

# Chuckery Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter



Thursday 21st October 2021 - Issue 8

### Attendance

Overall, our attendance this week was 93.1%  
Our target this year is 96%.

The Class with the best attendance this week was: Class 14

Class 2	—	90.0%
Class 3	—	97.5%
Class 4	—	90.0%
Class 5	—	86.2%
Class 6	—	84.8%
Class 7	—	97.4%
Class 8	—	93.8%
Class 9	—	90.9%
Class 10	—	93.3%
Class 11	—	93.1%
Class 12	—	94.8%
Class 13	—	95.3%
Class 14	—	99.2%
Class 15	—	95.5%

### News

#### Training day and Half Term Holiday.

School is closed to children tomorrow for a teacher training day.

Children will be back in school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021

### Morrisons Donation

We are extremely grateful to Rachel Ward, Community Champion at Morrisons, Lichfield Road who have donated a whole shopping trolley full of food for our Harvest Collection! We send our thanks to Mrs. Harbinder (Harvey)

Sandhu who helped to arrange this for us.



### Harvest

Thank you to everyone who donated food for Harvest.



This will be donated to the Black Country Food Harvest is one of the most important times of the year for them as it is a good time to restock their shelves after the demands of the summer holidays. In 2020 they provided 440,000 meals! That is 220 Tonnes of food = approximately 35 elephants!!

This year, in the wake of the Covid-19, these donations will be more important than ever.

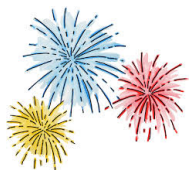
### What's happening in School!

- Nursery we have been practising our physical skills, we have been climbing through tunnels, playing with streamers and using scissors to cut a flag.
- Reception have been practising making different patterns using colours and objects.
- Year 1 we have been writing about how to take care of a dog. We have also learnt about vets, who look after animals, and doctors who look after people.'
- Year 2 have been creating collages of Rainbow Crow using different techniques. We have also used our Geography skills to guide Rainbow Crow on an aerial map. Year 2 have been learning to give directions to guide the Crow back to the sun. In Maths we have continued to work on adding two numbers together carefully and solving simple word problems. In Literacy we have been learning how to apply commas in a list and using time adverbials in a sentence.
- Year 3 are starting a topic about magnets - they will invent and then create their own game that uses magnets.
- Year 4 have enjoyed learning about the Egyptians this half term and are looking forward to a new mini adventure when we are back after half term. The children will be continuing to apply their knowledge of addition and subtraction into problems.
- Year 5 have finished our writing about Luna going to space and will be moving on to our next mini-adventure. We will also be moving on to multiplication and division.

- Year 6 have written some amazing Highwayman poems and will be starting a new history mini adventure after the holidays whilst working on our multiplication and division.

### **Bonfire Menu**

We will be holding a Bonfire Theme Day menu on Friday 5th November. The menu has been sent out by Marvellous Me and is available on the website or from the school office.



### **WALSALL COLLEGE, HAWBUSH CAMPUS FREE 5 WEEK FAMILY MATHS & ENGLISH COURSES** (For adults to help children use maths and/or English in a fun way)

Thursday 11th November

**Maths 9.30am – 12.00pm**

**English 12.30pm – 3.00pm**

- Create activities relating to numbers, shapes or your children's favourite book
- Produce games and activities to be played with your children
- Build maths and/or English into everyday activities at home
- Gain confidence and develop maths and/or English skills in a fun way
- Meet new people

Call Lynda Whitebeard at Walsall College on 01922 657068 to register your interest for one or both courses

### **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.

### **Keeping Our Children Safe**

#### **Be Bright Be Seen!!**

British summertime ends in October – the clocks go back by an hour and most of us may be travelling home in the dark.

However, you get to work or school, there are things you can do to help yourself be seen, making sure other road users can see you.

### **Pedestrians**

Whether walking to and from school, the shops, or walking the dog, during foggy and overcast days pedestrians should wear something bright coloured and something reflective at night.

Choose a bag or rucksack with hi-visibility strips. Fluorescent and reflective armbands can be worn over coats and clothing, and stickers can be used on bags. Reflective dots on knees and ankles can really draw attention to runners during dark nights.

Keep to the footpath where there is one, if not, keep to the right hand side of the road so you can see oncoming traffic. Being aware of your surroundings can help as well, so take out the earphones, and leave your phone in your pocket.

### **Cyclists**

Many people riding bikes at night assume that street lights are enough for a motorist to see them, as they can see themselves. This is not the case and many incidents involving bicycles during the dark nights are due to cyclists in dark clothing with no lights or reflectors. Drivers are looking for lights, so when a cyclist appears with no lights, it comes as a surprise.

At night, your bike **MUST** have white front and red rear lights lit, it must also be fitted with a red rear reflector. White front reflectors can also help you to be seen, and spoke reflectors will help other road users see you from the side.

Other things like reflective tape and flashing valve caps are also available. Any part that is moving, such as knees and ankles and valves, and is either reflective or illuminated, draws drivers' attention to you quite well.

Wear bright and if possible reflective clothing and still always believe that the driver has not seen you.

### **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

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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](https://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 16<sup>th</sup> 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](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

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Break up for half term for pupils**

**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Training Day – School closed to pupils**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November – School re-opens to pupils**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Autumn Term ends**

**Tue 4<sup>th</sup> January – School re-opens to pupils**