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April 2026 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers of Chinley Primary School,

I hope that you all enjoyed a restful holiday and that the children are ready for a very busy summer term. This term is always the busiest and there are numerous events taking place – I very much hope that as many of you as possible will be able to join us in school.

Parental Feedback Questionnaires

You will shortly receive a link to complete an on-line questionnaire about your child's experience in school. These provide staff and governors with some additional insight in to what is going well and where we can improve what and how we do things. The questions mirror the OfSTED Parent View questions so are a little simplistic, however please use the comments box if you would like to raise something which is not covered. If you have more than one child, please feel free to complete individual questionnaires based on each child's school experience. Thank you for taking the time to complete.

Uniform, jewellery, make-up and ear-rings

We are nearing the end of the school year and therefore I have some flexibility in our uniform expectations. Although, I would like all the children to continue to wear blue/red jumpers, dark trousers, summer dresses, etc. as is the policy I equally understand that it makes no sense to buy new so late in the year if things are worn or broken. Please do your best to work within the policy but catch me if this is tricky – also take advantage of the large amounts of spare uniform which the PTA have – just speak with the office.

Some things still need to remain in place, children should not be wearing make-up in school and the only jewellery should be stud ear-rings. We know that sometimes children experiment with painted nails, etc. over the week-end and it can take a bit of time to be removed however please do your best.

It is really important that we keep standards of uniform as consistent as possible throughout the year and your help is appreciated to do this. Thank you.

Healthy snacks

Please ensure that you only provide your child with healthy snacks at breaktime in line with our policy in this area. This can include items such as rice cakes, fruit, healthy snack bars, etc. It should not include crisps, cakes, chocolate treats, etc. We have lots of healthy activities to look forward to this term and the children's snack choices are part of that. If you have any questions, please contact me and I will do my best to answer any queries.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance is improving every week; we are closing in on our Department of Education target of 95.9% all the time. Hopefully, the bugs from December and January are gone and we can keep building on our success. The current attendance levels through school are **95.6%**.



Thank you for your help in ensuring that you children come to school everyday it really helps their progress and achievement. An extra special well done to South Head who seem to win the attendance award every week!

Class Email Contact

Please can I remind you to contact attendance@chinley.derbyshire.sch.uk if you need to report your child's attendance; there is no need to copy in the Year@ email as the office staff pass all information on. For any complex or urgent issues please telephone rather than email as the class teacher are setting up for the day so may not be able to respond quickly or even pick the message up – we can then ensure you get a prompt response.

Important Dates for you Diaries

Thursday 23rd April – Gladiator visit to school (PTA organised event)
Friday 24th April – Book Fair arrives in school for one week (details to follow)
Tuesday 28th April – Year 1 visit to Bolsover Castle (details to follow)
Week 11th May – Key Stage 2 SAT week
Friday 22nd May – School closed for INSET training day.
Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd June – Year 6 residential visit to Lea Green
Friday 5th June – Sports Day (KS1 morning; KS2 afternoon, parents welcome to join us for lunch on the field)
Reserve Sports Day – Monday 8th June
Tuesday 16th June – Year 4 clarinet concert at Buxton Octagon (details to follow)
Thursday 18th June – Class Photographs Day
Monday 22nd June – First Aid Training – Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 3 classes (details to follow)
Saturday 27th June – PTA Summer Fair 11.30am – 2.30pm (full details to follow)
Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th July – Move Up Days (all classes) meeting new teachers
Tuesday 7th July – Parent Meet the Teacher meetings – Year 1 and Year 2 – 2.45pm (details to follow)
Wednesday 8th July – Key Stage 2 Parent Meet the Teacher meetings – 2.45pm (details to follow)
Thursday 16th July – KS2 Production of Oliver! - 2.00pm and 6.00pm (times to be confirmed)
Friday 17th July – Annual reports sent home to parents
Monday 20th July – Nursery graduation (times to be confirmed)
Wednesday 22nd July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly (9.10am in the school hall)
Wednesday 22nd July – School closes for summer at 3.20pm

Term Dates and INSET 2025-2026

Summer Term 1: 13/04/26 – 21/05/26 (22/05/26 school closed for INSET)
Summer Term 2: 01/06/26 – 22/07/26 (23/07/26 school closed for INSET)

Term Dates and INSET 2026-27

Autumn Term 1: 07/09/26 – 23/10/26 (school closed for INSET 04/09/26)
Autumn Term 2: 02/11/26 – 18/12/26
Spring Term 1: 05/01/2027 – 12/02/2027 (school closed for INSET 04/01/2027)
Spring Term 2: 22/02/27 – 25/03/27
Summer Term 1: 12/04/27 – 27/05/27 (school closed for INSET 28/05/27)
Summer Term 2: 07/06/27 – 22/07/27 (school closed for INSET 23/07/27 and 26/07/27)

Where possible all this information is 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.

Yours sincerely

Peter Lambert
Headteacher