Chipping Hill Times

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to say thank you on behalf of Mrs Walker for your kind messages of support over the past week. She is recovering well and we look forward to welcoming her back soon – although we are being very strict and are making sure she is following doctor's orders before she does!

The children have settled well into the new term and as always, we have been incredibly impressed with the learning behaviours and positive attitudes shown in classes each day. House points are being regularly awarded to anyone demonstrating our Chipping Hill values and the children are always keen to find out the total for each House – there is a great sense of healthy competition!

Unbelievably it is October already and we continue to be blessed with the warm, sunny weather. The children are making the most of being on the field and exploring the new play equipment. We are very excited about the delivery of our new outdoor resource which will be available for the children next week. Thank you to Mr Clarke and Miss Harris for giving up time over the weekend to get this ready and we look forward to seeing the children explore this in lots of wonderful and inventive ways.

After school clubs have commenced this week and there are more than ever! We have a huge number of children participating in the various activities where they can develop their interests and learn new skills.

Harvest celebrations will take place next week and this year will take place in-house. We thank you in advance for your contributions which will be donated to the Witham Food Hub which is being organised by Mrs. Church (Nightingales Class Teacher) and her Volunteering Club.

Friday 9th October is a special day in school where we will mark World Mental Health Day (previous communication has been sent about this). We are hoping to build on the huge success of last year and class teachers are planning a range of activities to draw attention to this important cause. Everyone is invited to wear yellow on this day we will again be asking for donations to support the work Young Minds. Please follow this link to make a donation https://fundraise.youngminds.org.uk/s/2852/6974

As we approach the end of this first half term, our first block of parent consultations will be taking place. The office will shortly be sending out information about these meetings which will take place virtually. Please do look out for this communication and follow the steps to book your appointments through your Tucasi account. These meetings will provide a valuable insight into your child's learning and progress during the first weeks of this school year.

I would like to thank you all for your continued support and wish you a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Jones
Deputy Headteacher

Dinner Menu Rotation

Week commencing 05/10/26: Autumn Term 1

Week commencing 12/10/26: Autumn Term Menu 2

Week commencing 19/10/26: Autumn Term Menu 3

Dinner orders for these weeks are now closed.

House Points for week commencing 21st September

Hestia	Hermes	Apollo	Athena
850	720	781	**911**

Congratulations to Athena House!

Events Diary

If there are any changes to the dates listed, we will notify you as soon as possible.

08.10.26: Year 6 Residential Meeting at 3.20pm in KS2 Hall

09.10.26: Wear Yellow for World Mental Health Day

09.10.26: Year 2 Design and Technology Project - Parents welcome - Kingfishers 10am to 12pm and Swifts 1pm to 3pm

09.10.26: Year 6 - Shakespeare Performance in KS2 Hall Condors from 1:45pm to 2:15pm and Falcons from 2:30pm to 3:00pm

12.10.26: Friends of Chipping Hill - AGM - Virtual at 7pm

14.10.26: Dental Health Checks – EYFS and Year 3

15.10.26: Year 4 Trip to Colchester Castle

20.10.26: Virtual Parents Evening (further information to follow)

22.10.26: Virtual Parents Evening (further information to follow)

23.10.26: Non-Pupil Day

26.10.26 to 30.10.26: Half Term

02.11.26: Non-Pupil Day

04.11.26: KS1 Reading Workshop at 2.30pm for parents (further information to follow)

10.11.26 to 13.11.26: Condors Residential

13.11.26: Children in Need (further information to follow)

17.11.26 to 20.11.26: Falcons Residential

18.11.26: EYFS Road Safety Presentation for parents in KS2 Hall in PM (further information to follow)

24.11.26: Year 5 Residential Meeting at 3.30pm in KS2 Hall for parents and children

25.11.26: KS2 Reading Workshop (further information to follow)

02.12.26: Progress for all years in classrooms from 3.15pm to 4.30pm

04.12.26: Year 5 Shakespeare Performance (further information to follow)

08.12.26: iRock Concert

Events Diary (continued)

09.12.26: EYFS Nativity Performances at 10am and 2pm (further information to follow)

10.12.26: Year 3 Parent Involvement Session (further information to follow)

15.12.26: Year 2 Christmas Performance at 2pm and 5.30pm

16.12.26: Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day

21.12.26 to 01.01.27: Christmas Holidays

04.01.27: Non-Pupil Day

05.01.26: Start of the Spring Term

Recent Letters and Communications

- Morning School Access and Playground Equipment
- Height and Weight Checks for children in EYFS and Year 6
- KS2 – Morning Snack Reminder
- Message for Year 1 Parents – Yellow Day
- Year 6 Macbeth Performance - Friday 9th October
- Wear Yellow for World Mental Health Day - Friday 9th October
- Urgent: Allergy/Intolerance Information Form Required
- KS1 Arts & Crafts Club Payment
- Years 5 & 6 Science Club Payment
- Residential Instalment Reminder
- Flu Immunisation – Wednesday 30th September
- Harvest Festival 2026
- Enhanced Parent Involvement Sessions
- Dinner Orders for weeks commencing 5th, 12th and 19th October
- Wide Awake Club Booking Form for weeks commencing 5th, 12th and 19th October
- Cool Milk – Not available in Year 1
- Club Confirmation Information
- Additional Forest School Sessions
- Medical Records – Letter from Mrs Hubbard
- Message from Mrs Walker

Timeline for Secondary School Open Evenings and Applications

12.09.26: Applications for secondary school places open

All information can be found on the Essex County Council website.

https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/secondary-school-places

31.10.26: Applications for secondary school places close

Further information regarding the Open Evenings and school tours can be found on the community page of our website.

https://www.chippinghill.essex.sch.uk/community-info

Community Information

Information regarding the following has been included in the community section of our school website, please take a look if you would like further information. These are all third party events/information, not endorsed by the school, but they may be of interest to you.

