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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half term! The weather has certainly made it clear that we are in the 'ber' months! I hope you have all had a good half term break with your families and made more wonderful memories with your children.

The entire school has returned in full, committed force this week! I have been able to show a number of visitors around; including the first of our 27-28 Reception tours, and every time, I felt immensely proud of this school - your children are a credit to Chipping Hill.

It was great to see so many of you at the KS1 Reading workshop this week, thank you for taking the time to attend and the efforts made towards supporting your children's learning. Thank you to Mrs Caravlho for organising and delivering these sessions. Reading underpins everything!

In assembly on Tuesday, we talked about what it means to be safe for Bonfire night, especially when out in the dark, the children were all very thoughtful and able to identify risks and know how to keep themselves, and others safe. This led us to introduce this week's Ambassador award for being safe and knowing how to safely assess risk. Well done to those children who received the award.

This week has seen the launch of 'Classopoly'! The top three classes for attendance each week will get to roll the dice for the Classopoly board and work their way round to a number of treats and rewards - and yes, a non uniform day is a reward on there!!

Finally, as the weather continues to turn, please can we ask that your child brings in wellies or old trainers (that they can do up themselves). These will be stored in the shoe store outside each classroom ready for lunchtime. This enables children to continue to access areas of the school site during lunchtime play regardless of the weather and field conditions. As always, please name them!

If you are enjoying the fireworks this weekend, do take care and I wish you a wonderful evening.

Thank you, as always, for your support,

Mrs Walker
Headteacher

House Points for week commencing 12th October

Hestia	Hermes	Apollo	Athena
873	762	753	759

Congratulations to Hestia House!

House Points for week commencing 19th October

Hestia	Hermes	Apollo	Athena
705	726	799	**811**

Congratulations to Athena House!

House Points for week commencing 23rd October

Hestia	Hermes	Apollo	Athena
618	637	**888**	678

Congratulations to Apollo House!

Total House Points for Autumn Term so far

Hestia	Hermes	Apollo	Athena
4891	4559	4903	**4967**

Congratulations to Athena House!

Attendance

For week commencing 2nd November 2026 Condors, Kingfishers and Swifts classes had the highest attendance at 99.43%. Congratulations to these classes who are the first players of Classopoly!

Chipping Hill Ambassador Awards

On Friday 23rd October we celebrated those children who received the Problem Solving Ambassador Award for someone who spots a problem but does not walk past it. They stay calm under pressure and think of creative solutions while bringing people together to find a way forward. They know how to keep going even when it gets tough and can use these skills across all aspects of their school day.

Wrens - George
Robins - Alice
Nightingales - Charlie
Skylarks - Cillian
Kingfishers - Charlotte
Swifts - Hope
Ospreys - Theodore
Kites - Robin
Kestrels - Dylan
Harriers - Tobias
Eagles - Connor
Hawks - Harper
Falcons - Joshua
Condors - Jack

This week we celebrated those children who received the Safety Ambassador Award. These pupils have been chosen for understanding the importance of acting safely, both online and in and around school. Recognising there is always an element of risk but knowing when a risk is no longer safe and empowering others to see and manage these risks too. Becoming self-aware of their own personal safety.

Wrens - Lorelai
Robins - Isabella
Nightingales - Maisie
Kingfishers -Liyana
Swifts - Max
Ospreys - Harry
Kites - Ava
Kestrels - Poppy
Harriers - Jaxon
Eagles - Evie
Hawks - Noah
Falcons - Edward
Condors - Brandon

Homework

We have recently sent communication relating to a change for homework across the school. Whilst we trial this new approach, we would welcome your feedback through the electronic form Chipping Hill Primary School Homework Parent Feedback – Fill in form. This approach is something we will continue to review throughout the year and, at this stage, it is very much a trial to help us understand whether it has the positive impact on children's learning and wellbeing that we hope it will. We will be monitoring this carefully and continue to take feedback from both parents and staff as part of that process. Thank you for your support.

Reception Admissions for September 2027

The primary school (Reception) admission round opens on Monday 9th November, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2027.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 15th January 2027.

Applications can be made via the website below, where there is also further information regarding the process.
Primary school places | Essex County Council

Parking

Please ensure you think about where you are parking at drop off and pick up. We have had an incident this week where an emergency vehicle was unable to get past cars parked outside the school and on surrounding roads. Please think before leaving your car. Thank you for your continued support.

