

Chuckery Primary School

Weekly Newsletter



Friday 26th November 2021 - Issue 12

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 11**

Class 2	—	94.0%
Class 3	—	88.8%
Class 4	—	94.1%
Class 5	—	82.9%
Class 6	—	96.0%
Class 7	—	92.4%
Class 8	—	94.2%
Class 9	—	96.4%
Class 10	—	89.3%
Class 11	—	98.6%
Class 12	—	96.0%
Class 13	—	95.5%
Class 14	—	91.7%
Class 15	—	95.2%

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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 6 : David, Georgia, Kira, Liam
Class 7 : Ahmed, Daniel, Dawid, Finley, George, Jack, Luca, Ubaidullah
Class 10 : Gustavs, Ioana, Justin, Olivia
Class 11 : Bawan, Noor, Rafay, Rebecca, Riley
Class 12 : Rhema
Class 13 : Harsimran, Ibrahim
Class 14 : Aamar, Anya, Aliza, Diyan, Emilia, Ismail, Lillie, Malaika, Noor, Oktawia, Shayla
Class 15 : Ayaan, Byron, Haziqa, Liliann, Majid

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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.

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**.



Christmas Dinner Day

This year we will be serving our Christmas Dinner Menu on Wednesday 15th December – children can wear their Christmas jumpers. If your child is in year 3,4,5 or 6 and **not** eligible for free school meals or if your child usually brings packed lunch but wants a Christmas Dinner on this day, then you will need to book and pay for the meal on the Schoolcomms Payment app by Friday 10th December.

Volunteers

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to read with children in school. Your commitment and help is greatly appreciated - thank you! You are still welcome to contact Angela McMorro if you would like to volunteer as a parent reader in school.

What's happening in School!

- In Nursery this week we have been exploring paint and mixing colours to paint our clay decorations. The children have been fascinated to watch the

colours change as they stir the paints together.

- In Reception this week we have been comparing characters from different stories. We have looked at Mr Big and Farmer Cleg and used describing words to talk about them
- This week in year 1 we have spent some time outdoors building dens, creating nature art and making bird feeders. We have also started to write a recount of our fun forest school day!
- Year 2 have started to learn how Christian people use light in their celebrations. We have started to learn about advent and how it is celebrated. The children have been learning how and why Christmas is celebrated. The children role played the nativity story in class. In English we have started to learn about personification. In Maths we have started to learn the name of 2D shapes and their properties.
- Year 3 will be starting a new unit about the Stone Age, learning about how people lived in the past.
- Year 4 are starting a new mini adventure next week and have a special guest coming in on Monday to launch our new topic. In maths, we will be focusing on methods of multiplication and division so make sure you know your times tables!
- Next week, Year 5 will be starting a new mini-adventure and we will be beginning our shape learning journey in maths.
- Year 6 are starting a new mini adventure about Mountains. What makes a mountain? We are also starting to learn about fractions in maths.



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

'I Can't to I Can'

This week the children have been engaging in sessions called 'I Can't to I Can' where they have been learning about turning negative thoughts (red thoughts) into positive thoughts (green thoughts), devising their own inner cheerleader, recognising how they can change and adapt from 'I can't' to 'I can' and adopting a more positive and healthier system of thinking. Finally, they have worked as a team to create their own class cheerleader.

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

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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 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

Friday 10th December – Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 15th December – Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 17th December – Autumn Term ends
Tue 4th January – School re-opens to pupils