

# Chuckery Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter



**Friday 4th March 2022 - Issue 23**

### 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 2**

Class 2	—	99.2%
Class 3	—	94.5%
Class 4	—	90.9%
Class 5	—	84.8%
Class 6	—	95.6%
Class 7	—	94.0%
Class 8	—	95.5%
Class 9	—	99.1%
Class 10	—	92.5%
Class 11	—	91.2%
Class 12	—	95.0%
Class 13	—	91.2%
Class 14	—	92.9%
Class 15	—	92.1%

### 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 : Olivia, Reuben**  
**Class 6 : Liam, Simra, Tommy**  
**Class 7 : Dawid, George, Harley, Lacey-Mae, Luca, Matthew, Ubaidullah**  
**Class 8 : Avani, Azeem, Eframia, Igor, Juovanie, Kacie, Ondrej, renata, Riley**  
**Class 9 : Lewis, Raffaella, Zain**  
**Class 10 : Ashaz, Eduard, Mqhele**  
**Class 12 : Majeed, Rehan, Saniyah, Saqib**  
**Class 13 : Mercy, Pasha, Zeineb**  
**Class 14 : Ayaan, Daheen, Ismail, Karina, Keiran, Malaika, Malik, Michal, Ryszard**  
**Class 15 : Benyameen, Ja'Kai, Joshua, Kashifa, Kevin, Leo, Nafisa, Zkiaah**

### News

#### Living with Covid Update

The Government has announced their COVID-19 response 'Living with COVID-19' strategy. In England, most of the measures that have been in place to control the spread of the virus during the pandemic are no longer required by law. In school we have removed many of the former measures such as year group bubbles and wearing face coverings. We are also resuming assemblies after 2 years!

However, we have asked staff to continue to test twice weekly and ask that both staff and children follow the following advice:

- If you feel unwell and develop symptoms associated with the COVID-19 virus, I would urge you to continue to test them for the virus
- Please continue to stay at home and book a PCR test by calling 119 or book online <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>
- Test sites are open 7 days a week. Order a home test kit if you cannot get to a test site. This will help to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection with COVID-19.

If you do test positive for the COVID-19 virus, we ask that you continue to self-isolate for at least five days and only return to school after having two negative lateral flow tests on consecutive days. Whilst doing so is no longer the law, it is very sensible practice and helps us minimise the risk of COVID-19 spreading in the school.

### Attendance Award

After 2 years the £5 weekly attendance prize returns next week.

To be in with a chance of winning the prize your child will need to have 100% attendance for the previous 4 weeks and an overall attendance of more than 95%

### Red Nose Day FRIDAY 18 MARCH 2022



We will be selling noses in class next week starting Wednesday afternoon. The price is £1.50 per nose. The noses will not be available from the school office. Please ensure your child comes in with the correct change as we will be unable to offer any change. We only have a limited supply!

### World Book Day

Yesterday the children celebrated World Book Day, It was great to see the children wearing their costumes! They have taken parts in lots of activities in school and have received a free story book!





### What's happening in School!

- Nursery enjoyed dressing up as different job roles and catching the bus to work.
- Reception have been designing their own safari parks and drawing maps of them showing where the different animals and attractions are located.
- Year 1 have been learning about healthy food. We looked at what foods might be in a balanced diet and went on a trip to ASDA, where we bought healthy food for our smoothies and tasted some delicious fruits.
- Year 2 have started a new mini adventure learning about habitats and hibernation. We were very excited to find some mysterious footprints in the classroom and decided to go to Walsall Arboretum Park to find habitats. We decided if the park is a good habitat for a bear. In Maths we have started to learn how to read an analogue clock focusing on o'clock and half past
- Year 3 are exploring mapping skill, four grid references and following compass direction at Cannock Chase.
- Year 4, we will be continuing our work about The Plague. We will also be starting cricket in our P.E lessons.
- Year 5 will be starting a new mini-adventure and they will be carrying on with their multiplication and division in maths.
- Year 6 have launched their new topic - Anglo- Saxons. They have been investigating artefacts from this era and enquiring about the path that Angles, Saxons, and Jutes took to invade Britain. In Maths we have been looking at 2 and 3 decimal places and looking to round up to 3 decimal points

### Help for families to talk to children about Ukraine and how to help them avoid misinformation:

Russia's invasion of Ukraine is distressing and concerning, and we understand children may have questions or be seeking reassurance. Our children are constantly absorbing things they read, see and hear and it's completely natural for them to be picking up on the situation in Ukraine and feeling anxious and also asking questions about what is going on. These tips may help you:

- Give them the basics and don't avoid the conversation – Listen to their worries and provide honest answers to their questions about what is going on, don't overcomplicate your responses and try to give details at an age-appropriate level.
- Don't avoid answering their questions about the situation as this could promote more anxiety, but keep to basic facts.
- Ensure they feel supported and safe – It's important to help children understand the level of threat to them and their friends and family. Explain this is happening in Ukraine, a different country and show this if necessary using a globe or map.
- Avoid exposure to a constant stream of news – Be mindful of whether you have the radio or TV on all day, as children will be absorbing news without us realising it.
- Watch where they are getting their news – We know that fake news is an issue, particularly on social media sites so be mindful of what children are absorbing and where they are getting it. Ensure they understand that not everything they see on social media sites is true, and they know what reliable sources of news they can access.

School staff can offer specific advice and support if you feel that your child is becoming overly anxious and distressed.

Providing support and reassurance and diverting their thoughts through engagement in pleasurable activities can help.

### Childline Mental Health campaign

Childline are launching a new campaign We All Feel It to support young people, in particular males, to reach out for mental health and wellbeing support. Further information can be found at:

<https://thecpsu.org.uk/news/2022-03-childline-we-all-feel-it-campaign/>

### EASTER 2022 Walsall Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF)

Walsall Council We are running a programme for children ages 5 – 16 years who are entitled to

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benefit-related free schools meals over the Easter Holiday. This programme is aiming to provide healthy food and enriching activities during the holidays to children.

When do the Easter activities start?

The activities will take place over the Easter holidays and will be available on:

- Week 1 - Monday 11th April to Thursday 14 April 2022
- Week 2 - Tuesday 19 - Friday 22 April 2022

Each eligible child will receive a letter in the post with their unique code (separate code for each child) –

1. A letter will be sent out to eligible children on the 7th March 2022 with their unique code.
2. To book and register activities families can either do this online. The Link to sign up is [https://go.walsall.gov.uk/children\\_and\\_young\\_people/haf\\_signup](https://go.walsall.gov.uk/children_and_young_people/haf_signup)
3. or families can call the HAF team on 01922 653899 (Monday to Friday 10:00- 16:00)

### Questions, comments and complaints

Parents can email general questions to the school by using [postbox@chuckery.walsall.sch.uk](mailto:postbox@chuckery.walsall.sch.uk) or questions for the head teacher to [jpearce@chuckery.walsall.sch.uk](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup> April – Break up For Easter Holiday**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April - Staff Training Day**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April - School re-opens to pupils**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Parents Evening**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May – Parents Evening**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May - Break up for half term**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June - School closed - Jubilee bank holiday lieu day**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June School re-opens to pupils**