

June
2021



CHURCHWOOD PRIMARY ACADEMY



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Message from Mrs. Collett,

We continue to be very busy in school with our learning. The teachers and I are so proud of how much progress the children have made since returning to school in March. As a school, we have prioritised the key learning that the children need to achieve by the end of the academic year in maths, reading, writing, phonics and other foundation subjects so that they are ready as they move up to the next year group. Learning in lessons between now and the end of term will centre around these key learning objectives. I know the recent spell of good weather has meant it is tempting to plan family days out and trips in school times. It is really very important that your child attends school every day between now and the end of the academic year so they do not miss any of this crucial learning and also to allow them to spend time with their friends socially. I know from talking to lots of parents this social contact is something the children really did miss over the school closure period. Every day really does count!

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

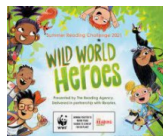
Teachers are currently writing pupils' end of year reports and they will share with you the progress that your child has made. We have also included pupils' future targets and how you can best support them at home with these over the summer holidays. Reports will be going out to families during the course of the week beginning the 12th July 2021. There will also be an opportunity for you to discuss the contents of the report with your child's class teacher should you wish to do so. More information on this will follow shortly.



This term we have launched our 'Get Active' challenge with all our pupils at Churchwood. We know from our work on mental health and wellbeing that keeping active and taking part in physical activity really helps both our bodies and our minds stay healthy. Over the course of the next five weeks we will have a different active challenge for the children to complete every week. Pupils are recording their scores daily and attempting to beat the previous days' score. We kicked this off last week with how many star jumps can you complete to the specially chosen music. This week we are challenging the children to plank for as long as they can to the music! Why not try some of these exercises with your child at home?



Last week we had Henry from the Library Service join our whole school assembly to tell us about this summer's reading challenge. Pupils need to register following the link found on their library challenge bookmark that has been sent home with all children. If over the course of the summer they read six books, they will win a prize from the library service. We will also be rewarding pupils who take part in this at school. Reading is a fantastic way for the children to keep their brains active over the summer holiday! It would be great if all our pupils could take part in this and borrowing and visiting the local library either at Hollington or in Hastings town centre is absolutely free.



SPORTS DAYS



This year we will be holding our sports days on the dates below::

Nursery: Tuesday 13th July 2021 and Thursday 15th July 2021

Reception: Friday 16th July 2021

Middle Academy: Friday 2nd July 2021
(Years 1,2,3)

Upper Academy : Wednesday 14th July 2021
(Years Alhberg, 4,5 and 6)

Please ensure that you send your child to school on this day in their full PE kit. This should be a white t-shirt, black shorts or jogging bottoms and trainers or plimsolls. Pupils will also need a drink bottle in school with them on these days so they can stay well hydrated as they take part in the different events.

You will have seen from our recent letter linked to sports days unfortunately we are unable this year to allow parent / carers to attend these events due to the current covid restrictions.

We are obviously very sad that this is the case but we will be taking lots of photographs and sharing these with you on your child's class dojo page.



UNIFORM REMINDER

Please ensure your child comes to school with appropriate uniform in particular footwear. Children are permitted to wear black shoes or trainers but these must not include logos. Please also ensure your child is wearing black or grey trousers NOT leggings.

On PE days children should wear a white or burgundy Churchwood T-shirt; black shorts or jogging bottoms and black trainers or plimsolls.

We have a large amount of second hand uniform which we are happy to give to families where needed.



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ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Attendance is mandatory for all pupils and having good attendance at school is very important. Pupils are more likely to succeed academically when they attend school consistently.

Good attendance also impacts positively on pupils' emotional and social development.

Every day really does count!

If your child is unwell, please follow our usual attendance reporting procedures and notify the school office on 01424 852326 of your child's absence.



Attendance from March across the academy has been 94%.

Well done to Year 1 who have secured the highest attendance across the academy for the last three weeks in a row! They have enjoyed having Charlie Churchwood to learn in their classroom with them.

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SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

School council members have been working hard with Mrs Gilbert on some new whole school projects. At the moment meetings happen in two separate groups linked to our bubbles. They are looking forward to sharing their work with you all. In the meantime, they have been given their special school council sweatshirts and badges.



Upper Academy
Council Members



Middle Academy
Council Members

INTERNET SAFETY

We are conscious that pupils are now more than ever spending more and more time online. It is very important that you continue to practice internet safety measures with your child.

Always make sure that you or another adult are in the room with them when they are online and aware of what they are accessing. Check your parental controls on your devices to ensure they can only view suitable material. Please also remind your child about the online safety measure that we teach at school, if they have any concerns they should – Zip it (not share information about themselves with anyone they don't know) Block it (if anyone tries to contact them they don't know) and Flag it (tell an adult about it so it can be dealt with appropriately).

Teachers will continue to reinforce and teach this important message in school. If you have any concerns or need support with this please let us know. We are happy to help with this.



ZIP IT
Keep your personal stuff private and think about what you say and do online.



BLOCK IT
Block people who send nasty messages and don't open unknown links and attachments.



FLAG IT
Flag up with someone you trust if anything worries you or if someone asks to meet you offline.



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Our Wonderful Learning!

