

Parents Newsletter



Friday, 16 October 2015

We have reached the end of the first half term and it is wonderful to see that our children have settled in well. I have been visiting classes regularly to talk to children about their learning. The children are excited and enthusiastic to talk about what they have been learning. It is pleasing to see them following our 'Golden Rules' and earning points on their class reward charts.

Keeping Children Safe

School and parents/carers have a legal responsibility to ensure that arrangements are in place to ensure that children are collected promptly and get home safely at the appropriate time. At Charnwood we take the need to keep the children safe very seriously. Please park safely and walk to the school gates to drop off and collect your children. Traffic wardens will be patrolling the area. Years 2, 3, and 4 are now collected from the main playground, easing the congestion on Upper Charnwood Street. This has also made it easier for teachers to meet parents and pass on any messages. May I remind parents/carers that our younger children in Foundation Stage must be accompanied to the classroom door by a responsible adult. It is important that parents keep school informed about who is collecting children and any changes.

Attendance and punctuality

The current school attendance is 93.7%. Sadly this is below our target level.

We need your continued support to ensure our children maintain a good level of attendance and punctuality. Most of our pupils are in class ready to start their morning work on time. Thank you to all the parents who continue to get their children to school nice and early.

Well done **4 Cherry** for having the **highest attendance** in the first half of the Autumn term:-

Class	First half of Autumn Term	Number of lates
FS1 am	88.9%	1
FS1 Pm	92.0%	28
FS2 Apple	87.7%	12
FS2 Pear	89.0%	16
Year 1 Oak	92.4%	2
Year 1 Maple	94.5%	6
Year 2 Magnolia	95.3%	4
Year 2 Ash	95.1%	7
Year 3 Chestnut	94.6%	11
Year 3 Palm	95.0%	7
Year 4 Cherry	95.6%	10
Year 4 Pine	95.0%	10
Year 5 Sycamore	95.4%	3
Year 5 Willow	95.5%	3
Year 6 Olive	94.0%	9
Year 6 Redwood	95.1%	20
Whole School	93.7%	149

Further information about the importance of attendance can be found on our school website: - <http://charnwood.leicester.sch.uk>

Reporting an absence

Please call us if your child is not able to come to school so we can mark the register accordingly. If the office is closed, you can leave a message anytime of the day or night on our answer machine. If we do not receive notification of an absence we will firstly text you and if we do not receive a reply we will telephone you. Any absence we are unable to give a reason for will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. We strongly urge all parents/carers NOT to request term time leave.

Our New Playground!

As you may have already seen, the main playground and court yard area was resurfaced with 'wet pour safety surfacing' during the summer holidays. New interactive games have also been put on the playground walls for our children to enjoy.

Year Group Curriculum Meetings

This term we held year group curriculum meetings. We hope these meetings were informative and have aided you in helping your children with their learning at home.

Festival Assembly

Year One performed a fantastic Harvest Festival assembly this week. It was great to see how much they have learnt about growing crops and the festival of harvest. Well done to all the pupils and staff for an amazing performance.

Gifted and Talented General Knowledge Competition

A group of our gifted and talented pupils in years 1 & 2 and 5 & 6 recently took part in a competition with pupils from schools in the local area. The event was hosted at Moat Community College. I am very pleased to announce that our KS2 pupils came **first** and KS1 came **second** in the competition! The pupils who took part were praised for their excellent behaviour, ability and talent. Well done and congratulations to the following pupils:-

KS1	KS2
Mohammad Bassir Ahmed	Amaan Farish
Yusra Hussein	Ayas Landi
Raeesah Haji	Abdul Rahman Mullan
Zainab Kasuji	Muhammad Makda
Hamzah Khalifa	Yusraa Patel
Muhammed Patel	Unaysah Salloo

Dates for your Dairy

The following events will take place in the 2nd half of the Autumn term:

26th October – **Back to school** – 2nd half of Autumn Term

27th October – **School Councillors to visit Upper Charnwood Park**. At the end of last academic year the School Councillors were asked to choose the design for the play area. They have been invited to see the new playground they helped to choose.

27th October - **PREVENT Workshop for KS2 pupils** – Leicestershire Police will deliver a workshop to raise awareness of PREVENT for our pupils in KS2

3rd November and 5th November – **Parents evenings** for all year groups.

4th November – **Year 5 Greek Day** - As part of the history topic

13th November – **Children in Need Day**

8th December – **KS2 trip to Peepul Centre** to watch the Aladdin Pantomime

10th December – **KS1 trip to Peepul Centre** to watch the Aladdin Pantomime

15th December – **Foundation Stage Christmas Assembly** to pupils in school

16th December - **Foundation Stage Christmas Assembly** for parents

17th December – **Flu vaccinations for Year 1 – 6**

18th December – **Last day of term**

Monday 21st December – Monday 4th January 2016- **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

Tuesday 5th January – **First day of the Spring Term**

Highfields Food Bank

Highfields Food Bank was established by the Highfields Community Association. It is based at the Highfields Centre and opens once every fortnight. The Food Bank is based in the community to offer help and assistance to those in need, so please do not hesitate to use their services.

School Uniform

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 school website. We aim to ensure standards are kept high throughout the school. Class teachers will be sending home notes if your child is not wearing the correct uniform.

Boys' Uniform

Plain navy trousers, white shirt/polo shirt, plain navy jumper/sweatshirt.

Or navy / black $\frac{3}{4}$ length jabah with matching headwear. Please note other colours are NOT acceptable as part of the uniform.

And sensible shoes (preferably dark in colour, black, brown).

Girls' uniform

Navy pinafore dress with a white blouse/polo shirt and plain navy jumper/sweatshirt/cardigan.

Or navy skirt with a white blouse/polo shirt.

Or navy shalwar (trousers) and navy kameez (tunic).

Or navy / black $\frac{3}{4}$ length jabah with matching headwear. Please note other colours are NOT acceptable as part of the uniform.

Pins and brooches must not be used to fix head scarves.

And sensible shoes that have a closed back (preferably dark in colour, black, brown).

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 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 all policies.

ENJOY THE HALF TERM BREAK 😊