

Chuckery Primary School

Weekly Newsletter



Friday 14th July 2023

As we approach the end of another academic year, I would like to reflect on what has been a highly successful year at Chuckery.

Trips, visits and forest school

We are so pleased that so many children have had so many fantastic learning experiences beyond the classroom this year. We hope you have enjoyed seeing all the pictures on Weduc and Facebook. The minibus has covered nearly 6000 miles this year taking children (and sometimes their families) to so many interesting and relevant places including:

- National memorial Arboretum
- Shugborough Hall
- Wolseley Bridge
- National Space Museum
- West Midlands Safari Park
- Dudley Zoo
- Cannock Chase
- Castleton (residential Y5)
- Laches Wood (residential Y6)

Lots has been done on our site too. Children in Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2 have all had forest lessons where they have had great fun taking part in activities all sorts of activities in our grounds.

The great news is there is so much more to come next year as we develop and extend our learning beyond the classroom programme.

Standards

Year 6

This week we have received the test results and final assessments for our Year 6 children. I am delighted to report the children did extremely well. The percentage of children achieving age-related expectations in reading, writing, maths, grammar punctuation and spelling is well above the national standard. We can all be so proud of their achievements as they have all worked so hard this year their results are amazing.

Year 6	% Achieving national expectations and above - school	% Achieving national expectations and above - national
Reading	81%	73%
Writing	76%	71%
Maths	88%	73%
Spelling and Grammar	84%	72%
Reading, writing, and maths combined	69%	59%

Year 4

Year 4 took part in the National Multiplication Check in June. Like Year 6, our results are well above the national standard.

45% achieved 25 of 25 (in 2022 27% achieved 25/25 nationally)

The average score was 21.3 out of 25 (in 2022 the national average was 19.8 out of 25)

We are so proud of how well the children did in this test.

Year 2

Again, our Year 2 results were above national averages across the board and like Year 6 and Year 4 we can all be so proud of their achievements as they too have all worked so hard this year their results are amazing.

Year 2	% Achieving national expectations and above - school	% Achieving national expectations and above - national (2022)
Reading	67%	67%
Writing	62%	58%
Maths	81%	68%
Reading, writing, and maths combined	60%	n/a

Phonics

By the end of Year 2 95% had achieved the national standard in phonics (in 2022 the national average was 87%)

By the end of Year 1 **64%** of children had achieved the national standard in phonics. This is below the national standard of 75% in 2022 but reflects strong progress from the percentage of children who achieved the Word reading Early Learning Goal in 2022.

Early Years

By the end of Reception **47%** of children achieved the Good Level of Development standard. Although this is well below the 2022 national standard of 65%, our internal data demonstrates significant progress from the baseline assessments made in September 2022 when the children entered Reception.

Reports, New classes and leavers and new teacher and teaching assistants for September

The children have found out who their new teachers will be in September today and each child will have brought home an envelope with their annual report written by their class teacher.

Teachers

Mrs Knight – after 23 years at Chuckery, Mrs Knight is retiring at the end of this term. I am sure you will join me in wishing her a long and happy retirement after so many years of dedication to our community.

Mrs Holmes – after 10 years as Early Years Leader at Chuckery, Mrs Holmes has a new role delivering Speech and Language Therapy interventions across the Cadmus schools. We will still see her often but will greatly miss having her as part of our team.

Miss Tonks – After 7 fantastic years at Chuckery, Miss Tonks is off to teach in Singapore next year. We wish her all the very best as she starts her new adventure. Her enthusiasm and dedication will be missed by us all.

Miss Whetton – After 2 great years at Chuckery, Miss Whetton is going back to university to study for a doctorate. We may see her pop up from time to time as she has agreed to do some cover when we need her. We wish her all the very best with her research and hope to see her back at Chuckery.

Miss Sargent – Having left in October to have her baby, Miss Sargent and her family are

moving to a new part of the country so will not be back with us in September.

Miss Botfield – After a successful year covering Miss Sargent's maternity leave, Miss Botfield is off to explore pastures new from September.

Teaching Assistants

Mrs Shergill – after 13 years at Chuckery she is moving on to work with Special Needs children at Oakwood. We wish her all the best for the future.

Miss Ward – After 9 years working with us, most recently brilliantly supporting our visually impaired children, Miss Ward is off to concentrate on her own family for a few years. She has promised she will be back, and we will hold her to that!

We have 4 new teachers joining us in September:

- Mrs Killian as Early Years Leader and Reception teacher
- Miss Edwards as a Reception teacher
- Miss Smith as a Year 3 teacher
- Miss Lockley as a Year 4 teacher

We also have 3 teaching assistants joining us:

- Miss Mahmood in Nursery
- Mrs Vaughan in Year 2
- Miss Young in Year 5

Walsall Holiday Activities Programme 2023 How to register for the 2023 Programme.

To register your child on the programme you will need your unique code. For the 2023 programme you will only need to register once, and you can then access your account throughout the year.

To register online use the following link: <https://go.walsall.gov.uk/children-and-young-people/holiday-activities-programme-haf/register-haf-2023>

How to book activities?

Once you have registered for the programme you are then able to book your free activities. The website to book activities is; <https://haf.walsall.gov.uk/Account/Login>. To login you will need your email address and password that you have created when registering.

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Attendance

Please remember we expect your child to attend school, regularly, this means for at least 95% of the time. We have a process in place to monitor attendance which is outlined in our attendance policy which can be found by visiting:

<https://www.chuckeryprimary.com/key-policies/>

If their attendance drops below 93%, we will always need medical evidence to authorise an absence.

Holidays

In June, July and September we have many children who are absent because of visits to family abroad or for family holidays. Since June we have had 11 families taking the children to see ill grandparents. While we understand tickets are cheaper in term time, visits and holidays are expected to take place in the recognised school holidays.

Where trips are booked before the school is consulted, they will always be refused, and details passed to the local authority who will issue a fine.

Full details can also be found by following the above link to our attendance policy.

School Uniform

There have been some enquiries about school uniform. School uniform can be bought from Crested School Wear, Victoria Arcade, Walsall, WS1 1RE. If you prefer ordering online, it can be ordered from the following link:

<https://www.crestedschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/schools/a-c/chuckery-primary-school/>

Our school Uniform policy can be found by visiting.

<https://www.chuckeryprimary.com/key-policies/>

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 by visiting

<https://www.chuckeryprimary.com/key-policies/>

Important Dates

Monday 4th September—School Closed—Staff Training Day

Tuesday 5th September 2023— Years 1- 6 return.

Monday 11th September 2023 — Reception children start.

Monday 18th September—Nursery children start.

Monday 18th September— Parents' Evening 3:30-5:20pm

Tuesday 19th September— Parents' Evening 3:30-5:20pm

Wednesday 27th September— Parents' Evening 3:30-5:20pm

Thursday 28th September— Parents' Evening 3:30-5:20pm

Friday 29th September—School Closed—Staff Training Day

Friday 27th October—Break up—Half Term

Monday 6th November—School Closed—Staff Training Day

Tuesday 7th November—School reopens

Friday 22nd December—Break up—Christmas Holiday

Monday 8th January 2024—School re-opens

