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**CHESNUT LODGE SCHOOL**

*School Newsletter*

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| Dear Parents and Carers,  As the school year comes to a close, I am sorry to have to confirm that following the latest Government announcement and further risk assessments, we are unable to invite Parents and Carers into school to join in, in person, with most of our activities and celebrations this year.  The Year 11 Leavers’ Service and the Celebrations of Achievement will all be done virtually so please contact the school office and provide Kathryn and Sarah with your current email address if you would like to be invited to join us on ‘Zoom’ for any of these.  We will make sure lots of photographs are taken at the Sports Day and the Foundation Stage ‘Oscars’ and put these on Seesaw for you to see.  On another note, Mrs Glynis Jones who has worked at Chesnut Lodge for 26 years, will be retiring in the Summer. We would like to thank Mrs Jones for her many years of service and dedication to the school and wish her many years of health and happiness.  Mrs Jen Helliwell is also leaving us, but just for one school year as her second baby is due in the Summer Holidays.  Miss Kaylee Cunningham who is currently an HLTA at Chesnut Lodge will be changing her role from July, becoming a full time class teacher. We would like to congratulate Miss Cunningham on her new role.  We are busy recruiting at the moment and will let parents know before the end of term which staff and students will be in which classes.  I hope to catch up with some of you at the Zoom celebrations and wish you all a wonderful Summer. | |
| ***Primary 3***  This half term, our topic is art appreciation. We will be learning about different famous artists including Van Gogh, Pollock, Monet, Picasso and Kandinsky. We will be exploring their history and recreating their famous artwork.  In maths, we will look at doubling, halving and measuring length and weight.  In literacy we will be looking at stories from other cultures and writing biographies. | **Sport’s Day**  Our annual Sports Day for all students will take place on **Thursday 24th June**.  Activities will take place in the current Bubbles.  Mr Roberts will send out information on what colour top your child will need to wear on the day depending on their team.  YOUR CHILD DOES NOT NEED TO WEAR SCHOOL UNIFORM please send them in, in appropriate sports clothing. |
| ***Secondary 3***  This term Secondary 3 are learning around the theme of 'Transport and Travel'. As part of the theme we will be exploring different climates and biomes around the world and creating non-chronological reports about them. We will be exploring pattern and design also and tying this in by experimenting with different patterns from around the world.  In PHSE this half term we are looking at personal safety including, water, fire, and rail safety, so hopefully they will be able to come home and give you top tips about how to keep safe.  In science we will be learning about buoyancy and enjoying exploring that through a range of different experiments. | ***Secondary 1***  This term in S1 our theme is transport and travel. Since we're mostly staying in the UK this year we thought we would take a virtual trip around the world. In Geography we will be using Google Earth and webcams to virtually visit the Polar Regions, Rainforests and African Grasslands. In Art and DT we will be creating Indian Rangoli patterns, African Tie Dye T shirts and Japanese blossom tree patterns. We will also be studying buoyancy in our Science lessons, and will learn about how the Ancient Egyptians used Papyrus plants to build boats in order to travel the Nile and transport goods. Our Sunflowers have finally started to grow, thanks to this lovely sunshine! |
| ***Secondary 4***  Secondary 4 class have two Year 11 leavers. Well done on all your hard work Millie and Callum. We will all miss you and wish you lots of luck at college. The Year 11s last day is next Friday (25th) so we will be having various celebrations. On Monday the whole class enjoyed a last swim as a one-off treat, on Thursday 24th will be a leavers festival celebration outside with the rest of Bubble 3 and there will be a virtual leavers assembly on Friday 25th that parents/carers are invited to join us online for.  We are still working hard as well as enjoying the leavers’ celebrations. Secondary 4 are studying measurement in Maths. They will be doing lots of practical measuring of length, weight and capacity as well as thinking about the standard units and converting units. Please encourage any practical measuring you could do at home for example weighing ingredients to make a cake or measuring objects at home in cm with a ruler or tape measure.  In English our targets are to improve punctuation, spelling and comprehension skills. In Science we are looking at some short topics of soil and fossils as well as sound. We will be studying RSE in PSHE, designing logos in DT and developing our internet skills such as hyperlinks in Computing. In PE we are doing athletics and playing rounders.  Mrs Colville | |

