



# Charnwood Primary School

## Parents Newsletter

### September 2017

Welcome back to the start of a new academic year. The children and staff have had a great start to the term. It has been a pleasure to welcome our new pupils and parents to Charnwood.

#### **SATs results 2016-2017**

I am pleased to inform you that we achieved excellent results in the end of Year Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs) in Key Stage One and Key Stage Two. The Key Stage One national results will be released at the end of this month.

At Key Stage Two our results in reading, writing and maths were higher than the national average. Full details of the results can be found on our website. <http://charnwood.leicester.sch.uk>

#### **Roald Dahl - The Dahlicious Dress Up Day**

Nearly 100 years after his birth, Roald Dahl's stories continue to inspire children and adults around the world. It was wonderful to see our pupils dressed up as characters from Roald Dahl's wonderful stories. Thank you for your generous donations for Roald Dahl's Marvellous – Children's Charity. This charity helps seriously ill children around the UK. We raised £206.40 on the day.

#### **Year 4 French Enrichment**

Some of our Year 4 pupils visited Braunstone Frith Primary School. This trip provided an excellent opportunity for our pupils to meet and work with children from another part of Leicester who come from various backgrounds. The pupils were able to develop their spoken French as well as their social skills.

#### **Fantastic teaching of Phonics and reading at Charnwood!**

At Charnwood, we have worked hard to develop the teaching and learning of Phonics in FS and KS1, using the KTC (Knowledge Transfer Centre) approach. This resulted in excellent phonics and reading outcomes in both key stages. Some of our teachers and pupils were asked to model the teaching of phonics to other teachers from various schools in the city at City Hall, Leicester. This was an exciting opportunity for our teachers and pupils to showcase how well phonics and reading is taught at Charnwood. I received a message from another Head teacher in the city complementing our pupils for their excellent behaviour and our teachers for their teaching.

#### **Year 4 World War 1 History Walking Trail**

Some of our Year 4 pupils had the opportunity to go on a walking trail of historical buildings in Leicester. They learnt about key events that took part during this time in history. The children visited local landmarks that are of significant importance for World War 1 and did various activities. This was an exciting learning opportunity, one that I hope has enriched our pupils knowledge and understanding of historical Leicester.

#### **Year 5 New Walk Museum**

Year 5 visited New Walk Museum. They had the opportunity do see art work by Picasso as well as develop their artistic skills by working on some of their own masterpieces.

## 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 letters home if your child is not wearing the correct uniform.

**To celebrate their birthday pupils may have a 'non uniform' day. Please ensure the clothing will still allow them to continue with their class activities and footwear is sensible.**

### Boys' uniform

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

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

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

**Gingham dresses or dresses with patterns are not part of the agreed uniform policy.**

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.

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

Please send your child's kit into school one day before their session takes place.

### 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.

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

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.

Year group	Day for P.E / Swimming
FS1	P.E - Tuesday (to commence from Tuesday, 24 October 2017.)
FS2 Apple	P.E - Monday morning
FS2 Pear	P.E - Thursday morning
Year 1 Maple & Oak	P.E - Friday morning
Year 2 Ash & Magnolia	P.E - Tuesday afternoon
Year 3 Chestnut & Palm	P.E - Wednesday afternoon
Year 4 Cherry & Pine	P.E - Monday afternoon Swimming - Friday afternoon at Spence Street
Year 5 Sycamore & Willow	P.E - Friday afternoon
Year 6 Olive & Redwood	P.E - Thursday afternoon

## Flu Vaccination

The school nurses will be in school for Flu Vaccination on Tuesday, 12 October 2017. If you have any queries please visit the website mentioned in the vaccination letter that was previously distributed.

## Attendance

The whole school attendance for this year to date is: **92.6%**

Our school attendance target figure is **95.2 %**

This month 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>

Please could parents inform the office if your child has an appointment and will be absent or arriving late.

You may phone the school office on 0116 251 6574

## Teachers 2 Parents Texting Service

If you wish to send a text message to the school please use the following number:-

**07786 208 889**

## Upcoming Trips/Events

Date	Trips/Events
Wednesday, 11 October 2017	Year 3 New Walk Museum Egyptian Workshop trip
Wednesday, 11 October 2017	Year 4 Brocks Hill Park trip
Wednesday, 11 October 2017	Year 5 & 6 Abbey Park trip
Wednesday, 11 October 2017	Year 2 Faith Assembly – Hinduism
Thursday, 12 October 2017	Flu Vaccination (FS2-Year 6)
Tuesday, 31 October 2017	All Year Groups Parents Evening
Wednesday, 01 November 2017	All Year Groups Parents Evening
Wednesday, 08 November 2017	Year 1 Faith Assembly – Christianity
Wednesday, 06 December 2017	FS2, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 Peepul Centre trip
Thursday, 07 December 2017	Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Peepul Centre trip

## Stay and Play

We will not be having Stay and Play sessions in the Autumn Term.

## 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.

## October Half Term Holiday

The last day of this term will be Friday, 13 October 2017 and will reopen on **Monday, 23 October 2017**.

## 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/>

