



Chuckery Primary School Weekly Newsletter



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Attendance

Overall, our attendance this week was 93.5%
Our target this year is 96%.

The Class with the best attendance this week was: **Class 3**

Class 2	—	94.0%
Class 3	—	97.6%
Class 4	—	93.6%
Class 5	—	92.5%
Class 6	—	92.0%
Class 7	—	92.4%
Class 8	—	94.1%
Class 9	—	97.4%
Class 10	—	88.0%
Class 11	—	92.9%
Class 12	—	95.3%
Class 13	—	89.7%
Class 14	—	96.7%
Class 15	—	93.1%

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Breaking up for a well-deserved rest

We break up for the Christmas holiday today so can we take this opportunity to wish the Chuckery community a happy and peaceful Christmas time.

The children and staff all deserve a really good break after all their efforts and hard work this term.

The school will re-open on Tuesday 4th January 2022.

Pantomime

On Tuesday the children enjoyed watching the Pantomime of Aladdin! (Oh yes, they did!!)



Christmas Songs

It was lovely to see so many this week in the playground for the class Christmas songs I know the children really appreciated you being there and have had great fun learning the songs. We hope that you enjoyed it.

Christmas Dinner

Stella and her team in the kitchen cooked nearly 400 Christmas dinners on Wednesday!

That's a lot of Brussel sprouts!!

We hope all the children enjoyed their Christmas dinner.



Santa & his Elf!

The children had a special visit from Santa and his Elf today!

*Ho Ho
Ho!!!*

Stranger Danger!

This is the time of year when we often hear about incidents of strangers approaching children while walking to and from school, when they are out playing in the neighbourhood, or at the local park.

As parents, you can help to keep our community safe. Please take a moment to discuss with your child how to be safe to and from school and when they are out playing in the neighbourhood.

Here are a few helpful reminders:

- Never go anywhere with a stranger
- Never accept gifts or sweets from a stranger
- Never get in a car with a stranger
- Never go off on your own without telling your parents or a trusted adult
- Encourage your child to YELL, KICK, SCREAM or RUN AWAY, if they feel they are in danger
- Tell your child to stay with their friends and not to go e.g. to the park on their own.
- Older children should walk to and from school with other children.

- Always report suspicious characters to parents, teachers and the police.

Help and support to people in Walsall

Below are some of the charities and organisations that provide help and support to people in Walsall.

- Walsall School Nursing Service: parents and carers can text a School Nurse on 07520 634909. Texts can be sent out of hours however will only be responded to within service hours. There is a lot of information on the Walsall Healthcare NHS Website www.walsallhealthcare.nhs.uk/our-services/school-nursing
Parents and carers can contact school nurses on 01922 423349 between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday.
The service has a website for children in primary school www.healthforkids.co.uk and for older children and teenagers www.healthforteens.co.uk
- The National Domestic Abuse Helpline is there to support everyone you can call them on 0808 2000 247.
- Victim Support West Midlands 0300 303 1977
- Respect – Men's advice line 0808 801 0327
- West Midlands Forced Marriage 24hr helpline 0800 953 9777
- Black Country Women's Aid 24 hour helpline - 0121 552 6448
- Text or WhatsApp 07384 466 181 or Email: idva@blackcountrywomensaid.co.uk
- Walsall Council Housing - 01922 652250
- Adult Social Care - 0300 555 2922
- Children's Social Care - 0300 555 2866

Other useful links:

- The Impact Pathways website will let you search for support agencies in your local area.
- The National Centre for Domestic Violence helps survivors get protection against an abuser, by providing legal support to victims.
- Reach is a charity that offers help and support for domestic abuse victims. You can find out more by going to their website.

<https://west-midlands.police.uk/contact-us/live-chat>

- Tussell Trust Food Bank: 79 Thames Rd, Bloxwich, Walsall WS3 1LZ
- Phone: 07747 301374

What's happening in School!

- Nursery, reception and Year 1 have all enjoyed watching the Christmas pantomime, making Christmas cards and having a Christmas party. Merry Christmas everyone!
- In Year 2 we have continued with our Mini Adventure with Sunny the Meerkat. In geography we have been recapping Human and Physical features at the Seaside and the Countryside. Thinking about which place Sunny might like to visit. We also have explored what the Sunny's home the Kalahari desert would be like in comparison to Walsall Arboretum. In English we have continued writing our postcards from Sunny to his family. We have been trying to use similes, contractions, and rhetorical questions in our sentences. In Maths we have continued looking at 3D shapes and exploring the 2D shape that is on the surface of 3D shapes. We have also been creating repeated patterns and sequences with shapes. The children really enjoyed taking part in the end of term quiz in our house teams, recalling lots of learning.
- Next term year three will be learning about China as their next mini adventure identifying and describing what China is like in terms of weather, employment, and transport links
- Year 4 are starting to learn about life as a Roman gladiator. In maths we will be finishing off multiplication and division so keep practicing over the holidays. Merry Christmas.
- When we return after Christmas, Year 5 will be starting a new mini-adventure and returning to addition and subtraction in maths. We hope all of Year 5 have a lovely Christmas holiday!
- Year 6 are learning about Activism after the holidays and how everyone can make a difference. We will also be looking at negative numbers and using algebra to solve sequences. Have a super holiday!

Covid 19 Symptoms

Daily testing for contacts of COVID-19

From Tuesday 14 December, a new national approach to daily testing for contacts of COVID-

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19 was introduced. All adults who are fully vaccinated and children aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 – whether Omicron or not – should take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days instead of self-isolating. Daily testing by close contacts will help to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 will help protect education settings by reducing transmission and will also help keep pupils in face-to-face education.

Once notified by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact, all eligible staff, pupils and students should take an LFD each day for 7 days and report the results through the Online Reporting System and to their setting. If they test negative, they can continue to attend their education setting. Outside of the education setting, they should continue to follow the advice set out in the Sunday 12 December press release. This approach should also be adopted over the winter break and on return in January.

If they test positive, they should self-isolate and order a PCR test to confirm the result. If the PCR is positive, they must self-isolate for 10 days. If the PCR test is negative, they no longer need to self-isolate but should continue to carry out the remainder of the daily tests, and only need to isolate if it is positive.

Non-Covid Illnesses

Children will still get colds and other seasonal illnesses that have nothing to do with Covid-19. We ask that parents make sensible decisions about sending their children to school, keeping them at home when they are ill but ensuring they are in school whenever they can be. Please note, where attendance falls below 93%, we will require medical evidence to authorise any absence. Without evidence, the Education Welfare Officer will become involved.

Questions, comments and complaints

Parents can email general questions to the school by using postbox@chuckery.walsall.sch.uk or questions for the head teacher to ipearce@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/>

Important Dates

Tue 4th January – School re-opens to pupils