



Chipping Hill Times

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Events Diary

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

13.09.23: Tea and Tissues - 9.00am to 11.30am in the main hall (see Friends Newsletter for further information)

13.09.23: Meet the Teacher - Years 1- 6 in the classrooms at 3.30pm. Reception in the main hall at 5.30pm

22.09.23: Jeans for Genes Day (more details to follow)

29.09.23: EYFS and KS1 Harvest Festival (more details to follow)

02.10.23: Individual Pupil Photographs

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

11.10.23: EYFS Learning Journey starting at 2.50pm in classrooms

12.10.23: Year 6 Residential Meeting - in the main hall at 3.30pm

16.10.23: Flu Immunisation

17.10.23: Virtual Parents' Evening

18.10.23: Year 1 Class Presentation to Parents

19.10.23: Virtual Parents' Evening

20.10.23: Non Pupil Day

23.10.23 - 27.10.23: Half Term

30.10.23: Back to school



Lost Property

A smart watch was handed into the office before the summer holidays, if anyone is missing one, please come to the office to collect.



Dear All,

Welcome back to Chipping Hill for our 2023 – 2024 academic year. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new pupils and families who have joined us. I hope you all had a wonderful summer.

It has been lovely to see the children come to school this week, wearing their school uniform with pride. They have settled back into school life very well, despite the hot weather. Typically the sun has decided to shine when term starts!

Please ensure that, if you drive to school, you adhere to the parking restrictions in order to maintain safety. Also, if your child rides a bike or scooter to school, please ensure that they dismount at the school gates and walk their bike or scooter to park it by the KS1 playground.

We are holding our Meet the Teacher events next week, I look forward to seeing you there.

I wish you all a lovely weekend in the sun.

Mrs Natasha Robson

Head Teacher



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.

Mobile Phones - please ensure any Year 5 or 6 children bringing mobile phones to school turn them off once entering the school premises.

School Data Sheet - if you have not received a data collection sheet or a form to detail who can collect your child from school please visit the school office. Could all forms be completed and returned to class as soon as possible.

Post Boxes - There are post boxes at the main entrance gate and within the office reception area. These are checked daily so please feel free to drop any forms or payments in an envelope, marked with your child's name, class and details of the payment into them. If you do put any communications in your child's bag please check with your child that they have handed it to their teacher or the office.

Autumn Term Clubs

Details of further clubs running in the Autumn term will be sent out in due course. **If your child is invited to attend tutoring this will take precedence over joining a club.** Should your child have already joined a club before they are invited to tutoring please speak to the club leader who will be able to organise a refund.

MONDAYS:

Choir (Years 1 - 6): From 25th September to 4th December, finishing at 4.15pm (£35)

TUESDAYS:

Tennis (Year 1 - 6): From 12th September to 12th December, finishing at 4.05pm (£65)

WEDNESDAYS:

Hip Hop (Year 3 - 6): From 13th September to 18th October, finishing at 4.15pm (£30)

THURSDAYS:

Hip Hop (Year 1 - 2): From 14th September to 19th October, finishing at 4.15pm (£30)



Recent Letters And Communications

- Dinner menus w/c 18th September, 25th September and 2nd October 2023
- Wide Awake Club bookings w/c 18th September, 25th September and 2nd October 2023
- Choir Club Autumn Term 2023 - Years 1 - 6
- Hip Hop Dance Club - Years 1 - 6
- Parent Guide to Order Dinners Online - Reception Classes
- Tennis Club - Years 1 - 6
- Online Access Letter - Reception Classes
- Meet the Teacher for Reception Classes - Wednesday 13th September
- Meet the Teacher - Wednesday 13th September Years 1 - 6
- Data Collection Form Years 1 - 6

Dinner Menu Rotation

A reminder that dinners now cost £2.20.

Week commencing 11/09/23: Autumn Term Lunch Menu 2

Week commencing 18/09/23: Autumn Term Lunch Menu 3

Week commencing 25/09/23: Autumn Term Lunch Menu 1

Week commencing 02/10/23: Autumn Term Lunch Menu 2

Dinner menus for the weeks commencing 18th September, 25th September and 2nd October are now available to view on the school website and orders can be placed online via SCOPAY. Paper copies have also been sent home with all children today, and spare copies of the menu can be collected from outside of the school office. The deadline for placing orders (either online or by returning the paper copy to school) is 1pm on Wednesday 13th September. A copy of the allergen list can be found on the school website. It is the responsibility of parents/carers to ensure that, where necessary, you have checked the allergen list and ordered an appropriate meal accordingly. This also applies to ensuring that any children with any other dietary requirements are also ordered the correct meal (i.e. vegetarians and those with religious beliefs). There will be no charge for those entitled to Universal Free School Meals (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) and to those children in other year groups entitled to means tested free school meals. The charge for all other children is £2.20, payment can be made online or by cash or cheque.

If your child is now in Year 3 and you think you qualify for Free School Meals please speak to the office and we can assist you to find out. Alternatively you can complete an online check through <http://www.fsm.lgfl.net> to receive an instant response.

The <http://www.fsm.lgfl.net> website is a site where parents can quickly and easily check eligibility for free school meals and, if eligible, also gain welcome additional funding for their child's school, known as 'Pupil Premium'. If eligible, you are not obliged to accept the free school meals for your child if you wish to make other lunch arrangements, but we do want to encourage applications as the additional funding gained would still benefit education provision at the school. In addition to this you may also be eligible to receive supermarket vouchers to spend on food items during school holiday periods.

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets for the summer raffle, a grand total of £667.60 was raised. This is a wonderful amount the Friends of Chipping Hill will be able to use for activities for the children.

Mr Bevan would also like to thank everyone for donating to his Golf Marathon which took place at the beginning of the holidays. He raised a magnificent £2165 for Prostate Cancer UK and had an enjoyable but tiring day!



Robins and Wrens Snack Money

We like the children to have the opportunity to experience a wide range of snacks in school in their Reception year. We ask the children to prepare and serve the snack to one another. This will give children the opportunity to try lots of different foods in school, get involved in food preparation and make decisions about healthy food choices.

In order to do this we ask parents for £2.50 per term towards these items. Payment for this term, or the whole year, can be made via Scopay, the school online payment system, or by cash in an envelope marked with your child's name and 'snack money' to the office. Thank you.



Contact Details

Please be reminded that if you, or any of your listed school contacts, changed any contact details over the summer holidays, 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.



Community Information

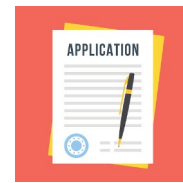
Information regarding the following has been included in the community section of our school website, please take a look if you would like further information. These are all third party events/information, not endorsed by the school, but they may be of interest to you.

- Witham Street Entertainment Festival 2023
- Witham Civic Awards
- Walk for Wards
- Colchester High School Open Morning
- Maltings Academy Open Evening
- New Rickstones Academy Open Evening

Secondary School Admissions

The secondary school admission round opens on Tuesday 12th September for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school place (Year 7) for September 2024. The statutory national closing date for applications is 31st October 2023.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. All of the application information is available on the website. Parents will not receive letters regarding this, it is your responsibility to log on to the website and make an application before the closing date.



Board Games and Puzzles Request

If you happen to be having a clear out before Christmas, and have any board games or puzzles that could be donated to our Young Carers Group, they would be gratefully received. Please drop off at the office.