- ACL - Free Courses for Parents and Carers 5th to 16th October
- Asthma Newsletter - Mid Essex Collaborative
- SEND Roadshow - Wickham Bishops
- Essex County Council - SPACE for SEND Children
- FITC - October Football Clubs

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Payment Reminders

Year 6 Residential: For those paying on a monthly basis, the September payment of £28 is now overdue. The payment can be made online via Scopay or by returning payment to the school office.

Year 5 & 6 Science Club: Payment of £3 for those children attending Science Club can now be made via Scopay.

KS1 Arts and Crafts Club: Payment of £18 for those children attending KS1 Arts and Crafts Club with Mrs Ingram can now be made via Scopay.

Year 4 Trip to Colchester Castle: Please ensure permission and payment of £15.00 is received in school by Monday 12th October. This can be done online via Scopay or by returning payment to the school office.

If there are any problems making payments please speak to the office. Thank you.

Chipping Hill Ambassador Awards

On Friday 25th September we celebrated those children who received the Friendship Ambassador Award. These pupils have been chosen for being a difference maker. They help others feel welcome, included and cared for. They know that even small acts of kindness can make a big difference to someone's day.

Nightingales – Heidi	Kestrels – Lola
Skylarks – Jack	Harriers - Harper
Kingfishers – Evie	Eagles - Sophia
Swifts – Henry	Hawks - Ayaan
Ospreys – Phoebe	Falcons - Kenny
	Condors - Dominic

This week we celebrated those children who received the Dream Big Ambassador Award. These pupils have been daring to think boldly beyond the expected and set an aspirational goal. Always encouraging others to aim high just like they do.

Nightingales – Mia	Kestrels – Landon
Skylarks – Callie	Harriers - Frankie
Kingfishers – Zachary	Eagles - Amelie
Swifts – Amelia	Hawks - Henry
Ospreys – Alfredo	Falcons - Grace
Kites – Mia	Condors - Mollie

After School Clubs

There will be no Choir or Culture Club on Tuesday 20th October and no School Newspaper, Board Games or KS1 Arts and Crafts on Thursday 22nd October due to Virtual Parents Evenings.

Club	Day	Coach / Provider	Start Date	Finish Date	Start Time	Finish Time	Cost
Y5/6 Boys & Girls Netball	Monday	Miss Harris	28/09/26	07/12/26	15:15	16:15	None
KS1 Boys Football	Monday	Coach James	28/09/26	07/12/26	15:15	16:20	Via provider
KS2 Gymnastics	Monday	SCS	28/09/26	30/11/26	15:15	16:15	Via provider
KS2 Art & Craft	Monday	Mrs Osahan	28/09/26	07/12/26	15:15	16:15	Via provider
KS2 Volunteering	Monday	Mrs Church	28/09/26	07/12/26	15:15	16:15	None
Y5/6 Science	Monday	Mrs Rice & Mrs White	28/09/26	07/12/26	15:15	16:15	£3 per child
KS1 & KS2 iRock	Tuesday	iRock	08/09/26	08/12/26	13:15	15:45	Via provider
KS1 & KS2 Tennis	Tuesday	BTA Tennis	29/09/26	08/12/26	15:15	16:05	Via provider
KS1 & KS2 Choir	Tuesday	Miss Dudley-Smith & Mrs Rudgewick	29/09/26	08/12/26	15:15	16:15	None
KS2 Arts & Crafts	Tuesday	Mrs Osahan	29/09/26	08/12/26	15:15	16:15	Via provider
KS1 and KS2 Culture Club	Tuesday	Mrs Beazeley & Mrs Green	29/09/26	08/12/26	15:15	16:15	None
KS2 Boys Football	Wednesday	Coach James	30/09/26	09/12/26	15:15	16:20	Via provider
KS2 Hip Hop	Wednesday	School of Funk (Richard)	30/09/26	09/12/26	15:15	16:15	Via provider
KS1 and KS2 Girls Football	Thursday	Coach James	01/10/26	10/12/26	15:15	16:20	Via provider
KS1 Hip Hop	Thursday	School of Funk (Richard)	01/10/26	10/12/26	15:15	16:15	Via provider
KS2 School Newspaper	Thursday	Mrs Jones	01/10/26	10/12/26	15:15	16:15	None
KS1 & KS2 Board Games	Thursday	Mrs Ingram	01/10/26	10/12/26	15:15	16:15	None
KS1 Arts & Crafts	Thursday	Mrs Ludhor	01/10/26	10/12/26	15:15	16:15	£20 per child (£2 per session)
Y4-6 Boys Basketball	Friday - AM	Coach Liburd	02/10/26	04/12/26	07:45	08:30	Via Provider
Y4-6 Girls Basketball	Friday	Coach Liburd	02/10/26	04/12/26	15:15	16:15	Via provider
KS1 Books & Stories	Friday	Miss Illidge	02/10/26	11/12/26	15:15	16:15	None

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