Chipping Hill Times

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a couple of weeks it has been! I have been popping into classes and I have been so impressed with the way the children are presenting their work across the board already. They have been working very hard and should be feeling proud of themselves, because we certainly are of them.

You might have heard some excited chatter at home about the new playtime equipment – it has started arriving and being unpacked this week. The children have dived straight in, and it has been lovely watching them test their coordination skills and teamwork (with plenty of giggles along the way)! There is another delivery due towards the end of September and we are looking forward to that arriving too!

As you know, this year we decided to extend our forest school offering, so every year group gets to experience it come rain or shine. The first sessions for Year 1 and Year 2 have gone brilliantly, and a huge thank you to Mrs Hubbard for all the thought and care she has put into making sure these sessions give the children a great range of experiences.

Looking ahead to later in the term we will, again, be celebrating World Mental Health Day on Friday 9th October. Last year we raised over £1,000 for Young Minds as part of Yellow Day and we are looking forward to all the events this year. If you wish to donate in advance of the day, the link is here. A letter with further details will be sent nearer the time.

Thank you, as ever, for all your support. It has been a wonderful start to the academic year and you should be incredibly proud of how fantastic your children are.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Walker
Headteacher

Chipping Hill Ambassador Awards

On Friday 11th September we celebrated those children who received the Respect for Rules Ambassador Award. These pupils have been chosen as someone who understands and upholds school rules consciously. Recognising that rules are there to make sure we are all safe, happy and learning.

Nightingales – Stanley	Kestrels – Millie
Skylarks – Brayden	Harriers - Francesca
Kingfishers – Olanmachi	Eagles - Primrose
Swifts – Asher	Hawks - Sadie
Ospreys – Evelyn	Falcons - Mia
Kites – Remi	Condors - Claudia

This week we celebrated those children who received the Lunchtime Ambassador Award. These pupils support fair behaviour and encourage inclusivity in games. They create new games and always demonstrate our breaktime and lunchtime expectations.

Nightingales – Evie	Kestrels – Harrison
Skylarks – Amelie	Harriers - Clark
Kingfishers – Riley	Eagles - Theodore
Swifts – Lizzie	Hawks - Grace
Ospreys – Noah	Falcons - Francesca
Kites – Freddie	Condors - Evie

Events Diary

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

23.09.26: Individual and sibling photographs

24.09.26: Year 6 Assembly with Lift New Rickstones at 2.45pm in KS2 Hall, parents welcome to attend

30.09.26: Flu Immunisation - details will be sent directly to parents from Vaccination UK/NHS

07.10.26: EYFS/KS1 Harvest - PM presentation to parents (further information to follow)

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

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

09.10.26: Yellow Day (further information to follow)

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

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)

Events Diary (continued)

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)

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

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

16.12.26: Christmas Dinner

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

- Gymnastics After School Club - Monday
- Reception and Year 3 Dental checks
- Meet the Teacher Presentations
- Music Certificate Award
- Year 4 Trip to Colchester Castle
- Football Club details now available
- Autumn Term After School Clubs
- Letter from the Rt Hon Priti Patel MP
- Ospreys - Letter from Mrs Wlaker
- Year 6 - Residential Meeting - Thursday 8th October
- Data Collection Form
- Headlice Reminder
- Year 2 - Design and Technology Project - Parent Helper Invitation
- Friends of Chipping Hill AGM - 12/10/26
- Forest School Dates - Reminder

Dinner Menu Rotation

Week commencing 21/09/26: Autumn Term Menu 2

Week commencing 28/09/26: Autumn Term Menu 3

Dinner orders for these weeks are now closed.

Survey from Essex County Council

Essex County Council would like to hear from parents and carers about youth vaping to help evaluate a recent campaign. This survey is for parents/carers of 9-14 year olds in Essex. The survey should take no longer than 10 minutes to complete. Your responses will be anonymous as they will not ask for any personal information.
Please complete the survey by 1 October.

https://research.potentia-insight.co.uk/survey/selfserve/53b/260910#

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

16.09.26: Lift Maltings Open Evening

17.09.26: Lift New Rickstones Open Evening

24.09.26: Year 6 Assembly with Lift New Rickstones at 2.45pm in KS2 Hall, parents welcome to attend

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

Raising Concerns and Communication

We value the strong partnership between home and school and are committed to ensuring that any questions or concerns are addressed promptly and effectively. In most instances, your child's class teacher should be the first point of contact, as they are best placed to discuss your child's day-to-day experiences and learning. If further support is required, concerns can then be directed to the relevant Phase Leader, Mrs Hubbard (EYFS), Mrs Beazeley (Years 1 and 2), Miss Illidge (Years 3 and 4) and Mrs Rice (Years 5 and 6). Followed by Mrs Jones (Deputy Headteacher), and then Mrs Walker (Headteacher) if necessary. Following this communication pathway helps us ensure that concerns are dealt with by the most appropriate member of staff and that issues can be resolved as efficiently as possible. We appreciate your cooperation and support in helping us maintain clear and effective communication across our school community.

Payment Reminders

Year 6 Residential: For those paying on a monthly basis, the September payment of £28 is due by Wednesday 30th September. The payment can be made online via Scopay or by returning payment to the school office.

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.

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.

- Team Dandelion – Parent Hubs
- Holmwood House Open Evening Events
- October Half-Term Bikeability Courses

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Donation Request

EYFS have asked if anyone has any unwanted or unused greetings cards they would be gratefully received at any point during the year. They can be dropped off at the office. They are used by the children for mark making and practicing their writing skills.

House Points for week commencing 14th September

Hestia	Hermes	Apollo	Athena
773	757	**833**	755

Congratulations to Apollo House!

Feedback for Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service

Earlier this year, families received a physical or electronic copy of the **Mid Essex Summer Activities Resource**, highlighting free and low-cost activities and opportunities across Braintree, Chelmsford and Maldon.

The organisations involved would like to understand how useful the resource was for local families and whether it helped people access activities over the summer holidays.

We would be grateful if you could complete this short survey, which should take no more than 2 minutes:

Tell Us What You Thought About the Mid Essex Summer Activities Resource

Your feedback will help shape future resources and support available to families across Mid Essex.

Thank you for your time.

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