4, 5 & 6.	Parent workshop - Grammar at keystage two.	8.50am-9.40am
10/02/2016	1	Sea Life Centre in Birmingham	9.00am-4.15pm
Week commencing 21/03/2016	Whole school	Parents Evenings	3.15pm-5.30pm

### Vacancies

We have two vacancies for Teachers with Phase Leader responsibility and three vacancies for Lunchtime Supervisor Level 1. Please visit [www.eteach.com](http://www.eteach.com) for further details and the application forms.

### Stranger Danger

Sadly it has come to my attention, and as you may have noted from media coverage that pupils across the city have been approached by **strangers** whilst they have been **walking on their own to and from school**, during the day and early evening. At school we teach pupils about keeping themselves safe and what to do if and when they are approached by strangers. The pupils are taught to remember the following mantra:-

**NO, GO, YELL, TELL.**

May I request parents/carers to:-

- Talk to children about staying safe on the streets.
- Ensure, as parents / carers, you know where your children are going and how long they will be.
- Remind children never to talk to strangers and always tell a known adult if they are approached by any strangers.

I would like to suggest parents/carers collect their children from any after school clubs during term time and from any evening classes or clubs they may attend. I would also urge parents to consider picking their children up from school every day even if they are in Key Stage Two. I appreciate this may prove difficult for some of you. I feel this is particularly important at the moment with these incidences happening in the vicinity of our area. Another suggestion is to make arrangements with other parents of pupils at the school so that your child can walk with them if they are going in the same direction.

### 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.

If your child is absent please ensure you ring the school office on 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.