



Charnwood Primary School

Parents Newsletter

Friday, 11 December 2015



We have come to the end of a busy autumn term. It has been a real pleasure to see our pupils grow in confidence and show a real passion in their learning. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff and pupils for their hard work this term.

Attendance

The whole school attendance for this term to date is: - 95.6%

Our School attendance target figure is 95.2%, so as you can see, so far we have met our target!

This term the following class had the highest attendance: **5Willow**

Excellent Attendance Award

In the last week of term we will be handing out certificates to all pupils with an excellent level of attendance for this term.

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

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

Children in Need

The staff and pupils had a fun-filled day raising money for Children in Need.

This year we raised £338.74 for Children in Need. Thank you for your kind and generous donations. 😊

Jon Ashworth's (Member of Parliament) Christmas Card Competition

Our pupils entered Jon Ashworth's Christmas card competition. I am delighted to announce that one of our pupils in Year 4 Pine, **Fahima Manjra**, won the competition! Fahima's winning picture will be on the front of Jon Ashworth's Christmas cards this year.

Congratulations Fahima, we are all very proud of you.

Unaysah Salloo in Year 6 Redwood also did very well and is one of the runners-up.

Unaysah's picture will be featured on the back of Jon's Christmas card. Well done Unaysah, what a great achievement!

Jon Ashworth will be visiting Charnwood on the last day of term to meet our amazing pupils and present Fahima with a framed copy of the Christmas card and a book voucher and Unaysah with a certificate.

School Councillors

The School Council elections took place this term. The children were actively involved in selecting their candidates and ensuring a fair and democratic process was adhered to. Each class voted for two class representatives. Mrs M Abba is the School Council lead and she will support and mentor the councillors as they carry out their duties. I had my first meeting with the School Council and was very impressed with their enthusiasm. I am looking forward to working with them this year.

The following children have been elected as the new School Councillors:

1 Maple: Zoya Vindhani Anas Hassan	1 Oak: Safiyah Sarang Nikhil Chunduri
2 Ash: Talha Patel Aqueelah Hassan	2 Magnolia: Humza Khalifa Areesha Maqsood
3 Chestnut: Aatif Nassirudin Muneera Sayyeda Ali	3 Palm: Aisha Vahora Ibrahim Kadam
4 Cherry: Zuhair Ayoob Saab Aisha Makda	4 Pine: Amaan Bagwan Husna Hassem
5 Sycamore: Ahmed Sidat Ariza Muzawar	5 Willow: Haleema Mussa Mohammed Mussa
6 Olive: Zahra Tambu Adam Gatak	6 Redwood: Mustakim Mustacaly Nadira Ibrahim

Year 2 Diwali Assembly

Year 2 pupils put on a fabulous Diwali performance this term. In addition to a great sense of achievement and confidence building, our pupils learnt a great deal about Hinduism and developed understanding and awareness of British Values, such as tolerance and respect.

Nativity Performances

There will be several festive performances and celebrations happening at school. The Foundation Stage children have been rehearsing with great enthusiasm, as have our parents, who have been helping children learn their lines at home. Thank you for your support. We are having a guest from the church attending our nativity performance next week. I am looking forward to seeing the finished performance, as I'm sure the parents / carers of our Foundation Stage pupils are.

End of term and Christmas parties

All classes will be having the end of term and Christmas parties. You are welcome to send in some food (suitable for vegetarians) for your child to share with their class. For the Christmas parties children can dress in non-uniform, however they must wear sensible shoes.

Health & Safety Audit

This term a 'Health and Safety' audit was carried out by the Leicester City Council. The outcome of the audit resulted in the school achieving the '**Outstanding**' grade. This is a fantastic achievement for the school, and a credit to all the staff for the vigilance with which they monitor the health and safety of our pupils. I would like to take this opportunity to especially thank Mr A Blain, our Site Manager and Mrs R Ahmad, our Business Manager for managing and monitoring our compliance with all health and safety regulations.

Parent Workshops

This term the staff planned and organised a number of parent workshops to keep parents informed and involved in helping our pupils achieve the very best outcomes. It is unfortunate that we did not have as many parents attending as we would have liked. As a result of your feedback, we sent out the dates for workshops well in advance. The impact of parental involvement in children's education cannot be underestimated and has a significant effect on educational achievement and future economic outcomes. It is for this reason we endeavour to ensure opportunities for engagement are created through the workshops and parent meetings. I would like to thank the parents / carers who consistently engage with the school, and are present at most meetings. Our partnership with parents is essential to ensure the best outcomes for all our pupils.

A number of workshops are planned for next term. Please look out for the parent workshop letter early next term.

Stay Safe - Stranger Danger

It has come to my attention that there have been a number of incidences across the city whereby children have been approached by strangers whilst they have been walking on their own during the day and early evening. Please talk to your children about staying safe on the streets. Please 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 feel this is particularly important during the winter months as the day gets darker relatively early.

E-Safety

During the holidays children will have more time to play. I am sure that many of our children will be using digital media devices such as smart phones, iPads/ iPods and PCs. May I remind you of the importance of ensuring that our children stay safe online. It is advisable to ensure parental controls are activated on the devices and children are supervised whilst

online. Further information about E-safety can be found on the Leicester City Council Website:-

<http://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council-services/education-lifelong-learning/parental-support/onlinesafety/>

Dates for your diary:

Date	Year Group	Activity/Trips	Time
16/12/2015	Year 3	Christmas Party	N/A
17/12/2015	FS 1&2, Yr 2,4,5&6	Christmas Party	N/A
17/12/2015	Year 1-Year 6	Flu Immunisations in school	12.30pm-3.00pm
18/12/2015	Yr 1	Christmas Party	N/A
18/12/2015	Whole School	Last day of school (Christmas and New Year Holiday commences)	N/A
05/01/2016	Whole School	Pupils return to school	N/A

Vacancies

We have two vacancies for Teaching Assistant Level 2 and two vacancies for Lunchtime Supervisor Level 1. Please visit www.eteach.com for further details and the application forms.

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.

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/>

Earlier this year a parent questionnaire survey was sent out to families. Please visit the school website to view the outcomes.

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.

Have a great holiday 😊