Reception ~ Julia Donaldson Class

In Reception our theme this term is 'Where we Live'. We have been talking about 'England', the country we live in and the other countries that join us to make the United Kingdom. We have been playing some popular sports, starting with football.



We have been learning about flags and looking at different countries' flags. We have been learning about and drawing London landmarks. We are now learning about transport and different vehicles- pretending to pay to go on buses and in taxis. We have also done some rain measuring!

Year 2 ~ Anthony Brown Class

Year 2 loved seeing all the animals when they visited Drusilla's last week. They saw some animals that they had read about in books. They also learnt a lot from James, the Zookeeper. He told them about some of the ways that animals have adapted to suit the environments in which they live. They are going to learn more about habitats, and animals' adaptations in the coming weeks. It was definitely a fun filled day out for all everyone!



Year 6 ~ Philip Pullman

Year 6 have been working incredibly hard the last couple of weeks in which they have been learning about performance poetry. This has included watching and analysing some amazing young Australian poets. They have then applied prior knowledge of poetic devices to create their own Leavers' poem to learn and then perform. The performances and content has been outstanding!



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Year 1 ~ Mini Grey Class

This term, Year 1 have been learning all about the sea-side. They had a virtual visit from Andy Morgan at the RNLI. The children learned all about being safe around open water and how to call for help if there is an emergency. The class loved learning about the important role of the RNLI coastguards and few children were inspired to become coastguards or lifeguards when they grow up!



Year 3 ~ Roald Dahl Class

In maths, the children in Year 3 have been focusing on fractions. They have learnt how to count in fractions, find fractions of quantities and answer word problems relating to fractions. The children have worked hard to represent fractions with counters and Cuisenaire rods showing brilliant cooperation with their partners.

In English, they have started reading *Leon and the Place Between* as our focus is mystery stories. The children have been writing their own pages in the style of the author, describing different illustrations and made some fantastic predictions on what might happen next.



Year 4—Michael Morpurgo Class

Year 4 have been exploring the life of Tudors. We have been finding out about this special time in History. Focusing on Kings and Queens, clothing, daily life, Henry VIII and his many wives! Year 4 have enjoyed looking at and making comparisons between their life and the Tudors.

The children wrote a poem describing Henry VIII and in Art, used clay, to create their own Tudor Rose.



Year 5 ~ Anthony Horowitz Class

Year 5 have been doing lots of fun learning recently. They've been investigating decimal numbers in maths, planning their own North American adventure stories in English, replicating the work of Georgia O'Keeffe in Art and also editing and formatting our own Word Documents in computing.

This involved inserting different tables, images and shapes to go with the typing which we had formatted with different fonts, sizes, colours and styles.

We even invited our friends from Alhberg class in to show them all the work we had done!



Ahlberg Class

Ahlberg class are learning in the community.

They are planning what the class needs for class events or activities and going on a weekly shopping trip to Tesco. They are learning to follow instructions, practice road safety, ask the staff where items are and develop life skills.





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2020 / 2021 TERM DATE

REMINDERS

Term 6

Pupils return on 7th June ~ 23rd July

INSET Day 18th June 2021

2021 / 2022 TERM DATES

INSET Days 1st, 2nd and 3rd September 2021

Pupils return on 6th September 2021 ~ 21st October 2021

INSET day 22nd October 2021

Term 2

Pupils return on 1st November ~17th

December 2021

Term 3

INSET day 4th January 2022

Pupils return on 5th January ~11th

February 2022

Term 4

Pupils return on 21st February ~ 1st April 2022

Term 5

INSET day 19th April 2022

Pupils return 20th April ~ 27th May 2022

Term 6

Pupils return on 6th June ~ 22nd July 2022

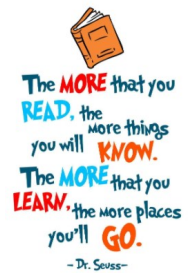
INSET day 17th June 2022

~ Dates for your Diary ~	
2nd July 2021	Middle Academy Sports Morning No spectators permitted
13th & 15th July 2021	Nursery Sports Day No spectators permitted
14th July 2021	Upper Academy Sports Day No spectators permitted
16th July 2021	Reception Sports Day No spectators permitted
8th July 2021	Transition Day ~ Pupils to meet their new class teachers across the academy
21st July 2021	Year 6 Leavers' Party ~ more info to follow
23rd July 2021	Year 6 Virtual Leavers' Assembly ~ more info to follow

Accelerator Reader News

Pupils across Years 3 to 6 have been working hard on our newly established Accelerator Reader Programme.

Every time a pupil reads an levelled accelerator reader book they complete an online quiz. This tests their understanding of the book they have read and what they can remember about the story. We are keeping a log of pupils' reading quiz scores at school. All pupils who score 100% on their quizzes go into the weekly Accelerator Reader draw for a chance to win a book voucher.



Just a friendly reminder...

Collection and Drop Off Times

Remember only one parent is permitted to collect and drop off daily. This is to support us with limiting the number of adults on site. Parents should wear face masks unless exempt during these times.

Following collection and drop off times, we kindly request parents do not gather at the school gates to support with easing social distancing and allowing others to leave safely.

Thank you for your support with this.

Well done to Oscar (Year 3), who has won a book voucher so far this month. Keep up the reading at home everyone to be in with a chance of winning!!

