



Chuckery Primary School Weekly Newsletter



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Attendance

Overall, our attendance this week was 93.2%.
Our target this year is 96%.

The Class with the best attendance this week was: **Class 5**

Class 2	—	95.3%
Class 3	—	92.9%
Class 4	—	92.8%
Class 5	—	97.9%
Class 6	—	93.8%
Class 7	—	92.4%
Class 8	—	93.5%
Class 9	—	95.6%
Class 10	—	95.3%
Class 11	—	92.5%
Class 12	—	96.0%
Class 13	—	95.2%
Class 14	—	85.3%
Class 15	—	87.2%

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

Praise assembly was held virtually this afternoon. The following children received Head teacher's awards for their efforts:

- Class 4 : Maria, Vincenzo**
- Class 5 : Aileen, Harrison, Rizwaan, Safah**
- Class 6 : Miroslav, Paige, Poppy, Rita, Tyler**
- Class 7 : Ahmed, Aisha, Eshan, Harley, Rukhsar, Vinnie**
- Class 8 : Trey**
- Class 9 : Aroush**
- Class 10 : Arzoo, Eduard, Leah, Romeo**
- Class 13 : William**
- Class 14 : Marian**
- Class 15 : Lily, Sophia**

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Flu Nasal Vaccine

Flu nasal spray for Rec-Yr6 will be on the 6th December can we please have all forms back as soon as possible regardless if you consent or not.

Over the past week we have sent out 109 letters to families because their child's attendance is below 90%. This is because any child with attendance this low is deemed to be at risk and is classed by Ofsted as a persistent absentee.

We understand individual circumstances may make absences unavoidable but it is essential children attend school whenever they can. We can see from our monitoring that a very large number of children are missing odd days here and there. This is most obvious on Fridays or when other schools in the area are closed. We have a statutory duty to monitor attendance as part of our safeguarding duty and to report low attendance to the Education Welfare Service who may take legal action as school attendance is a legal requirement.

The expectation is that children attend for 95% of the time. Please also note that where attendance falls below 92% we need medical evidence (a doctor's note, a prescription or evidence of medication prescribed) for any further absences to be recorded as authorised. Without this evidence the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

It is more important now than ever before to make sure your child is in school whenever possible because of the amount of time the children missed due to Covid-19. Please make sure you send your children to school every day unless they are ill (not just under the weather), avoid appointments in school time wherever possible and book holidays during the agreed school holiday times.

Good attendance is in everyone's best interest.

Christmas Jumper Day

We will be supporting the Christmas Jumper



Day fund raising appeal in December as we have in previous years. This appeal collects funds for the "Save the Children" charity. Your children are invited to wear their jumpers and make a donation on **Friday 10th December**.



Attendance Matters



Christmas Songs

Great news!! We will be performing Christmas songs this year – although it will look a little different.

We will be using the 2 sheds in the playgrounds and 2 year groups will perform each afternoon, at the end of the school day. Shed 1 is by the Tantarra Street entrance yellow gates, shed 2 is in the main playground.

The timetable will be:

	Shed 1 2:55pm – 3:10pm	Shed 2 3:10pm – 3:25pm
Monday 13th December	Afternoon Nursery	Year 3
Tuesday 14th December	Reception	Year 4
Wednesday 15th December	Year 1	Year 5
Thursday 16th December	Year 2	Year 6

School gates will open at 2:50pm that week and children can be collected once there performance has finished.

Hot chocolate and mince pies will be available for families of the children performing each day.

School Rules

Our school rules are: be kind, be safe, be ready to learn.

In each class, our calendar for December is about showing kindness to others and ourselves. Ask your child about the discussions they have had in class and how they have shown or received kindness.



