



Parents Newsletter



March 2016

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).

Attendance

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

Our school attendance target figure is **95.2%**. So far we have met our target!

This year so far the following class has had the highest attendance: **4 Pine**

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

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

Poet in Residence

Year 4 Pine have had the privilege of working with a poet, Joseph Coelho. Joseph is an outstanding artist and inspiring communicator with children and young people, and has been shortlisted for the Leicester City Council 'Our Best Book' award this year for *Werewolf Club Rules*. His time at Charnwood has been spent working with our pupils and teachers '**inspiring them to write their own material**' which will be collated to create a booklet of poems. The poems are based around the theme 'Being and Belonging in Leicester, My City'. The class will be invited to a special event to read and perform for the Lord Mayor after Easter.

Trips

Our children have benefitted from visiting various interesting places this term:

Year 1 visited the Sea Life Centre

Year 2 visited the Central Mosque

Year 4 visited the Guru Tegh Bahadur Gurdwara, Cadbury World and Garendon Park

Year 5 visited the Methodist Church and the Shri Swaminarayan Mandir

The school council were invited to attend a consultation session on the development of the joint strategic needs assessment as young advisors at the City Hall.

Festival Assemblies

This term Year 4 performed an amazing Sikhism and Vaisakhi assembly. Your attendance at these performances is very much appreciated.

Charity Events

The Sports Relief event was a great success last week. We raised an incredible **£2356.53**.

Thank you for your generous donations to support those in need.

ESOL Classes

This term we invited Leicester Adult Skills and Learning Service to meet with parents who were interested in attending classes to learn English. I am pleased to say that many of our parents were very keen to attend. As a result we are running ESOL sessions every Thursday at Charnwood. If parents are interested in attending these sessions please see Mrs Ahmad in the school office.

Dates for your diary:

Date	Year Group	Activity/Trips/ workshops
Tuesday, 12 April 2016	All	School re-opens after Easter
Tuesday, 12 April 2016	4	Lord Mayor's visit for poetry session
Wednesday, 20 April 2016	5	Visit to Conduit Street Mosque
Monday, 02 May 2016	All	Bank holiday – school closed

Staff leaving this term

Sadly Miss T. Patel (HLTA working in Year 6) will be leaving us this term. Miss Patel will be getting married during the Easter break and moving to London. We wish her well and thank her for her outstanding work at Charnwood.

Tests

After the Easter break our pupils in Years 1, 2 and 6 will be sitting their end-of-year statutory tests. Please ensure you spend some time supporting your children with revision during the holiday period.

- KS1 SATS testing will take place during the month of May 2016
- KS1 Phonics testing will take place during the week beginning 13th June 2016
- KS2 SATs testing will take place during the week beginning 9th May 2016

Stranger Danger

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.

During this holiday period 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.

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.

Please note the first day back at school after the Easter break will be Tuesday 12th April 2016.

Wishing you a restful and enjoyable Easter holiday ☺