



# CHESNUT LODGE SCHOOL

## *School Newsletter*

**Summer (1) 2022**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the warmer weather begins, we have many activities planned for students, witnessing the miracle of growth and encouraging healthy active lifestyles.

Please could I remind all parents to ensure that their child has a sun hat, a water bottle in school and that you have either given permission for staff to apply the sun cream we have in school, or that you have sent your own bottle in for your child. Staff will provide top ups when the students are outside, but could we ask that on hot days, your child comes into school with sun cream already applied.

As you will know, Queen Elizabeth II celebrates her Platinum Jubilee this June celebrating 70 years of service. All classes will be learning about the Queen at an appropriate level, and we will all be celebrating this fantastic achievement by having a 'street party' at lunch time on Friday 27th May. Please could I ask that all students wear clothing which is red, white and / or blue on this day.

**Covid update:** current guidance states that we are no longer required to test twice weekly and that tests should now only be taken if you are feeling unwell. If you require more lateral flow tests to enable this, please let us know.

Provided no further restrictions are put in place in the coming weeks, we are looking forward to inviting you all to attend the Celebration of Achievement events in person this year – please see the “Dates for your diary” section below.

Kind regards

Mrs H Austin and Governors

### ***Primary 1***

In Summer 1 our topic is 'If you go down to the woods today...' so we are going to be doing lots of fun Teddy Bear Picnic activities. We'll be playing hide and seek with bears, making bear toast, collaging bears and making sandwiches and biscuits for a Teddy Bears' Picnic. Our sensory story will be 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and there will be lots of messy porridge activities. In RE we are going to be exploring the Hindu festival of Holi and having lots of fun with colour activities. We will continue to work hard on our Communication, Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy targets too and enjoy our weekly Music session.

### **Secondary 3**

This term Secondary 3 are learning around the theme of 'Film and TV'. As part of this we will be learning about TV and film sets, how they are made, as well as designing our own set. We will also be learning about Romeo and Juliet, studying different interpretations of the story, as well as learning about the themes of the story. In science we will be studying light, and in geography we will be exploring Ordnance Survey maps.

This half term some students from Secondary will be taking part in athletics competition, looking to bring another winner's trophy back to school after we won gold in the Primary Panathlon.

### **Secondary 4**

This half term, Secondary 4 will be working on their comprehension skills and sequencing numbers. Our science topic is Habitats.

Science - Our topic is Habitats

In art we have been using our computer skills to research places of interest and will be using this information to help us in our work.

### ***Foundation Stage***

This half term Foundation Stage will be looking at our topic "Off we go!" We will be learning about lots of different types of transport and how and why we use them.

In Understanding of the world we are going to be looking at our journey to school and how we get here, what types of transport can we spot along the way? We will take part in an "I spy" activity for homework and the children and family will take note of different transport they spot over time.

<p>Our topic in PE is team sports and we are currently working on our cricket skills.</p> <p>This is the last full half term for our Year 11 students as they will be leaving us at the end of June. It is therefore very important that they attend every day to ensure that they complete all of their exam work and achieve their very best.</p>	<p>In maths we will be concentrating on 2D shape and number and will access lots of lots of activities and songs linked to our topic to help us do this.</p> <p>Literacy will be learning new rhymes and songs linked to transport and we will be using our listening ears to see if we can identify sounds from our environment for our phonics.</p> <p>In our role play corner, we will have a train station and a train to sit in! We will be pretending to be both passengers and conductors and will sell our tickets to lots of lovely sunny seaside places!</p> <p>As we are in the Summer term we will be taking our learning outdoors as much as we possibly can.</p>
<p><b><u>Mental Health Awareness</u></b></p> <p>The Mental Health room is now almost complete and we will be doing drop in sessions for pupils throughout the Summer Term.</p> <p>We will be participating in Mental Health Awareness Week (9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022) and will be posting some helpful tips for parents/carers on the Parent app.</p> <p>After the June half term we will be holding a Parent Support Session, and we will be asking Disabled Children's Service and the Carers Centre to come in to discuss what support they can offer out of school. We are also planning for Rebecca from the Mental Health Support Team to give some advice on resilience and your own wellbeing and you will be given the opportunity to ask any questions you may have. Please watch out for the date on Parent app.</p> <p>We would also like to get an idea of how parents feel we are supporting their mental health and wellbeing, so we will be sending out a small online questionnaire, to see how we are doing and how we can improve.</p> <p>Clare Kinch Smith</p>	