Forest School Donation Request

Mrs Hubbard continues her hunt for donations for Forest School please! Any **plastic dinosaurs** would still be welcome, along with **tarpaulins** and **drain pipes**! Please bring any donations to the office.

If any of our parents or carers are tree surgeons and may be able to provide a **tree trunk base** that could be used for Mrs Hubbard to cut wood on, please could you email admin@chippinghill.essex.sch.uk

Many thanks for your assistance.

Dinner Menu Rotation

Week commencing 09/11/26: Autumn Term Menu 2

Week commencing 16/11/26: Autumn Term Menu 3

Dinner orders for these weeks are now closed.

Internet Safety

The NSPCC provides a lot of useful information on keeping children safe online, from understanding apps to setting parental controls.

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/

Scooters

Please double check you have your child's scooter and have not accidently taken one that looks the same! Unfortunately, a lot look very similar and it appears some have been taken in error. Thank you for your assistance.

Events Diary

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

10.11.26 to 13.11.26: Condors Residential

13.11.26: Children in Need – children to wear yellow or spotty clothing or accessories, no donation required

17.11.26 to 20.11.26: Falcons Residential

18.11.26: EYFS Road Safety Presentation for parents in KS2 Hall at 2.15pm

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

25.11.26: KS2 Reading Workshop at 2.30pm for parents sign up using link https://forms.gle/uoTrNbMbxi7JqJqN8

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

09.12.26: EYFS Nativity Performances **at 2pm*** (further information to follow)

*** Please be aware there will now be one EYFS Nativity performance at 2pm on 9th December. Attendees will be limited to two adults per child due to the space available in the hall.**

10.12.26: Year 3 Parent Involvement Session – both classes from 9am to 10.30am in the KS2 Hall

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

12.01.27: EYFS and KS1 Maths Workshop (more information to follow)

14.01.27: Year 6 SATs Meeting for parents and children at 3.20pm in KS2 Hall

19.01.27: Young Voices at the O2

19.01.27: Years 3 and 4 Maths Workshop (more information to follow)

Events Diary (continued)

26.01.27: Years 5 and 6 Maths Workshop (more information to follow)

05.02.27: Year 1 Parent Involvement Session – both classes from 9am until 10am

08.02.27: Parents Meetings (more information to follow)

10.02.27: Parents Meetings (more information to follow)

15.02.27 to 19.02.27: Half Term

22.02.27: Start of Spring Term 2

Recent Letters And Communications

- KS1 Reading Workshop Presentation
- Letter from Mrs Walker - Homework
- Additional Forest School Sessions
- Children in Need
- Odd Socks Day
- Poppy Appeal
- EYFS and Year 6 - Help improve children's wellbeing - take part in the SHINE Survey
- Young Voices
- Year 1 – Walk around the area
- Message from the Vaccination Team
- EYFS Snack Payment - Overdue
- Year 6 Residential Balance Reminder
- Reception Road Safety Session
- Year 4 – Swimming Lessons

Payment Reminders

EYFS Snack: The £3.00 payment for the EYFS snack for this term is now overdue. Please can you arrange for payment to be made by 19th October. Payment can be made via Scopay or by sending cash in an envelope marked with your child's name and 'snack money' to the school office. (If you prefer you can pay the total amount of £9.00 for the whole academic year).

Year 6 Residential: The balance for the trip is now overdue. The payment can be made online via Scopay or by returning payment to the school office.

Young Voices: Payment of £18.75 is now due and this can be paid on Scopay, where consent for the trip can also be given, or by cash at the school office. Please ensure payment is made by the 13th November.

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

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.

- Premier League Kicks – Colchester United
- Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service – Hydration leaflet
- Impresario Theatre School – Open Auditions
- Witham Methodist Christmas Fayre
- SCS - October Half Term Witham Football Club
- About Family - Autumn 2026
- ACL - Family Learning Timetable - November
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- Witham Twirlettes
- Dandelion Group - Anxiety Workshop

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

Autumn Term After School Clubs

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
KS1 and KS2 Happy Healthy Minds	Thursday	Happy Healthy Minds	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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