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**CHESNUT LODGE SCHOOL**

*School Newsletter*

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| **Halton’s Reading Strategy Launch – Tuesday 3rd March 2020**  With Reading being such a vital skill for all adults and children, Halton are holding three Reading Events to launch their Reading Strategy. The event are at Halton Stadium on Tuesday 3rd March.  Times are:  9.30am – 11.30am  1pm – 3pm  5pm- 7pm  For more information or to book a place, please email [EIPadmin@halton.gov.uk](mailto:EIPadmin@halton.gov.uk) | |
| **World Book Day – Thursday 5th March 2020**  Next Thursday we will be taking part in World Book Day.  Foundation, P1 and P2 pupils are invited to come into school dressed as book characters, and will be engaging in a variety of exciting activities based on different stories.  Class P3 are out on Thursday at a sporting event.  Secondary students will be enjoying stories written by Roald Dahl and are welcome to come dressed up as a Roald Dahl character if they so wish. | |
| **Primary 2**  P2 are learning about Castles, Knights and Princesses this half term. We are going to do junk modelling to make castles and are going to make Dragon Eggs! The stories we will be sharing this half term are all based on our theme. | **Secondary 2 and 3**  Secondary 2 and 3 will be focusing on the topic of famous faces. We will be learning about famous and influential figures in history and art.  Learning how to write biographies in literacy, researching and finding information. In computing we will be learning new skills and designing our own exciting posters.  We are looking forward to world to World Book Day, and enjoying various activities based on Roald Dahl's books. |
| **Jean’s Choice**  **Let’s Get Cooking Recipe**  Why not try the Leek and Bacon Pasta Bake recipe which accompanies this Newsletter?  Let us know how you get on! | **Beaumont Recycled Clothing**  The eco committee have organised two pick-ups for clothes recycling. The dates are:  Wednesday 25th March 2020  Monday 1st June 2020  Please send in any unwanted clothing, handbags, belts and shoes and we will ensure that they are passed on.  Thank you! |
| **Sensory Base**  This term we are learning about famous faces of past and present. We will be looking at different biographies through sensory stories beginning with the creation of our own biography to gain an understanding that we too are important people. In PHSE we are looking at the different people within our community focusing on those who help us and will be dressing up and developing knowledge of their roles within the community. In addition to this, we are looking at colours and patterns within maths. We will be looking at different colours using different stimuli and will be creating new colours when we mix primary colours together. We will also be looking at different colours using water and light before looking at patterns on window panes and creating our own. Further to this, we will be creating patterns using a range of resources. Finally this term we are focusing on Romania in MFL and will be incorporating Romanian words into the different curricular activities.  Sensory Base assembly will be on 6th March 2020 at 14:30. All families of the children are welcome to attend. | |

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| **Primary 3**  This half term, P3 will be looking at animals and endangered species. The children will be looking at the difference between animals who live in water or land and which animals live in hot or cold countries. The children will learn about the meaning of endangered animals and do a case study of a chosen animal and why it is endangered. With our enterprise money, we hope to go on a trip to see some animals and learn about what they need to survive. | **Dates for your diary**  ***Thursday 5th March 2020***  Drop in Session with school nurse 2pm – 3pm  ***Wednesday 25th March 2020***  Beaumont Clothes Recycling pick up  Governors’ meeting in Primary 1 at 3.15pm  ***Friday 27th March 2020***  Residential payment due  ***Wednesday 1st April 2020***  Parent Coffee Morning 10.30am – 11.45am  ***Thursday 2nd April 2020***  Drop in Session with school nurse 2pm – 3pm  ***Monday 6th April – Friday 17th April 2020***  Easter Break |
| **Foundation Stage**  Foundation Stage are continuing with their topic  "If you go down to the woods today"  we are starting our term with "The Bear Hunt" We are hosting an Easter Coffee Morning for our enterprise inviting parents to join us for tea and cakes followed by an Easter Egg Hunt in the woodland area.  This will be held on March 26th between 10am and 11am.    We are also hoping to conclude our topic with a trip to Delamere Forest on Thursday 2nd April at 9.30am.  Thanks  Sue |
| **Secondary 4**  This half term S4 have got lots of new exciting topics to look at. We will be focusing on geometry in maths and looking at comprehension in English. Our Geography topic this term is weathering and erosion. We will be completing lots of experiments to help us understand what erosion is and why it happens. This links nicely to our science topic on fossils. Again, we will have lots of hands-on experiences examining fossils.  For the final term, Miss Turner will be teaching in S4 as Mrs. Colville has now left to have her baby. Miss Turner is very excited to be teaching in S4 and getting to know all the pupils. | **Secondary 1**  This half term we will be focussing on biographies and will be creating one on one another. We will also be exploring the work of Giuseppe Arcimboldo and creating our own works in a similar style. |
| **http://www.pilgrimshospices.org/wp-content/uploads/artworks-000050032335-le33za-original.jpgHello from Class P1**  Our current topic is ‘We Can Sing a Rainbow’. We will have activities each week related to a single colour of the rainbow. We’ll start week 1 with red and work through the colours in rainbow order. Details of planned activities are in our medium term plan which will be sent home. During our final week before finishing for Easter, we will have a ‘Rainbow WOW Day’ in class, (date to be confirmed). The children will be invited to come into school wearing clothes of their favourite colour or as many colours as they can manage. We’ll leave the choice to you.  We are enjoying our new sensory garden and will soon be getting busy sowing seeds in class, maybe in green week :) The children will also spend time in our woodland area looking for signs of spring and taking photographs to add to our display in class. We will be using strong colours during art and also learning to mix shades.  Towards the end of term we will be learning about Easter and what it means for us. | |