



# CHESNUT LODGE SCHOOL

## *School Newsletter*

**Summer (2) 2022**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I just wanted to thank you all for supporting with our Platinum Jubilee celebrations by sending students in in their red, white and blue. Students of all ages have really enjoyed learning about the Queen and the Royal Family and thoroughly enjoyed our street party and typically British games, appropriately finished off with an ice cream, courtesy of Mark our Premise Officer – a big thank you to Mark for this.

As I move into the last few weeks of my final term at Chesnut Lodge, I would like to thank the students, parents and Governors for their support and commitment over the years. I have thoroughly enjoyed my 29 years working with such compassionate, hardworking, incredible students, staff and Governors – I have seen it as a privilege. I wish the whole Chesnut Lodge community well for the future and am sure that the school will continue to go from strength to strength under Mr Thompson's leadership. I look forward to seeing some of you at our end of term events before I leave.

Mrs H Austin

I am delighted to have been invited to introduce myself to the Chesnut Lodge community before taking on the role of Headteacher as from September.

I come from a background of teaching across all age ranges and abilities and strongly believe in creating opportunities for learning matched to need while ensuring there is sufficient challenge and engagement to drive progress. I feel that every day offers opportunities for learners to grow and that the best place to do this is in a safe and secure environment which I know Chesnut Lodge offers.

I have been involved with Chesnut Lodge for a number of years supporting transition for learners moving to post 16 provision and on my visits I have been struck with how warm and welcoming the school is and want take this opportunity to thank Heather Austin for all the great work she has done over her many years' service to the school in helping to create such an environment and wish her all the best for her future.

I want the school to continue to be a fun place to learn and having already met many of the staff team I am confident that my belief that schools should be full of joy will be echoed up and down the corridors of Chesnut Lodge.

I will arrive in September with a wealth of experience from mainstream and specialist settings having gone through seven Ofsted inspections including four as a Senior Leader within SEN all of which were outstanding. What this experience brings though, is knowledge that Chesnut Lodge School is unique and that I will be focusing on what is right for the school and its community rather than what has worked elsewhere.

I am genuinely excited at the prospect of being the 'new boy' in September and am sure everyone will be as supportive as they have always been on my visits to the school over the years and look forward to meeting you all in the near future.

Kindest Regards,

John Thompson

### **Foundation Stage**



This half term Foundation Stage will be learning all about people who help us. We will learn about our doctors, dentists and emergency services and the work that they do. In literacy we will be looking at non-fiction and fictional stories to help us learn and also we will share our own experiences of people who have helped us and how. We are also hoping to have a visit from the local fire brigade in the school!

This will be the last half term for lots of pupils in Foundation, some moving on to new schools and some moving into new classes. To help us celebrate our achievements we are excited to be hosting our "Oscars"

### **Secondary 1**

This half term the theme in Secondary 1 is 'sport'. We will be doing lots of exciting cross-curricular activities where we will learn about the biggest sporting events, past and present, in the UK as well as in other countries around the world.

We will be comparing the history of sport and major events, such as the Olympics, with present day events. In our English lessons we will be looking at ways of presenting information, including making posters and delivering verbal presentations. In our class we have students who use lots of different methods/equipment to communicate, so it will be interesting to be able to