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| ***Primary 2***  This half term will be a little different to others this year. Jen (our class teacher) will be working from home for the remainder of the school year. This is because she is in fact having another baby in August. Fear not, we still have the wonderful Lesley, Helen and Debbie with us in class. Plus, we get to chat with Jen every Friday afternoon during our ‘virtual assembly’.  The theme we are following is ‘Around the world in 80 days’. This will take us on a journey across the globe visiting lots of different countries. When ‘visiting’ each one we will find out about the country, the language spoken, the food they eat, their cultures and the climate.  This will all link in with our geography, food tech and art work.  We also hope the weather is kind to us this term so we can continue our excellent work looking after the school’s sensory garden. We have really developed ‘green fingers’ recently and take real pride caring for the plants, flowers and anything else that is growing there.  This term will be a fun one and we cannot wait to get stuck in.  Thanks, Primary 2. | **Mango and Yogurt Dessert**  Healthy Mango Yogurt Pudding Recipe by Archana's Kitchen  **Ingredients**  Mango, chopped into little pieces.  Greek yoghurt  Runny honey  Mango or blueberries to decorate.  **Method**  Peel and chop the ripe mango.  Layer with honey and yogurt.  Decorate with pieces of mango or a few blueberries. |
| ***Secondary 2***  In Secondary 2 our topic this half term is ‘Transport and Travel’. In art we will be looking at patterns around the world, before having a go at recreating them. In geography we will be looking at different locations around the world and finding out information such as; what animals live there, plants, weather etc. We will then be writing our own fact files on the different locations.  Our year 11 pupils will be working hard to finish their life skills challenges, before we say a special goodbye to them on Friday 25th June.  We have been enjoying free interactive music sessions online over the last month, provided by Live Music Now. On Monday 28th June two musicians will be joining Secondary 2 and some other classes to give a live covid friendly performance. | Seesaw  Seesaw was something we all relied heavily on over the Lockdown to ensure that we were able to communicate with one another and that students continued to be offered appropriate work and activities to continue with their learning if they were at home.  This system has proved to be very popular with most parents and we want to keep the facility running to enable parents and classes to keep in touch, and to enable students to complete their homework.  Please make sure that you and your child continue to check Seesaw at least once per week and complete the activities put on by your child’s class teacher.  If you have misplaced your log in details, please contact your child’s class teacher for a new code. |
| ***Foundation Stage***  This half term Foundation Stage will be covering 2 Julia Donaldson stories; “The Gruffalo” and “The Gruffalo’s Child”.  We have lots of exciting activities linked to the stories including music and movement in PE, lots of art and craft within expressive art and design, rhyming and alliteration activities within communication and language and measurement within maths. We are going to access lots of outdoor activities as part of our understanding of the world focus. These will include lots of sensory exploration opportunities, a Gruffalo trail and building a log pile house!  We have lots of children leaving us this July and moving on to their new schools, so we will be spending time focusing on this also.  On July 13th we are hoping to hold our Oscars ceremony to celebrate all our pupils’ wonderful achievements during this very different school year!  On July 19th we will be having our end of year party! The theme being “Superheroes” | **Dates for your diary**  **Thursday 24th June 2021**  *Sports day (photos to be put on Seesaw of students engaging in activities)*  **Friday 25th June 2021**  *Leavers’ Assembly for year 11 students (Virtual on Zoom)*  **Monday 28th June 2021**  *Full Governing Body Meeting (1pm) (Virtual on Zoom)*  **Friday 9th July 2021**  *Reports to be sent home*  **Tuesday 13th July 2021**  *Foundation Stage ‘Oscars’ (video to be put on Seesaw)*  **Tuesday 20th July 2021**  *Celebration of achievement (Virtual on Zoom)*  *Primary 1.00 – 1.45pm*  *Secondary 1.45 – 2.30pm*  **Wednesday 21st July 2021**  *School finishes for the Summer Break*  **Thursday 2nd September 2021**  *First day back* |
| **Five senses icon set ⬇ Vector Image by © passengerz | Vector Stock 123626108Primary 1**  **Hello from Class P1**  Here we are already well into our last half term of this school year. The children continue to enjoy spending time in and caring for our sensory garden. They have watched the seeds we planted grow into mature plants and watering them is just the best thing ☺. Hopefully the children will be taking home some of the salads and vegetables we manage to grow to share with you.  This half term our topic is called ‘Five Alive’. We have lots of activities planned to encourage the children to explore and learn about their senses and how they use them. The children are enjoying their time in school, sharing, learning and playing with their friends. On 24th June we will be having a fun sports day for an hour with the children in our school bubble. Unfortunately, we can’t invite you in this year but we’ll make sure that we take some photos of your child in action to send home. We wish you and your families a safe and healthy summer and thank you for your ongoing contact and support.  Glynis, Julie, Angela, Sarah and Jane | |
| ***Sensory Base***  This term Sensory Base is learning all about Travel and tourism! We are going to be looking at the 7 different continents; focusing on a different continent each week. The children will be looking at the different environments within each continent and will be celebrating each of the country’s main landmarks when they go on their sensory adventures. The children will also be exploring different transportation that is used around the world including animals. Further to this, the children in Sensory Base will be actively learning about position and direction in Maths including a world animal hunt in the forest and finding buried treasure in different countries around school. Finally the children will be developing their personal skills by looking at how they can keep clean and healthy especially as we sometimes can get very messy in our activities! | |