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7th September 2022

Dear Parent and Families,

It has been lovely to see your children return to school, after a summer holiday of good weather, and they have all been a credit to you - thank you for sending your child in looking smart and ready to learn. The children have settled well and are already impressing us. My assembly on Tuesday was about a new start and the opportunities that are ahead if you try your best each and every day.

We are now into the second full year of our crucial knowledge curriculum and we can see and hear the difference it is making. Your children are sharing their knowledge and understanding with each other and the adults in school. The curriculum is planned to give the children a wide base of knowledge alongside strong literacy and maths.

Each class teacher will give you information about your child's curriculum via dojo each week and this will support you in understanding their learning journey. All of our curriculum is also on the website alongside our policies and newsletters.

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At the bottom of this letter, I have also attached further information about class dojo for new parents and as a reminder. I would politely request that you try to dojo message in working hours or at the end of the day before 4pm. If it is an urgent issue that can't wait, please leave a message on the office answering machine or drop an e-mail to office@chestertonprimary.org.uk who will pick the message up at the earliest opportunity. I value my staff's well-being and their uninterrupted family time.

As always, please do not let worries build up - speak to us and we can solve problems together!

From the 19th September, we are unable to hold off an increase to the price of a school dinner. Due to the rising cost of supplies and pressure resulting from the current cost of living crisis, all the Trust schools will be on the set price of £2.57. This is set by the catering company who we are contracted out to – we do not profit from this

Over the summer, we have upgraded our CCTV outside and inside the building to ensure children are safe and the property is well protected.

Maths Whizz has had some changes and the children will be re-assessed this week. There is a parent zoom session that you will be invited to on Tuesday 20th September 6.30-7.30pm. This will be from the comfort of your home and a link will be sent out for you to click on. Further information will follow from Mr Hanson, who is our maths lead in school.



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Clubs will start week beginning 19th September 2022. Further information will follow later in the week. In addition, on the 19th September we are having a drop-in session 3-4.15pm for you to call into the classroom and meet the teacher: this is a chance to chat and find out how your child has settled in. If you can't make it then feel free to contact your child's class teacher to arrange a different time.

School Terms and Holiday Dates 2022 -2023

As always, please avoid booking holidays in term-time. They can only be authorised if they are 'exceptional' circumstances. I have limited capacity to authorise holidays. Our registers are externally checked and there are strict guidelines in place. All holidays are on the website too!

Autumn Term

Half Term: Monday 24 October – Friday 28 October

Term Starts: Tuesday 1st November

Term ends: Friday 16 December

Spring Term 2023

Term starts: Wednesday 4 January

Half Term: Monday 20 February – Friday 24 February

Term Starts: Tuesday 28th February

Term ends: Friday 31 March

Easter Holiday: Monday 3 April – Friday 14 April

Summer Term 2023

Term Starts: Monday 17th April

May Day: Monday 1 May

Half Term: Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June

Term Starts: Tuesday 6th June

Term ends: Friday 21st July

Thank you to you all for your continued support. We still have places available in most classes so please pass the message on if you have new neighbours or know of someone looking for a school place as we are tucked away and sometimes forgotten! I look forward to a successful and exciting year of learning, laughter and fun-filled trips.

Kind Regards

Mrs S. Formosa

Mrs Stella Formosa
Head teacher



ClassDojo

Class dojo is a good system to promote positive behaviours in the classroom and to strengthen lines of communication between school and home.

Each class has avatars and a different avatar is assigned to each of your children.

The teacher awards points known as "dojos" in 'my classroom', for positive or negative behaviour. You only you see your child's information

Class Dojo has 'positive' class values that teachers choose from and this will vary from class to class depending on the age and stage. Staff are busy teaching and will put dojos on at different times so don't panic if you don't see them straight away.

Dojo messaging is the easiest way of connecting with your class teacher. Please use this for communicating directly but try to keep in with working hours up until 4pm. If you have an issue that is worrying you, speak to the staff on the driveway who can help to resolve this or arrange a meeting via the office as face-to-face is always best.

Children receive an amber warning in class if they are not following the behaviour policy. This is for the teacher who will be following the behaviour system and it gives your child the opportunity to put their behaviour right and to move back to green. You do not get notified of amber as everyone deserves a chance to put things right!

A red means parents are notified and this will be explained on a message or a phone call depending on the severity of the issue.

Examples of positive dojos – this varies from class to class and ages and stages.

