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**CHESNUT LODGE SCHOOL**

*School Newsletter*

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| **Welcome Back!**It has been lovely to welcome students back into school and to hear of all of their adventures over the summer break. We have also welcomed some new students this term and are looking forward to getting to know them and working with them. One of our support staff got married over the summer break – Miss Sharp is now Mrs Brabin. We also have some new support staff in school; Sara, Amy, Lisa and Denise M and we welcome them all to their new roles. We hope that you enjoy reading our Newsletter, don’t forget, for up to date information and pictures, please visit the school’s website. Any suggestions of how to make the school website even better for you, please let us know.Please note the “Dates for your diary”, particularly the Parents’ afternoon / evening where you will have the opportunity to discuss your child’s progress and see some of their work so far. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. | **Award Success!****Nurture Schools**We are proud to announce that we have now successfully completed the Nurture Schools Award. This award recognises all of the hard work that goes on in school allowing staff to develop personally and professionally whilst embedding a nurturing culture throughout their schools, enhancing teaching and learning, promoting healthy outcomes for children and young people. This is achieved by focusing on emotional needs and development as well as academic learning in a whole school environment. The programme is based on the six principles of nurture that have successfully underpinned nurture groups for over 40 years.  |
| **Labelling pupil’s clothing**Please make sure that all school uniform, PE kits, swimming kits and coats are clearly labelled with your child’s name to avoid items becoming lost.Thank you. |
| **Opening of the Sensory Garden – 10.15am on Friday 27th September**We are very pleased to announce that the first phase of our Sensory Garden refurbishment is now completed and we are going to have an official opening on Friday 27th September at 10.15am. We will also use this opportunity to celebrate our achievements of Arts Mark Silver, Rights Respecting School (RRSA) and Nurture School.If you would like to come along to join in the celebrations, please arrive at school for 10am. The celebration will take around half an hour.Please note that the school car park is extremely busy on a Friday morning, so if you are able to walk to the school or share a car with someone else, this would be really helpful. |

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| Chesnut Lodge School participates in a Police led initiative called Operation Encompass. This is a partnership between schools and the Police that helps schools to better support any child where a domestic incident has been reported to Police from their home. Following a domestic incident, the Police will make contact with the child’s school via telephone and secure email (usually the next day) and will communicate relevant information to nominated, fully-trained school staff. This will ensure that as a school, we are made aware early enough, to support children and young people in a way that means they feel safe, supported and listened to. It will also provide an opportunity for school to offer support to the whole familyEach school has 2 members of staff called key adults who are trained to liaise with the police, when required, whilst ensuring support is available to the child.The initiative is active in all Cheshire schools. You can find out more about Operation Encompass via the following site: <http://www.operationencompass.org/>If you would like to speak to someone further about the initiative, or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Heather Austin or Mrs Anne Butchard. We are committed to working in partnership with local relevant organisations to keep children safe and to offer valuable support to all children across Cheshire.  | **Dates for your diary****Tuesday 17th September**Governor Training in the meeting room**Wednesday 25th September**All old clothes, shoes, belts and handbags to be collected from school by “Starlight”**Friday 27th September**Harvest Festival(please send in packets and tins suitable for Widnes Foodbank)**Friday 27th September**Official opening of the Sensory Garden @ 10.15am**Thursday 10th October**Parents Afternoon / Evening 2pm – 5pm**Tuesday 15th October**Full Governors meeting @ 1pm**Friday 25th October**INSET training day – SCHOOL CLOSED TO STUDENTS**Friday 25th October – Sunday 3rd November**HALF TERM**Monday 4th November**Students return to school 8.40am**Friday 15th November**Children in Need events pmParents welcome to attend 1pm – 2pm**Friday 13th December**INSET training day – SCHOOL CLOSED TO STUDENTS**Friday 20th December**Last day in school. Christmas Break 21st December – 5th January 2020**Monday 6th January**Students return to school 8.40am |
|  **Private Fostering**A private fostering arrangement is one that is made privately (without the involvement of a local authority) for the care of a child under the age of 16 years (under 18, if disabled) by someone other than a parent or close relative, in their own home, with the intention that it should last for 28 days or more. (\*Close family relative is defined as a ‘grandparent, brother, sister, uncle or aunt’ and includes half-siblings and step-parents; it does not include great-aunts or uncles, great grandparents or cousins.)If you feel that this relates to your situation you should get in touch with the Integrated Contact and Referral Teamon 0151 907 8305. If you are in any doubt as to whether the regulations might apply to you, you should seek advice from the Integrated Contact and Referral Team. |
| **Safeguarding Team:**The Safeguarding Team at Chesnut Lodge comprises:Mrs Anne Butchard (Safeguarding Lead)Mrs Heather Austin (Safeguarding Deputy)Mrs Nikki Murphy (Safeguarding Deputy)Please contact the team if you have any safeguarding concerns. | ***“Starlight” Clothes Recycling***The Eco Committee have agreed to support another “Starlight” clothes recycling collection on **Wednesday 25th September**Please put clean, dry clothing in one bag and paired shoes, belts and handbags in another, and send them into school on or before the 25th. School receive a small amount of money for the bags recycled. |
| **Clubs for Autumn Term 1:****Drama Club**For students of 9 years and over.Every Wednesday 3.15 – 4.45pmSubs: £1 which goes towards snack, visits, costumes etc.This term we will be focussing on acting skills, ready for the Christmas Play.(Gaynor O’Grady) | **Sports Club**This year we will be running a sports club every Monday after school until 4.15pm along with Greenbank Sports Academy. The club will be led by two trained sports coaches, supported by school staff, and will provide a range of sports including boccia, athletics, and cricket.  All secondary students are welcome to come and keep fit whilst improving their skills.(Mr Roberts) |
| **Please note that if your child stays for a club, it is your responsibility that they are picked up promptly at the finishing time. Staff are not expected to stay after the agreed finishing time.** |