



Chipping Hill Times

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Dear All,

It has been a busy couple of weeks to begin our Spring Term! Year 6 had an educational trip to the Houses of Parliament which was most enjoyable and they also met our local MP. They asked relevant and pertinent questions and thoroughly engaged in the experience.

Year 5 also enjoyed their trip to the Greenwich Observatory linked to their space topic and they particularly enjoyed seeing the solar system displays!

This week, we have run both KS1 and KS2 English workshops, thank you to those parents who attended these events.

Yet again, we have had a complaint from local residents regarding parking and rudeness of some parents when they are asked to move their cars from resident's driveways. Please park safely and do not pull up on kerbs or on the zig zags or crossing. As a school, we pride ourselves on teaching all of our pupils how to treat people with respect. Please support Chipping Hill with this issue.

Best wishes,

Mrs Natasha Robson

Head Teacher

After School Sports Clubs

There is availability for all after school sports clubs apart from running and the Year 5 and 6 boys football. If your child is interested in joining then please pick up a form from the school office.

There is no experience required for KS2 Tag Rugby. This club involves a game of tag with a ball and is great fun!

Please ensure that children are appropriately dressed for clubs, this includes trainers (school shoes should not be worn) and shin pads for football.



Events Diary

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

25.01.24: Progress - Years 1 - 6 starting at 2.50pm in classrooms

30.01.24: Parents Evening - Face to Face

31.01.24: Parents Evening - Face to Face

01.02.24: Parents Evening - Face to Face

06.02.24: EYFS Learning Journey at 2.50pm in classrooms

09.02.24: Forest School - Harriers PM

16.02.24: Forest School - Kestrels PM

19.02.24 - 23.02.24: Half Term

26.02.24: Non Pupil Day

05.03.24: Year 6 Height and Weight checks

Further information regarding the events below will be sent out over the coming weeks

07.03.24: World Book Day

07.03.24: Book Sale from 3.20pm run by Pupil Parliament

15.03.24: Forest School - Eagles PM

22.03.24: Forest School - Hawks PM

22.03.24: Progress - Years 1 - 6 and EYFS Learning Journey at 2.50pm in classrooms

27.03.24: Year 4 Easter Performances at 2pm and 6pm

29.03.24 - 12.04.24: Easter Holidays

Book Bags

We have a limited number of book bags for sale for £4. They are available from the office, please bring the correct change to make payment.



Dinner Menu Rotation

Week commencing 22/01/24: Spring Term Lunch Menu 3

Week commencing 29/01/24: Spring Term Lunch Menu 1

Orders for weeks commencing 22/01/24 and 29/01/24 have now closed.

Reminders

Nut Free School - due to allergies within the school we have a nut free policy, please be aware of this if your child brings a packed lunch.

Contact Details - please be reminded that if you, or any of your listed school contacts, have changed any contact details then it is vital you notify the school office of these changes. We need to ensure we hold up to date details for everybody listed as a contact for your child so that we can easily communicate with you in the event of an emergency.



Parent's Survey about Playtime at School

In mid December a survey was sent out to parents regarding playtime, if you have not had a chance to complete it yet the closing date has been extended to 24th January.

As we look at our playtimes and how we can improve them by introducing the Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) Primary Programme, we would be pleased to hear your thoughts on our current playtimes.

Please click on the link below to complete the survey:

<https://forms.gle/orHDypidVeJ97gHj6>

Payment Reminders

Year 5 - Year 6 Residential Autumn 2024

If you are following the payment plan for the above trip the deposit of £28.21 is due by Wednesday 31st January. Payments and permission can be completed via Scopay or by completing a form and returning cash or a cheque to the school office.

EYFS - Snack Money

If you did not make the full payment of £7.50 for the year last term, then £2.50 is due as soon as possible for the Spring Term snack.

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

Recent Letters And Communications

- Measles - Information from Essex County Council
- Year 3 Class Presentations and Summer Term Progress
- English Workshop Presentation Link for KS1 and KS2
- WakeUp Wednesday - Smartphone Safety Tips
- Year 3 Headlice Check
- Spring Term Parents Evening
- Sports Clubs starting next week
- Catch Up Clinics for Vaccinations
- Year 4 Forest School
- Pupil Parliament Fundraising Event
- Residential Trip for Autumn term 2024
- WakeUp Wednesday - Setting up parental controls on new devices
- Wraparound Childcare Survey from Essex

Information and Resources

Please find below information and resources which we feel will be of use to our families.

Autism Central Hub offer guidance to families, carers and personal assistants of autistic people.

[Essex County Council | Autism Central](#)

Essex Libraries are running a Winter Reading Challenge until Saturday 3rd February.

<https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/news/winter-reading-challenge>

SSS Learning offer a number of parental resources covering topics including sleep problems, improving school attendance and mental health and wellbeing.

<https://ssslearning.co.uk/parentsandguardians>

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.

- Witham Hockey Club
- Witham Active Camps - February Half Term
- E-Bike and E-Scooter Safety Guidance

Spring Term Clubs

Please ensure you keep a note of the dates and finishing times of any clubs your child attends.

MONDAYS:

Choir (Years 1 - 6): From 8th January to 11th March, finishing at 4.15pm (£30)

KS1 Multisport (Years 1 & 2): From 15th January to 18th March, finishing at 4.15pm

KS2 Girls Football (Years 3 - 6): From 15th January to 18th March, finishing at 4.30pm (£40)

TUESDAYS:

Tennis (Years 1 - 6): From 16th January to 26th March, finishing at 4.05pm (£50)

Boys Football (Years 3 & 4): From 16th January to 19th March, finishing at 4.15pm

KS2 Tag Rugby (Years 3 - 6): From 16th January to 19th March, finishing at 4.30pm (£45)



WEDNESDAYS:

Hip Hop (Years 3 - 6): From 10th January to 14th February, finishing at 4.15pm (£30)

Boys Football (Years 5 & 6): From 17th January to 20th March, finishing at 4.15pm

KS1 Football (Years 1 & 2): From 17th January to 20th March, finishing at 4.30pm (£45)

THURSDAYS:

Hip Hop (Years 1 & 2): From 11th January to 15th February, finishing at 4.15pm (£30)

KS2 Multisport (Years 3 - 6): From 18th January to 21st March, finishing at 4.30pm (£45)

Netball (Years 5 & 6): From 18th January to 21st March, finishing at 4.15pm

FRIDAYS:

KS2 Running Club (Years 3 - 6): From 19th January to 22nd March, finishing at 4.15pm

Girls Basketball (Years 2 - 6): From 12th January to 22nd March, finishing at 4.15pm (£50)

Year 6 - Trip to Parliament

On arrival the classes were quickly shown to the House of Commons to view the chamber, before it was shut for a meeting. This was followed by an engaging and informative tour of the Houses of Parliament, including going through Westminster Hall and the House of Lords. The children then took part in a debate on homework, following the same rules they use during Parliamentary debates. Finally The Rt Hon Priti Patel met the group and answered some of the of the children's questions. The children had a great day and represented Chipping Hill Primary School very well.

