

Chuckery Primary School Weekly Newsletter



Friday 3rd February 2023 – Issue 19

Attendance

Overall, our attendance this week was 93.8%
Our target this year is 96%.

Every week that a class has attendance above 96% they will get a £1 credit towards a treat of their choice. This rises to £5 if the class attendance is above 98% and £10 if the whole class attendance is 100%.

The only way to earn these treats is to come to school every day. Please remember, **1 child, missing 1 day reduces the class attendance by 1.5%**

Class credit award

Greater than 96%

Class 7, 10, 12, 14

£1.00

Greater than 98%

Class 15

£5.00

Well done!

News

Reward Certificates - What Have You Done Today to Make You Feel Proud?

Our Praise Assemblies are held every Friday at 2.30pm we look forward to welcoming any parents who wish to attend.

If your child receives a Head teacher Award during the week, we will send you a message so you can come and join the celebration if you wish.

Class 8: Aleezah, Bogdan

Class 10: Igor, Alex

Class 11: Lewis

Class 12: Haseeb, Mario

Class 15: Yazan

Governors

Over the next few months our School Governors will be introducing themselves on our newsletter.



I'm Annika Spalding and I've been a school governor for a year. It's been a great way to truly understand how the school works behind the scenes, including the efforts made to provide an impactful education for children.

It's likely you'll have seen me (red glasses and bright red lipstick!) in the playground as my youngest daughter is currently in Year 6 at Chuckery.

I always loved reading and writing as a child, and both interests are still a very big part of my life today.

I work part-time as a copywriter for an education charity. I'm also part-time self-employed as a communications consultant for charities, and an award-winning author. I'm a member of Writing West Midlands' Room 204 Writer Development Programme, and a member of the Society of Authors.

I also deliver creative and therapeutic writing workshops that focus on healing, self-care, and personal development, often independently and by commission. I'm very passionate about it.

In the past I've worked as a Community Outreach Worker, Helpline staff, Children and Family Support Worker in refuge, and a Communications Officer, mostly for women's charities. I've also worked as a family support worker in a children's centre.

As a governor, it's important that I get to know our school community – this means pupils, teachers, and families. So, if you see me around, please don't be afraid to say hello

This week

Year 4 are learning about materials. On Monday Class 10 learned about cleaning water through filtering and separating a salt water solution. The water filters worked well. They also learned about the irreversible change that happens when objects are burnt.



NEU Action

Thank you for your patience and understanding on Wednesday. Most of our teachers are members of the National Education Union and took action to ensure the profession and schools are properly funded for years to come. As further action is planned for Wednesday 1st March, Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March, we have postponed the Staff Training Day planned for Monday 27th February 2023. It will now take place on Friday 17th March 2023. We have done this to try to keep disruption to a minimum as if the action goes ahead, we are likely to see most year groups closed again on these days.

Parent Volunteers and PTA

We are so grateful to the parent volunteers we already have in school; but we still need your help.

If you are prepared to give up a small amount of time each week and undertake a clearing process – (DBS) which everyone who works with children must do this by law, we would love to hear from you.

We need volunteers who could either:

- work with children – undertaking tasks such as hearing readers

or

- run events such as the summer fair, Christmas discos etc. Without your help we have very limited capacity to run

these events and will struggle to keep them running in the future.

If you think you can help, please contact Angela Jones, our Family Welfare and Safeguarding Support Worker. You can either call her on the https://go.walsall.gov.uk/children_and_young_people/haf_signup

school number, email her

ajones@chuckery.walsall.sch.uk or speak to her in the playground.

Curriculum Enhancement and Outdoor learning – Spring Term

Every child will work with Mr Bamber, our Curriculum Enhancement and Outdoor learning teacher, during the spring term.

The plan this term is:

Wb: 6th February – Reception at Dudley Zoo

Wb: 13th February - Year 6, residential at Laches Wood

Wb: 27th February - Year 3 Edible Garden (in school)

Wb: 6th March – Year 5 Explorers including camp in school

Wb: 13th March - Year 1, The Train

Wb: 20th March - Year 4 residential at Castleton

Wb: 27th March

Year 2 Birmingham Botanical Gardens

Year 4 MAC Theatre

Attendance

Parents whose children's attendance has fallen below 93% will have either received, or will be receiving, letters in the next few days.

Please remember your child should be in school every day unless they are **very ill**.

All children are expected to be in school for at least 96% of the time and if attendance falls below 93% the school will begin monitoring process which could lead to legal action if attendance does not improve.

Application for free School Meals and/or Early Years Pupil Premium

If you think you are entitled to free school meals or early years pupil premium please click the link below

<https://forms.walsall.gov.uk/Application-for-free-school-meals-and-or-Early-Years-Pupil-Premium/Application-for-Free-School-Meals>

Cost of living support

Walsall Council have put together some information about where and how to find support across the Walsall borough. Please use the link below to access the website:

https://go.walsall.gov.uk/benefits_and_cost_of_living_support/help_with_the_cost_of_living

Bad Weather

I am hopeful that there will be no occasions this year when it is necessary to close the school for bad weather. However, if such a decision is needed because of heavy snow or other unforeseen circumstances, we will let parents know the school is closed by 8am at the latest. This will be done by:

- Sending a text message to all parents (please make sure the office have your current mobile phone number)
- Posting a message on the school website (www.chuckeryprimaryschool.co.uk)
- Posting a message on our official Facebook page - Chuckery Primary School Official.
- Posting a tweet on our official school Twitter page - @chuckeryprimary

Questions, comments and complaints

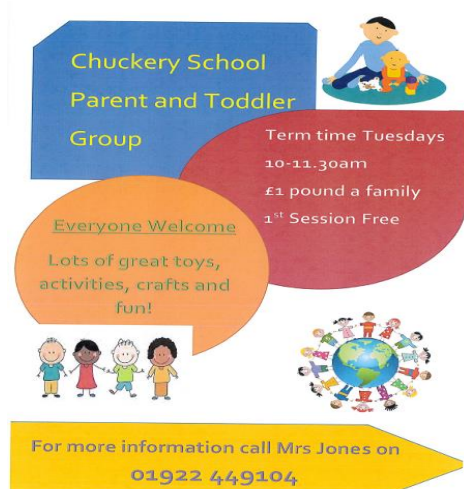
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Parents can email general questions to the school by using postbox@chuckery.walsall.sch.uk or questions for the head teacher to jpearce@chuckery.walsall.sch.uk
Our complaints Policy is on the school website. It can be found at <https://www.chuckeryprimary.com/charging-and-complaint-policies/>

Parent and Toddler Group

The session is for pre-school age children and their parents. Each session will be in our Infant Hall and will run from 10am until 11:30am. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents and some of our staff. Please speak to Mrs Jones for further information. We look forward to seeing you there!



Safer Internet Day!

Coming soon!! It is Safer Internet Day on 7th February. Our Local Authority Online Safety Advisor will be putting videos on the school's website with advice for parents.

Important Dates

Friday 17th February 2023 – Break up for half term holiday

Monday 27th February – School Re-opens

Wednesday 1st March 2023 - NEU day of action – Potential full or partial closure

Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March NEU day of action – Potential full or partial closure

Friday 17th March – Staff Training Day

Friday 31st March - Break up for the Easter holiday

Monday 17th April – All children return to school