

CHINLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL



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September 2019 Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Chinley Primary School,

Welcome back to school! I hope that both the children and you enjoyed a restful and peaceful summer break. The start of a new school year is always exciting; however it can also be a little daunting for some, especially for anyone new to school. If you have any concerns or questions in the first few days and weeks of the term please contact your child's class teacher and they will be able to quickly reassure you and help with any issues. Once again, we look forward to working together with you and your family to ensure we provide the best possible learning experiences for your child/children.

'Meet the Teacher' Sessions

In order to ensure that you are as informed as possible about the new school year the staff have arranged a number of 'meet the teacher' sessions where they will talk with you about different aspects of school, routines, curriculum, how you can help your child and lots more. There is one session for each year group lasting around 25 minutes and they are a super opportunity for you to ask any questions and find out more about your child's class. The sessions are as follows:

Monday 9th September –

Year 6 5.00pm – 5.25pm, Year 4 5.30pm – 5.55pm and Year 1 6.00pm – 6.25pm.

Wednesday 11th September –

Year 2 5.00pm – 5.25pm Year 3 5.30pm – 5.55pm and Year 5 6.00pm – 6.25pm.

All meetings will be held in your child's classroom. Please use any of the entrances to come into school. The Reception and Nursery Class children will have separate arrangements later on in the term; you will receive more information shortly.

Extra-Curricular Activities

With one or two exceptions our extra-curricular activities will begin in week beginning **Monday 16th September**. A list of all the clubs, their dates and times will be sent home with your child shortly. Please ensure that your child brings the correct equipment to these sessions and if they are not attending for any reason please would you let your child's class teacher know.

Please note that PAS will run up until late November and then begin again in February 2020.

'Daily Mile' Change

Thank you to everyone who supported our daily mile initiative last year which took place before school opened. We have reviewed the activity and the engagement levels from the children and have decided to move the activity to later in the school day. This will provide our older children with a structured break during



their afternoon timetable as well as ensuring that all children participate. We will be experimenting with new ways of measuring the children's activity and introducing a class competition for being the 'most active class'.

Attendance and Holidays in Term Time

High levels of attendance have a proven, direct impact on children's learning and them achieving positive outcomes. We are very proud that our levels of attendance are always above the national average. Last academic year we achieved levels of attendance of 97.1%. Our target for 2019/20 is 97.5%. Each week the highest attending class will receive a special privilege and anyone with 100% attendance for a term will be rewarded at the end of each term.

Please note that holidays in term time cannot be authorised unless there are specific, exceptional circumstances. Every request, which should be put in writing at least two weeks prior to the dates required, will be treated individually and reasonably within the limited powers schools have to authorise absences. If a request for a leave of absence is unauthorised then it is likely to incur a fixed penalty notice (a fine) from the Local Authority. Leave of absence request forms can be obtained from the school office.

Morning drop-off arrangements

The changes to the 'daily mile' activity has also allowed us to review arrangements for the children's entry into school. We will continue to have staff on duty from 08.50am to supervise the children and monitor the gates at either end of the playground which allows you to leave your children with us from that time and begin your day. When the bell rings at 09.00am the children should make their way directly to their classrooms, this will allow us to clear the playground quickly in order to ensure that Class 3 (who will be in the outdoor classroom) are able to begin their learning day without distraction.

Reception Class and Nursery children are invited to arrive in their classrooms from 08.50am where their teachers and support staff will be there to greet them.

Building Work

Thank you for your understanding regarding the work being undertaken in school. We will have a much improved learning environment for the children by the end of the academic year however we will have to tolerate some disruption while the work is completed. We have strict safety measures in place with regards to the site management and although the children will be very interested in what is happening they will be kept safe at all times.

Please continue to walk, scoot or ride to school where you can as there will be limited staff parking on the site while the building is completed which means staff cars will be on the surrounding road, there will also be additional contractor vehicles parked around school which will limit parking space further.

Contact Information

Please ensure that the school office has current, up to date contact details for your child so that we can quickly contact a parent or carer in case of an emergency. Accurate mobile contact details also help us to utilise the text to parents scheme and an up to date email means we can send letters electronically, ensuring you are kept up to date with changing information as well as receiving reminders when required. Please either call in at the office, send in a short note or telephone for a contact form to be sent home with your child for completion.

School Lunches

It is fantastic that so many children enjoy a hot meal at lunchtime, in order to ensure that we are able to offer the highest quality service possible the kitchen need 1 months' notice should any child want to change from hot lunches to sandwiches. This is due to food orders having to be placed in advance by the kitchen staff. Thank you.

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Important Dates for you Diaries

Monday 9th September – Meet the Teacher: Years 6, 4 and 1 (details on previous page)
Wednesday 11th September – Meet the Teacher: Years 2, 3 and 5 (details on previous page)
Saturday 14th September – Stockport Schools Cross Country Event, Woodbank Park, Offerton.
Monday 16th September – After school clubs begin (check for exceptions on the timetable)
Monday 16th September – Year 1 swimming begins
Monday 23rd to Monday 30th September – Year 6 Bikeability Training
Monday 30th September – Year 5 swimming begins.
Saturday 5th October - Stockport Schools Cross Country Event, Woodbank Park, Offerton.
Tuesday 8th October – School photographs – individual and family (details to follow)
Friday 11th October – Year 3 trip to Edale for Environmental Studies
Tuesday 15th October – Year 3 Stone Age workshops in school
Thursday 24th October – Parent Consultation evening (all classes) 3.30pm – 8.00pm
Friday 25th October – School closed for INSET staff training and half term break
Monday 4th November – School opens for new term.
Saturday 16th November - Stockport Schools Cross Country Event, Woodbank Park, Offerton.
Friday 6th December – Reception Class visit to Chatsworth (provisional date)
Monday 9th December – Year 6 visit to Sheffield Museum
Friday 20th December – School closes for end of term break at 3.15pm
Monday 6th January 2020 – School reopens following break at 9.00am

Term Dates

Autumn Term 1: 04/09/19 – 24/10/19 (03/09/19 and 25/10/19 school closed for INSET)
Autumn Term 2: 04/11/19 – 20/12/19
Spring Term 1: 06/01/20 – 14/02/20
Spring Term 2: 24/02/20 – 03/04/20 (09/03/20 school closed for INSET)
Summer Term 1: 20/04/20 – 21/05/20 (04/05/20 Bank holiday; 22/05/20 school closed for INSET)
Summer Term 2: 01/06/20 – 20/07/20 (21/07/20 school closed for INSET)

Where possible all this information is also posted on the school website www.chinley.derbyshire.sch.uk
Should you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact school to discuss them further. As always I will be on the playground before and after school whenever I can so please come and have a chat.

Yours sincerely
Peter Lambert
Headteacher

