

Chuckery Primary School

Weekly Newsletter



Friday 15th October 2021 - Issue 7

Attendance

Overall, our attendance this week was 93.4%
Our target this year is 96%.

The Class with the best attendance this week was: Class 12

Class 2	—	89.3%
Class 3	—	96.3%
Class 4	—	96.9%
Class 5	—	91.4%
Class 6	—	85.5%
Class 7	—	91.4%
Class 8	—	96.1%
Class 9	—	89.3%
Class 10	—	95.3%
Class 11	—	95.2%
Class 12	—	97.2%
Class 13	—	89.7%
Class 14	—	96.7%
Class 15	—	97.0%

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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 : Ahil, Banyan, Maya
Class 7 : Daniel, Dawid, Eshan, Haleema, Laiba, Melissa, Rumaan, Yannis
Class 8: Eesa, Kaylee, Sanda
Class 10: Destiny, Leah-Mai, Mikaeel, Olivia, Romeo
Class 12 : Amelia, Saqib
Class 13 : Ariz, Bozenka, Charles, Haider, Hanaa, Humza, Maryam, Pasha, Rehan, Ruqayah, Saima
Class 14 : Aleeza, Aliza, Diyan, Holly Ismail, Lillie, Malaika, Noor
Class 15 : Agnius, Hawa, Logan, Lola, Lucie, Nafisa, Sophia

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Training day and Half Term Holiday.

School is closed to children next Friday (22nd October) for a teacher training day. The staff will be in spending the day looking at ways we can improve our well-being offer for the children. This means school closes

for the holiday next Thursday. Children will be back in school on Monday 1st November 2021

Reintroduction of Covid-19 prevention measures.

In line with Walsall Public Health advice, we are introducing some Covid-19 prevention measures from Monday.

A letter with full details is available on the school website

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/chuckery/Uploaded/Document/6a747a00-5cea-44c6-949e-1680a1cde2d2/covid-letter-14.10.pdf>

What's happening in School!

- Nursery this week have been looking closely at feelings. The children have been exploring how they feel at different points in the day, pulling feeling faces and playing with their friends.
- In Reception this week we have been talking about the walk that they went on last week. Remembering the different types of houses that we saw and the different types of buildings such as shops, mosque and church.
- Year 1 have been Scientists and have been investigating features of different animals and what they eat. They have also been finding out how to look after a dog.
- Year 2 we have continued our map work by labelling human and physical features using a key. We have also started to look at the points on a compass. We will be learning to give directions as we want to direct the Crow from our mini adventure back to the sun. In writing we have been editing our work and learning about similes. In Maths we are adding two numbers together.
- Year 3 have been fact finding to help them describe the season of Autumn. Next week they will be starting an RE unit exploring the bible and why it is important for Christians
- Next week Year 4 have a special guest coming in to finish off our Ancient Egypt topic. We are also moving on to doing the column method of subtraction in maths.

- Next week Year 5 will be completing our mini-adventure on space and continuing our learning journey about fractions and decimals.
- Year 6 are completing their poems about the Highwayman and continuing to read the Road to Freedom story. In maths we will be making sure we are all confident with our formal and mental methods for addition and subtraction.
- *Confectionery such as chocolate bars, chocolate-coated biscuits and sweets. (Cakes and biscuits are allowed but these should be part of a balanced meal)*
- *Meat products such as sausage rolls, individual pies corned meat and sausages / chipolatas on a regular basis*

More information about healthy packed lunches can be found at

www.childrensfoodtrust.org.uk/parents/schoolfood/packedlunches

Autumn Well-being calendar

Lindsey Hayes, the school's Mental Health Practitioner, has put together a power-point about wellbeing and how to ensure good mental health. This can be found on our website. Each page has a theme with web links to activities, resources and advice. Themes include: how food affects physical and mental wellbeing; the importance of being kind to yourself and each other; anti-bullying; the link between nature and being outdoors to good mental health; being in tune with your own mental health.

Packed Lunch advice

It is expected that, where parents or carers provide a packed lunch it will be healthy and nutritional.

Based on advice for the Children's Food Trust, we expect a child's packed lunch will include:

- *One portion of fruit and one portion of vegetable or salad every day to be included in packed lunches*
- *Meat, fish or another source of non-dairy protein should be included every day. Non-dairy sources of protein include lentils, kidney beans, chickpeas,*
- *hummus, peanut butter and falafel*
- *An oily fish, such as salmon, should be included at least once every three weeks*
- *A starchy food, such as bread or pasta, rice, couscous, noodles, potatoes or other cereals, should be included every day*
- *A dairy food, such as semi-skimmed or skimmed milk, cheese, yoghurt, Fromage Frais or custard should be included every day*
- *Still or sparkling water, fruit juice, semi-skimmed or skimmed milk, yoghurt or milk drinks and smoothies*

It should not include:

- *Snacks such as crisps. (Instead, include nuts, seeds, vegetables and fruit (with no added salt, sugar or fat). Savoury crackers or breadsticks)*
- *Sandwiches with a high sugar filling such as chocolate spread or jam*

The Head Teacher and senior staff make regular checks on what children who are having a packed lunch are bringing. Where it is felt by the Head Teacher that a child does not have an appropriate packed lunch the following action will be taken:

- The child will be provided with a meal by the school
- Parents will be spoken to at the end of the day to explain why a meal was provided and,
- where parents are not entitled to a Free School Meal, request payment for the meal
- Provide the parents with advice and support about what they need to
- include an appropriate packed lunch in the future

Walsall College

On Monday October 18th, Walsall College is hosting a FREE information session at Small Street YMCA for anyone interested in improving their levels of maths, English or IT.

If you would like to attend this free information session then please contact Germaine-Bowen Smith on germaine.bowen-smith@ymcab.org.uk or 07973719532.

Small Street YMCA is located at 1A Small Street, Walsall, WS1 3PR.

Keeping Our Children Safe

We have sent out advice for parents regarding unsuitable programmes on Netflix. This has been sent out by Marvellous me and is also available on our website:

In ICT sessions, the children will be reminded to:

- Always check with a trusted adult before you watch something new
- Make sure you have a child account set up on streaming services
- If you see something violent or inappropriate as part of a programme then tell a trusted adult

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Reminder for parents will include the attached checklist and reminded -

- Don't share your account details with anyone else
- Use a child safe account and enable parental controls
- Set profile locks and maturity settings for the child accounts
- Monitor and talk regularly to your children about what they are watching or want to watch

Whitehall Junior School - Cadmus Family of Schools Consultation

Following the decision by the Governors at Whitehall Junior School and Cadmus Family of Schools, a consultation period has started to investigate whether Whitehall should join Cadmus to become the seventh school of the Federation that Chuckery is part of. Parents at every school in the Federation can take part in the consultation. A letter outlining the process can be found on the school website by following this link.

<https://www.chuckeryprimary.com/consultation-on-whitehall-junior-community-school/>

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

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/](https://www.chuckeryprimary.com/charging-and-complaint-policies/)

Important Dates

**Fri 22nd October – Training Day – School
closed to pupils**

**Thursday 21st October – Break up for half
term for pupils**

**Monday 1st November – School re-opens to
pupils**

**Friday 10th December – Christmas Jumper
Day**

Friday 17th December – Autumn Term ends

Tue 4th January – School re-opens to pupils