

CHALKWELL HALL JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

10th September 2021

Welcome back Team Chalkwell! It gives me great pleasure to be writing my first newsletter at the start of an exciting year. What a week it has been! It has been wonderful to see all the children coming back into school. I have been so impressed with their manners, kindness and the way they have settled so quickly into routines. The word that best describes my feelings at the end of my first week is – proud. Proud of all of your wonderful children and proud of the team we have here at Chalkwell Hall Junior School. We certainly have exciting times ahead!

This week has seen a return to what we know as 'normal': Upper and Lower School Assemblies in the hall together, children having school dinners over at the dining hall and break and lunchtimes all together. It has been fantastic to see the children's friendships rekindled again and to see them interacting with each other around the school.

Achievement at CHJS!

It was wonderful this afternoon to hold Celebration Assemblies for both the Upper and Lower School where we recognised success and achievement and certificates were handed out for Readers of the Week and Maths Champs. We also awarded handwriting pens, announced the classes with the best attendance and finally who the Team Point Winners were...the winning team in both Upper and Lower School was Colchester so congratulations!

Please look out next week for photos showing all our successes from Week 1 and 2. As a reminder, if you have not completed the photo permission form please could you do this so we know if your child's photo can be published.

Exciting Learning Opportunities!

At CHJS, we deliver an exciting, engaging and enriching curriculum and my staff have been busy preparing and planning to make the most of every learning opportunity for your children. The topics in each year group are:

Year 3: 'Flintstones – fact or fiction?'

Year 4: 'How can you weather a storm?'

Year 5: 'How have ancient traditions survived to modern times?'

Year 6: 'Shakespeare – to be or not to be?'

We are looking forward to the learning that will take place and seeing the children explore these topics to produce some fantastic work!

Change to Non-Pupil Day

As a result of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Monday 6th June, our non-pupil day on this day will now be on **Friday 27th May**.

GO GOLD for Children with Cancer

Gold Geese is a small, local charity that looks after local families affected by childhood cancer. On **Friday 1st October** we are inviting the children to 'Go Gold' in support of the wonderful work that Gold Geese do in supporting families and with raising awareness of Childhood Cancer signs and symptoms. We will be having a non-school uniform day on Friday 1st October and children are invited to wear something yellow/gold too, if you choose. We will be collecting small donations in your child's class on the day or alternatively you may wish to donate online <https://www.goldgeese.org/> Your support will be greatly appreciated.

School Dinners

It has been great for the children to have their school dinners over in the dining hall. Just as a reminder, you can pre-order and pay for these on SIMs 360 Family Pay. Alternatively, you can come into school and pay on the day.

Dinner menu for next week of the summer term will be **Week 2. Enjoy!**

Change to Daily Timings

Earlier today, I sent out a letter explaining some small changes to the beginning and end of the week. Please make sure you familiarise yourself with this so we can ensure a smooth school day. The gates will still be open at 8:20am. Year 3 & 4 can now enter the school building from 8:30am to start at 8:35am, Year 5 & 6 from 8:40am to start at 8:45am. This will help us to maximise learning time for your children. Please ensure your child is on time and in the correct school uniform.

Attendance Matters

Our overall attendance this first week back was 98.5%.

In future newsletters, we will be flooding you with photos of the learning, success and fun your children have at school. The PTA section will also be making a return.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first week as Headteacher of Chalkwell Hall Junior School. I have been nothing but impressed and it has been great to meet you on the gates at the beginning and at the end of the day. Thank you to you all for making me feel so welcome.

I wish you all a happy weekend.

See you next week.

Andy Newnham, Headteacher



Dates for your diary 2021 - 2022	
Monday 13 th September	Year 5 Nuclear Races Roald Dahl Day
Tuesday 14 th September	Year 6 Football Trials at lunchtime
Friday 17 th September	Year 6 Cross Country Trials at lunchtime
Monday 20 th -Friday 24 th September	Year 6 Residential Trip/Activity Week
Friday 24 th September	AM KS2 Boys Table Tennis Competition PM KS2 Girls Table Tennis Competition PTA After School Uniform Sale (on playground)
Friday 1 st October	Non-uniform day for Gold Geese
Monday 25 th – 29 th October	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 1 st November	Back to school
Monday 20 th December – Monday 3 rd January	Christmas Holiday
Tuesday 4 th January	Back to school