



# CHESNUT LODGE SCHOOL

## *School Newsletter*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all managed to have a good summer and get some quality family time.

As we begin the new school year, I am pleased to report that Mrs Helliwell had a baby girl and mother and baby are both doing well.

We welcome some new staff to our team, Rachael Lewis who is now the teacher in Primary 1, Sara Greenlees who is covering Mrs Helliwell's maternity leave in Primary 2, we have a new Higher Level Support Assistant called Clare Kinch-Smith (see her introduction below) and three new support staff - Kate, Michelle and Zara.

We have a number of new students starting with us this year and we would like to welcome them and their families to our Chesnut Lodge community.

We have our first Parents Afternoon / Evening of the year on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October** and will be doing this virtually this time due to the continued high levels of Covid 19 in the local community at the present time. Time slots will be sent out shortly on Parent App and you are asked to sign up for the most convenient slot for yourselves.

Unfortunately, following the flood, we have limited room availability in school whilst areas are being refurbished and we will therefore be continuing to hold our Annual Review meetings virtually this term, unless there is a specific reason why a face to face meeting would be more appropriate. Please contact the school office if you feel this is the case.

During our unexpected closure, it was great to see so many families able to go straight onto using Seesaw to enable their children to continue with their education from home. Could we ask that you all continue to support your child in using Seesaw to complete their homework each week as it then makes things so much easier if we need to return to home learning at any point as you are already familiar with the process and have the appropriate log in details to hand, meaning there is no break in your child's learning.

### ***Secondary 2***

Secondary 2 have settled really well back into school after the summer and we have welcomed 4 new pupils into our class.

This term our topic is 'fashion and trends' and we have already completed lots of work around our theme.

In literacy we have been learning about adjectives, we really enjoyed dressing up in costumes and using different adjectives to describe our costumes. We will also be learning about verbs, slogans and alliteration to help us make our own advertisements. In History we have already learnt about Malala, Rosa Parks and the suffragettes. We will continue to look at and learn about influential women.



We wish to remind you that Chesnut Lodge School is an active member of a project that runs jointly between schools and nurseries and Cheshire Constabulary.

Operation Encompass is the reporting of police attended domestic abuse incidents to schools and nurseries, prior to the start of the next school day, where there are children in the home.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a member of the school staff, (DSL / Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult,

The pupils have already started to gather pictures of fashion from different era's and will use these images to help them when designing their own t-shirt this term.

Secondary 2 and other classes have been participating in dance sessions on a Wednesday with 'dance yourself happy' and these sessions have certainly left them feeling happy 😊



is trained to allow them to liaise with the police and to use the information that has been shared in confidence, while ensuring that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have experienced a domestic abuse incident.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

### **Sensory Base**

This term Sensory Base will be exploring the different fashion and trends throughout the decades from different parts of the world. The children will be dressing up and strutting their stuff down the catwalk. This will also be linked into Understanding the World where the children will be looking at the different weathers and seasons and the correct clothing that is required for each season.

Children will be learning about Numbers in Maths. They will have their own zoo with very hungry animals. The children will have to correctly count out their treats and feed them the correct amount before going on a harvest hunt counting the different harvest items that they find along the way.

### **Secondary 1**

In Secondary 1 this term our theme is 'fashion and trends'. We are doing some exciting activities in our lessons such as designing and making our own fashion item in Art and Design and Technology (DT) and producing an advertisement for it in English. In Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) we are learning about consent and how to keep ourselves safe both in the real world and online.

We are all still waiting to welcome a new member to our class, who is unfortunately unwell at the moment, but we can't wait for him to join us.

### **Primary 1**

The pupils in P1 are enjoying their topic 'Everybody matters', they are finding out about themselves through massage and mirror work and finding out about their friends in class through supported turn taking interactions. They are enjoying their sensory story 'Elmer', learning how we are all different but all equally important. They are enjoying collaging their own Elmer and baking lots of yummy Elephant themed food.

Hello and welcome to Primary 2 news.

All our lovely boys have settled well into our new class. We are spending time getting to know each other and making lots of new friends. This year we are an all boy class and there are “no girls allowed”!

This term our topic is Music Makers.

We are listening to music from different countries and are also making musical instruments. You can come and play a tambourine or shake a shaker that we have made in our art lessons. We will also be making scrapers and string guitars. Look out for us on Britain’s Got Talent!!!

In PE we are working on music and movement linked to different sounds. We are developing our co-ordination using apparatus and the whole hall space.

Literacy and Numeracy will be concentrating on shapes, colour and simple adding, reading sound stories and non-fiction books. Focusing on good speaking and good listening skills.

Lots more exciting things are just waiting for us to explore and learn about in Primary 2 and we can’t wait for the fun to continue.

Primary 2 Staff.



### Swimming and PE kits, labelled school uniforms and other equipment from home

We are so pleased to be able to start up our swimming sessions for all students once again and to be able to have PE lessons in the hall as the cooler days approach.

Please could I remind all parents to ensure that your child has their respective kits in school on the correct days, clearly labelled, with the appropriate number of towels should more than one be needed.

Please could I also remind parents to ensure that all items of school uniform and coats are clearly labelled so that if they are misplaced around school, we can make sure that they are returned to the correct student.

Just a quick reminder also for parent of children who require support with intimate care, or continence support when swimming to send in the appropriate items, including wet wipes if required.