<p>celebrations again on the 15th July, we are looking forward to inviting our parents into school for this prestigious occasion!</p> <p>We also have a trip to Walton Gardens arranged for the 30th June.</p> <p>We are hoping to take a lot of our learning outdoors this half term, with lots of opportunities to make use of our gorgeous school grounds for many activities, using natural resources within our number, physical development and communication sessions.</p>	<p>use all of those resources to deliver information to others.</p> <p>In Mathematics this half term we will be focussing on numerical patterns (such as doubling and halving) and measure (such as length and weight).</p> <p><b>DISCO</b></p> <p>Lynne and Dan have very kindly offered their services to do an end of year DISCO on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July from 6.30pm to 8pm.</p> <p>If you would like your child to attend, please send £1 into school to cover the cost of refreshments. Your child will then be given a tick to use on the night.</p> <p>Parents are welcome to stay, but please let us know if you are intending to stay so that we can monitor numbers.</p>
<p><b><u>Secondary 3</u></b></p> <p>This term our topic is 'Sport'. We will be looking at nutrition and digestion in Science, health and wellbeing in PHSE, and working towards sports day and a cricket competition in PE.</p> <p>We are also taking part in forest schools. This will be a chance for our class to learn outside in our lovely forest, to be creative whilst practising social skills, and of course eat a s'more (campfire treat) or two. As part of our work we will be working towards achieving The Queen's Green Canopy Junior Forestry Award. For this the class will be learning about forest safety, identifying trees, creating areas for play with natural materials, and planting a tree to mark The Queen's Platinum Jubilee year.</p>	<p><b><u>Primary 1</u></b></p> <p>In Summer 2 our topic is 'Under the Sea' so we are going to be doing lots of fun ocean themed activities. We'll be enjoying exploring the props for our 'Commotion in the Ocean' Poems with a different sea creature poem each week and having sensory exploration sessions about the ocean creatures. In Art we will be having fun doing lots of ocean animal crafts like making shell jellyfish, bubble printing and collaging fish and creating a giant octopus. In RE we are going to be exploring Sikhism and finding out about the 5ks and making our own Kanga comb. We will also be making some yummy banana bread and Mango Lassi as part of our RE topic. Every week we will continue to work hard on our Communication, Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy targets too.</p>
<p><b><u>Nurture</u></b></p> <p>Last term the pupils and staff became detectives. The pupils looked at their own fingerprints and compared them to each other's and we all noted that all our finger prints are different making everyone one of us unique. We then discussed what makes us all different and unique in our own worlds. The pupil enjoyed the topic so much that we decided to make a video. The pupils loved making the video and their parents and carers were invited into school for a brunch to view the video and look at some of the changes to the nurture room that have taken place since COVID. The brunch was a great success and both Sally and Clare and the nurture pupils would like to thank the parent/carers that came to the brunch and we hope you had a great time.</p> <p>This half term we are looking at facial emotions and recreating them using pop art inspired by Andy Warhol pictures. We will be using an iPad app to recreate different emotion selfies. We will also be practising our independence skills making toast and drinks for everyone.</p> <p>Clare, Sally &amp; the nurture kids</p> <div data-bbox="108 1736 399 1848">   </div>	

<p><b><u>Secondary 4</u></b></p> <p>Secondary 4 have a busy last half term of the year. Our English topic is Rhythm and Rhyme. Maths is the four operations looking at addition, subtraction, multiplication</p>	<p><b><i>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022</i></b>  <i>am Sports Day for Foundation, Primary 1 and 2</i>  <i>pm Sports Day for Primary 3 and all Secondary Classes</i>  <i>1pm Full Governors' Meeting</i></p> <p><b><i>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022</i></b></p>
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and division. We will be practising Athletics ready for Sports Day (on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June) and playing rounders. Also we will also be doing some Food tech lessons, Judaism in RE and finding out about Kenya in Geography. The first week of the half term has been Art week. The class have done some excellent work inspired by Kandinsky. Next week we will have visitors from the Health Improvement Team and we will learn about the dangers of alcohol and tobacco and about healthy eating. We will be going on our Leavers trip to Superbowl on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June. Pupils need to remember to wear their own clothes for this trip and that a hot lunch will be provided. We will be saying goodbye and good luck to our wonderful Year 11s on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June. We hope Y11 parents and carers can join our Leavers assembly at 2.15pm that day. Wishing you all the best for the future Chloe, Ciaran, Jake, Jasmine, Joe and Lauren. The S4 staff and remaining pupils will miss you all.