<p><b><u>Sensory Base</u></b></p> <p>This term's topic is all about Film and TV. In all of the curricular areas, the children will be working on their own individual targets that have been created to develop their skills and understanding. However, each subject area also has their own themes. For instance, in Communication, Literacy and Language, the children will be exploring play scripts focusing on the famous Shakespeare play of Macbeth. The children will be following the play through different activities taken from the different acts. In line with Film and TV, the children will not only be working on their individual physiotherapy targets in Physical Education but they will also be working on different stunts. Who knows, the children could be the future celebrity stunt doubles!</p> <p>In Maths and Cognition, the children will be working on their individual cognition targets as well as focusing on capacity through different textures and consistencies. In addition to this, in Understanding of the World, the children will be looking at light including shadows. The children will be looking at each other's shadows using the green screen to see if they can guess which one of their peers it is! The children within sensory base love to look at lights and they will be able to activate different lights to create their own light show to music that they prefer. For Art &amp; DT, Children will be looking at painting and will be exploring famous artists that used paint in different ways to create pieces of art masterpieces. Please feel free to send in old spare clothes for your child to wear when they are creating</p>	<p><b><u>Dates for your diary</u></b></p> <p><b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022</b> <i>May Bank Holiday</i></p> <p><b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022</b> <i>Athletics Trip for selected students</i></p> <p><b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022</b> <i>Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in school</i></p> <p><b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022</b> <b>HALF TERM</b></p> <p><b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022</b> <i>Students return to school</i></p> <p><b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022</b> <i>Drama club performance of 'Wicked' for their parents</i></p> <p><b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022</b> <i>Full Governors' Meeting</i></p> <p><b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022</b> <i>Year 11 Leavers' service 2.15pm in the school hall. Last day for year 11 students.</i></p> <p><b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022 and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022</b></p>
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<p>their own masterpieces. Furthermore, in Personal, Social and Emotional, the children will be developing their understanding of relationships not only with their peers and class staff but with their families and the wider community.</p>	<p><i>Transition Days in school where students and staff go to the classes they will be in in September.</i></p> <p><b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022</b>  10.30am – 11.30am Primary Celebration of Achievement  1.15pm – 2.15pm Secondary Celebration of Achievement</p> <p><b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022</b>  School finishes for the Summer Break.</p> <p><b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022</b>  Students return to school.</p>
<p><b>Primary 3</b></p> <p>This half term, our topic is Brilliant Britain, we will be learning all about the Royal family, in preparation for the Queen's Jubilee and learning all about what makes Britain great! We will explore the different areas of Britain, the sights/landmarks it is known for and who may be from there that is famous. In maths, we are looking at patterns and will be repeating, continuing and creating our own using various shapes and objects. In science, we are learning about plants, we will plant some sunflower seeds and see what they need to grow as well as lots of other fun experiments we will be trying with our plants.</p>	<p><b>Secondary 2</b></p> <p>Secondary 2 are looking forwards to their topic this half term, which is 'Film and TV.' In Literacy we will be looking at play scripts and studying 'Romeo and Juliet'. We have chosen a musical song as a class and we can't wait to perform the song, 'I just can't wait to be king'. For our performance we will be designing and making our own props and backgrounds. Secondary 2 will be having classroom based travel training sessions this half term, we enjoyed our first session and look forwards to learning more about road safety.</p>
<p><b>Secondary 1</b></p> <p>This half term our theme in S1 is Film and TV, looking particularly at Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. In our English lessons we will be learning the classic story by watching a film adaption of the play, learning some funny phrases in old Shakespearean English and creating our own, modernised version of the play. In art and DT we will be designing and painting the set for our mini production, and in Science we will be learning all about light, which will come in handy when setting up our staging area. In maths this half term we are focussing on patterns for the first 2 weeks, and then will be moving on to counting. Students will be trying to count to 20 and adding/taking away 1. Students in S1 are also very excited about celebrating the Queen's Jubilee later this term!</p>	
<p><b>Primary 2</b></p> <p>Hello. Hope that you all had a lovely Easter Holidays. Thank you for the lovely Easter hats that came into school they were all fabulous!!</p> <p>This half term our new topic is "THE TUDORS" and we will be following a history theme. In our Literacy lessons we will be looking at "The Prince and The Pauper Story" and looking at lots of Tudor poems and songs.</p> <p>We will be looking at repeating patterns in both maths and art and design. In art we will be doing some printing, making Tudor roses and making and painting some Tudor houses.</p> <p>We will also be making headdresses, ruffs and crowns as we study Henry VIII and his six wives. Our class display will also consist of or Tudor work and it is well under way let's hope there will be no beheading!!!</p> <div data-bbox="1187 1899 1283 2033" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="1315 1899 1474 2047" data-label="Image"> </div>	

In cooking we will be making “Tudor” foods such as marzipan, vegetable pottage and coats of arms shield decorated biscuits.

Our music lessons will be learning how to dance like they did in Tudor times while listening to the old favourite Greensleeves.

An exciting end to our topic will be going on a trip to Speke Hall in Liverpool. We will be going on May 24<sup>th</sup> for the day. This will be to reinforce our learning about “The Tudors”. We are hoping for a nice day so we can explore the grounds, the maze and use the adventure playground. More information to follow.

Thank you for your continued support.  
Primary 2 staff.