Details of continence swimwear are on the school website in the ‘Parent Information’ section, should this be more appropriate in some cases.

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ARE UNABLE TO ALLOW STUDENTS TO SWIM IF THEY DO NOT BRING IN THE CORRECT KIT so please pop a reminder on your phone to put the kit in your child’s bag the night before.

### SPARE CLOTHES

If anyone has any spare clothes – trousers, tops, underwear at home for teenage boys that they have finished with, please could they send them into school.

Many thanks.

### **Primary 3**

This half term, P3 will be working around the theme 'Heroes and Villains'. We will be looking at the good and bad people through history and looking at the positive or negative impact of their actions! We will study people such as Henry VIII, Florence Nightingale and most recently, Marcus Rashford. In Maths, we are looking at numbers, we will start with one more/ less, then lead on to completing addition and subtractions. In English, we have been looking at poems and writing our own superhero poems. We will also be reading myths and fables, looking at the Hare and the Tortoise and Robin Hood, discussing the moral of these stories.

### **Hello from our new HLTA**

I just wanted to say a hello to you all and to let you know that I am the new Higher Level Teaching Assistant here at school. My name is Clare Kinch-Smith and some of you may know me, or have heard of my name, as I used to be an Early Help Family worker in the Disabled Children’s Service.

I am really looking forward to meeting you and working along with you to support your amazing children and young people here at Chesnut Lodge. I have been settling in well, and getting to know the wonderful staff, young people and children.

I am hoping to set up some sessions to get to know you and pass on some information which may be helpful for you and your family. If you have any

<p><b><i>Harvest Festival in aid of Widnes Food Bank</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Once again, school will be collecting donations for Widnes Food Bank and this year Sensory Base will be leading on this.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Food Bank have asked for the following items:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 500g rice</li> <li>• Tinned corned beef</li> <li>• Toilet rolls</li> <li>• Pasta and pasta sauce</li> <li>• Sponge puddings</li> <li>• Chocolate</li> <li>• Unisex toiletries</li> </ul> <p>Donations can be sent any time between now and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021.</p> <p>Many thanks for your support.</p>	<p>concerns, please don't hesitate to call us and ask for me and I will get back to you.</p> <p>As part of my role I will also be doing MAP meetings, (MAP stands for Multi agency Planning) which is a really good way to enable you as parents to get together with professionals involved in your child's care to get support and discuss any issues that you may have. A MAP will pull all these "loose threads" together, arranging outcomes to be worked towards. Previous parents I have worked with have found this really helpful and very positive for them and their child/young person.</p> <p>I look forward to working with you and getting to know you all!!</p> <p>Clare</p>
<p><b><i>Foundation Stage</i></b></p> <p>This term we are looking at the topic of "Super Me!" We are looking at ourselves and how we are all different, our families and friends and also our very favourite things. We will be celebrating and sharing all the wonderful things we are super at while learning new skills too.</p> <p>We will be looking at the changing seasons and exploring the wonderful colours of autumn through lots of learning outside of the classroom opportunities. Lots of play, craft and learning while having opportunities to make lots of new friends.</p>	<p><b><u>Dates for your diary</u></b></p> <p><b><i>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October</i></b> – Parents' Afternoon / Evening (this will be carried out virtually – please select a convenient time on the Parent App. or contact the school office.</p> <p><b><i>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October</i></b> – Full Governors' Meeting (virtual)</p> <p><b><i>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October</i></b> – Flu Immunisations for all students for whom consent has been obtained.</p> <p><b><i>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October</i></b> – Harvest Festival</p> <p><b><i>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October up to and including Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November</i></b> – HALF TERM</p> <p><b><i>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</i></b> – Student return to school.</p>
<p><b><i>Secondary 3</i></b></p> <p>This half term in Secondary 3 our topic is 'Fashion and Trends'. For this we are enjoying learning about how fashion and trends have developed over the last century and how this has mirrored and also changed society, whilst also learning about some of the key changes for women over the period. We are also designing and making our own t-shirts, learning some new techniques for working with fabric. We have started thinking about peer pressure and how to deal with it in our PHSE sessions as well as learning about some key e-safety ideas in computing.</p>	
<p><b><i>Secondary 4</i></b></p> <p>Secondary 4 have settled into the new school year well.</p> <p>This half term S4 are studying a topic called 'Celebrity' in English. We have already found out about Paralympians and some inspirational people from history.</p> <p>In Maths we are learning about shape. We have learnt the names of some 2D and 3D shapes and are looking at their properties. We are also going to be finding out about types of lines, symmetry and positional vocabulary. We will be taking an Entry level test paper at the end of the unit.</p> <p>In Science we are studying towards an AQA unit award called Environment, Evolution and inheritance. So we are learning about plants, animals and microorganisms.</p> <p>We have started making self-portrait sculptures inspired by Picasso. We look forward to showing you photos of these when completed.</p> <p>Our other topics include E-safety, mental health and wellbeing and line dancing so we are keeping busy!</p> <p>We have already performed our first class assembly which was a mix-up of Roald Dahl's characters. Well done S4 on your performance.</p>	

Just a reminder that homework is being set on See-saw so please contact class staff in the home-school books if you are having any issues logging on still. It is really important that homework is completed to reinforce learning in class.

Also it is essential that all pupils have their kits in school for PE on Mondays and Swimming on Wednesdays. Thank you for help with this.