



# Charnwood Primary School Parents Newsletter September 2016



Welcome back to the start of a new academic year. It has been wonderful to see our pupils returning to school well rested, having enjoyed their summer holidays. A warm welcome to all our new pupils and parents who have joined our school community this term.

## Staff News

Congratulations to Mrs R Jameel (previously Miss R Islam) who got married during the summer holidays.

Welcome back to Mrs M Adam who has returned from maternity leave.

## Eid al-Adha

Many of our pupils will be celebrating Eid next week. I would like to remind you that pupils are only entitled to take **one day** off to celebrate Eid, and this should be on the actual day that your family is celebrating. This day of absence will be authorised. The school **will be open** for the pupils who will not be celebrating Eid.

Pupils should be in school on **all** other days. Any further days taken will be unauthorised and will be reported to our Education Welfare Officer (EWO).

For all the families who are celebrating Eid, I wish you all a happy Eid.

## Physical Education (P.E) and Swimming Sessions

Year group	Day for P.E / Swimming
FS1	P.E - Tuesday (to commence after half term)
FS2 Apple	P.E - Monday morning
FS2 Pear	P.E - Thursday morning
Year 1 Maple & Oak	P.E - Friday afternoon
Year 2 Ash & Magnolia	P.E - Thursday afternoon
Year 3 Chestnut & Palm	P.E - Wednesday afternoon Swimming - Thursday Morning at Spence Street
Year 4 Cherry & Pine	P.E - Monday afternoon Swimming - Friday afternoon at Spence Street
Year 5 Sycamore & Willow	P.E - Tuesday afternoon at Highfields Sports Centre
Year 6 Olive & Redwood	P.E - Thursday afternoon at Highfields Sports Centre

Please send your child with their kit to school one day before their session takes place.

Children are not to wear jewellery, except for very small studs. They **must** be removed for safety reasons during P.E./swimming lessons. The school cannot accept any responsibility for the safekeeping of these items. Please remove studs before your child comes into school. Parents will be called to remove studs. Staff are not allowed to remove studs.

## **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 on the school website. We aim to ensure standards are kept high throughout the school. Class teachers will be sending notes home if your child is not wearing the correct uniform. A number of reminder letters were sent out at the end of the summer term. We have given you ample opportunity to buy the uniform over the summer holidays.

### **Boys' uniform**

White shirt/polo shirt, plain **navy** trousers, plain **navy** jumper/sweatshirt.

**Or navy**  $\frac{3}{4}$  length jabah.

Sensible **BLACK** shoes that have a closed back.

### **Girls' uniform**

**White** blouse/polo shirt with a **navy** trousers.

**Or plain navy** pinafore dress with a white blouse/polo shirt and plain **navy** jumper/sweatshirt.

**Or navy**  $\frac{3}{4}$  length jabah with **matching navy** headwear.

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

Sensible **BLACK** shoes that have a closed back.

### **P.E Kit**

Children must have **black** plimsolls/trainers, a change of clothing and a bag to keep them in for P.E. and games. All jewellery and scarves must be removed for P.E. lessons.

It is essential that all children wear **black** flat heeled, well-fitted shoes for their own safety, as they have to go up and down stairs frequently during the school day. Your child may bring a pair of trainers into school for playtimes and lunchtimes.

Please make sure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name.

### **School Lunch**

The cost of a school lunch is £1.75 for a day and £8.75 for a week. Please pay in advance of your child having their school lunch. Meals must be paid for on a weekly, monthly, half termly or termly basis. You may pay by cash or by cheque. If paying by cheque please make the cheque payable to "**Leicester City Council.**"

We would like to encourage all our parents to pay via cheque. If you do decide to send cash via your child do not send more than £10 in cash. It is the parents' responsibility to ensure the money has been received by the office.

Unfortunately, it will not be possible to provide your child with a school meal if you have a dinner debt of £8.75 or more. If you are having difficulty making payments please contact the school office.

The school lunch menu changes every week. A copy of the menu can be obtained from the school office.

Lunch time arrangements must be agreed for the beginning of each half term. Lunch time arrangements cannot be changed during the half term. Any changes can only be made for the following half term.

## Entry/Exit Procedure for Pupils

The school entrances will be open from 8.30am - 8.40am.

Year Group	Entrance
FS1 & FS2	Enter the school via the F1/F2 gates directly to classrooms. Collection at the end of the day (or lunchtime) will be via the F1/F2 playground.
1	Enter the school via the Upper Charnwood Gate and proceed to the small courtyard in the bottom playground. <b>1 Oak</b> - Enter from the door leading to new building. <b>1 Maple</b> - Enter from the door leading to toilets. Pupils who go home for their lunch should be collected from the school office. Please collect your child at the end of the day from the small courtyard (from the door leading to the new building).
2	<b>2 Ash &amp; 2 Magnolia</b> Enter the school via the Upper Charnwood Gate and proceed to the small courtyard in the bottom playground. Enter the school building from the door leading to toilets Pupils who go home for their lunch should be collected from the school office. Please collect your child at the end of the day from <b>the big playground.</b>
3	<b>3 Palm &amp; 3 Chestnut</b> Enter the school via the Upper Charnwood Gate and then through the 'Blue Door' opposite the big playground steps. Please collect your child at lunchtime from the <b>Upper Charnwood Gate.</b> Please collect your child at the end of the day from <b>the big playground.</b>
4	<b>4 Cherry &amp; 4 Pine</b> Enter the school via the Nedham St entrance Collect your child at lunchtime from the <b>Upper Charnwood Gate.</b> Please collect your child at the end of the day from <b>the big playground.</b>
5	<b>5 Sycamore &amp; 5 Willow</b> Enter the school via the Upper Charnwood Gate and proceed to the 'Blue Door' opposite the big playground steps. At the end of the day (and lunchtimes) pupils will leave via the <b>Nedham Street</b> entrance.
6	<b>6 Olive &amp; 6 Redwood</b> Enter the school via Nedham St entrance Pupils will leave the school At the end of the day (and lunchtimes) pupils will leave via the <b>Nedham Street</b> entrance.

Parents/ Carers of pupils in Y1 and Y2 who accompany children down to the small courtyard should leave the school grounds promptly after your child has entered school.

Foundation Stage, KS1 and Year 3 pupils must be collected by a responsible person aged 16 or over. The school must have a record of the people who can collect your child. Pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 may walk home alone with parental consent. The class teacher must be kept updated of any changes.

### 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.

**Absence**

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 policy.

**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/>