- Nursery loved exploring the snow this week, the children were fascinated to see that there was ice on the playground and in pots and pans. We also followed animal footprints across the playground and discovered a fox den!
- In Reception we have been busily practising our nativity show that we will be sharing with parents via video recording. We can't wait for you to see it.
- This week year 1 have become historians, learning about toys from the past. We have looked at the difference between old and new toys and how toys have changed over time.
- Year 2, in writing, have been using lots of descriptive language and thinking about how we can make our writing more interesting to the reader. We have been using adjectives and onomatopoeia. Our stories are great so far!
In maths, we have been focusing on 2D shapes and their properties, including their lines of symmetry. We have learnt that for the line to be a line of symmetry, the shape must be the same on both sides (be symmetrical).
In RE, we have been continuing to focus on Christmas and how Christians use light to celebrate. We have learnt about lots of Christian traditions and have made Christingles.
Please remember to keep reading and practising your phonics at home everyday. Videos are also on google classroom to help you with this.
- Year 3 really enjoyed their day in the stone-age and will be continuing to use a range of sources to find out about the period.
- Year 4 are continuing to write their stories about a dog and his food. They are also making sure that they are learning their times tables really well so that they are reading for their times table tests next year.
- Year 5 are continuing to write about the explorer Scott and learning about 3D shapes.
- Next week, Year 6 are continuing to learn about Everest and write a non fiction text to inform others. We are also going to be recapping our learning about shapes and finding out about the parts of a circle.

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Walsall Christmas Holiday Programme



Children and young people aged 5 to 16 who are eligible for benefit related free school meals and their families will be able to

access free activities and a healthy recipe box during Christmas holidays. Registration and booking for the winter programme is now open until midnight on Friday 10 December 2021.

The video below takes you through the process for sign up for the activities.

https://go.walsall.gov.uk/children_and_young_people/haf_signup

National Sleep Helpline

The National Sleep Helpline 03303 530 541

The National Sleep Helpline helps anyone with sleep issues including adults, parents and young people. The helpline is available from 7pm and 9pm, Sunday to Thursday on 03303 530 541.

Poor sleep can affect anyone and it can be a major stress for parents whose own sleep can be impaired by their children's difficulties getting to sleep, staying asleep or staying in their own bed, leading to greater stress.

Having a sleep issue is surprisingly common. At any given time this affects up to 40% of adults and 50% of children (this rises to 80% with a SEND diagnosis). These problems are typically persistent and do not resolve themselves without intervention.

We have put a poster on the school website under the heading: Mental Health and Well Being tab

Covid 19 Symptoms

If your child has any of these 3 symptoms:

1. A high temperature: any new high temperature where your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure the temperature).
2. A new continuous cough: coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours.
3. A loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste: a noticeable loss of smell or taste or things smell and taste different to normal.

You should:

- Book a PCR test for them
- Inform school
- Keep them at home, away from other people, for 10 days or until you receive a negative PCR test result for them

In addition, Walsall Public Health are asking that anyone with the following symptoms takes a PCR test as a precaution

- Shortness of breath or unexplained fatigue
- Diarrhoea, nausea and vomiting
- Headache that lasts a long time
- Myalgia (muscle aches or full body pains)
- Sore throat
- Blocked or runny nose

In these cases they do not need to isolate and can still come to school while you wait for the PCR test as long as they are well enough. However, if the test is positive you should:

- Inform school
- Keep them at home, away from other people, for 10 days or until you receive a negative test result for them

You can register for a PCR test at a local testing centre online at www.nhs.uk/coronavirus and tick the box that says your local authority asked you to take a test. Or you can call 119 and say the same thing to book a test. You can also choose to have PCR test delivered to your home.

New Covid-19 Isolation rules

If you test positive for Covid-19 stay at home and self-isolate do not go to work, school, or public areas and do not use public transport or taxis. From 16th August 2021, if you are fully vaccinated or aged under 18 years and 6 months, you will not be required to self-isolate if you live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 unless you have symptoms.

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% the Education Welfare Officer will become involved whether we have had reasons or not.

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 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/>

Important Dates

Friday 10th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 13th – Thursday 16th December-

Christmas songs in the playground

Wednesday 15th December – Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 17th December – Autumn Term ends

Tue 4th January – School re-opens to pupils