*Year 11 Leavers' service 2.15pm in the school hall.  
Last day for year 11 students.*

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022 and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022**  
*Transition Days in school where students and staff go to the classes they will be in in September.*

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022**  
*School reports to be sent home.*

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022**  
*Drama club performance of 'Wicked' for their parents*

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022**  
*10am Foundation Stage 'Oscars' in the school hall*

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022**  
*10.30am – 11.30am Primary Celebration of Achievement  
1.15pm – 2.15pm Secondary Celebration of Achievement  
6.30pm – 8pm School Disco*

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022**  
*School finishes for the Summer Break.*

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022**  
*Students return to school.*

### **Primary 3**

This half term, we will be learning all about the Glorious Greeks! We will be studying the history of the Greeks in our Literacy lessons, learning about Greek myths and legends and looking at different poems we can write about summer! To bring our maths lessons to an end, we are studying doubling and halving and catching up on any other number work we may need to revisit. We have lots to look forward to, including summer themed activities, sports day and celebrating our achievements and fun times we have had this year!

### **Sensory Base**

As the final term approaches, Sensory Base are looking to continue the fun and excitement through learning with the topic of Sport. We will continue to work on our individual targets for both communication and cognition but through sport articles (literacy) and position & direction (cognition). In addition to this, the children will be looking at healthy foods and together will be creating their own sculptures by communicating their preferences. Furthermore, the children will be learning about the history of sport, from the first Olympics, medieval times and through the centuries. Pictures to be placed on Seesaw each week. Let the games commence!

### **Secondary 2**

Our topic this term is 'Sports', in literacy we will be learning about presenting information through posters and verbal presentations. In science we will be looking at nutrition and digestion and in geography we will be looking at the Olympics and how it has changed over the years. This week we have been studying the artist Georges Seurat and have recreated our own art work using the art technique pointillism. Secondary 2 have some very fun activities planned this term, we have planned a visit to 'The Wonky Garden' in Widnes, where we will take part in some outdoor activities such as gardening and nature art. We will also be visiting Ditton Library for a fun storytelling session. On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June Secondary 2 will be selling ice creams as part of our enterprise and with the money we have decided we would like to spend it on a visit to McDonalds and a walk to the park. We can't wait for this term with all our exciting plans ☺

## Primary 2

# ROLL UP ROLL UP THE CIRCUS IS IN TOWN.



This term we are learning all about the Circus and clowns, we are selling candy floss and popcorn at our circus sweet stall.

You can get a ticket from the ticket office and come and watch the acts. We have clowns, hoola hoopers and balancers!!!!.

In our PE lessons this term we will be working on circus skills, throwing and catching, juggling, ball skills and balancing. We will be listening to and dancing to circus music and composing some circus music in our music lessons.

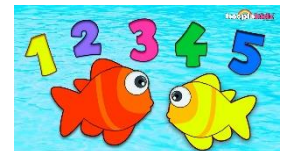
Our daily maths sessions this term will be data handling and NSEW directions. We will be looking at pictograms and using the Bee Bots for our direction work. Maths will also be supported by number songs and rhymes.

Science this term will be states of matter. The boys will be handling different solids and liquids. We will be sorting images of objects and conducting experiments such as melting chocolate, freezing water and observing steam from a kettle.

Literacy work will include the stories, Peppa Pig's Circus, Thomas and the Circus, and Clown by Quentin Blake. News, individual reading, mark making and phonics work is completed daily in class. Good looking, good listening and good sitting is always encouraged at school.

We will be continuing our circus theme in both art and cooking with ice-cream sundaes, jelly, popcorn, and clown biscuits on the menu. If you need a clown suit designed or a puppet then Primary 2 is where you need to come.

“When the circus comes to town  
I love to see the clown  
Racing round the great big top  
His trousers falling down  
A very jolly person  
Who makes me laugh and shout  
I always feel so happy when the circus clowns about”



Thank you for your continued support  
Primary 2 staff.