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**CHESNUT LODGE SCHOOL**

*School Newsletter*

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| **Drop In Sessions with the School Nurse**  We now have a new School Nurse called Jane Fish. She is part of the School Health Nursing Team and is based at Chapelfield Clinic, but is able to offer advice to the school when needed. Jane has arranged drop in sessions each month whereby parents can come and discuss any concerns they may have about their child. Dates will be advertised, but it is always best to call school to check on available times. Next Drop In is on Thursday 5th December 2019.  Pupils with more complex needs and those with health care plans continue to be supported by our Community children’s nursing team. | Image result for poppy clip art  We have poppies in school. Please send money in if you would like your child to purchase any to support the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. A suggested donation would be 50p. |
| Image result for Children in need logo Image result for images pyjamas  **Children in Need**  Chesnut Lodge will be supporting Children in Need once again this year.  We are asking that all students who would like to, wear their pyjamas for school on the day, and pay a  £1 “fine”.  All fundraising events will take place on Friday 15th November. Foundation are doing their activities in the morning, **all other classes have theirs in the afternoon from 1pm – 2pm.**  All donations of cakes / biscuits will be gratefully received.  There will be drinks and cakes and several Pudsey themed games to play.  We would love to see as many of you as possible here, but if you are unable to attend, please send your child in with some money so that they are able to join in with the games / drinks and cakes and raise money for this vital cause. | |

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| **Secondary 3**  Last half term we covered the topic of Structures. We really enjoyed experimenting making structures using marshmallows and pasta, meccano, and clay. Some of our structures were very shaky, but we learnt how to make them strong and sturdy. We also looked at the Iron Age and round houses. We produced non-chronological reports and explanation texts, as well as having fun at making our own fence using wattle and daub. We are looking forward to our next topic of 'Music'. | | **Dates for your diary**  **Friday 15th November**  Children in Need events pm  Parents welcome to attend 1pm – 2pm  **Thursday 5th December**  Drop in for anyone who would like to speak to Jane Fish our school nurse 9.30am – 10.30am  **Thursday 12th December**  Primary 1,2 and 3 “Spirit of Christmas” performance in the Hall – 10am. Parents welcome.  **Friday 13th December**  INSET training day – SCHOOL CLOSED TO STUDENTS  **Monday 16th December**  Foundation Stage Nativity – 10am Parents welcome.  **Wednesday 18th December**  Christmas Dinner in the Hall 11.45am – 12.30pm (students only this year due to increase in student numbers)  **Thursday 19th December**  Christmas Parties pm (Students can wear Party Clothes all day)  **Friday 20th December**  Christmas Assembly in the Hall 10am– Everyone welcome.  Last day in school.  Christmas Break 21st December – 5th January 2020  **Monday 6th January**  Students return to school 8.40am |
| **Secondary 4**  Secondary 4 have been learning about the West African slave trade as their History topic. They are looking forward to visiting the Slavery museum in Liverpool. | |
| **Labelling pupil’s clothing**  Please make sure that all school uniform, PE kits, swimming kits, bags and coats are clearly labelled with your child’s name to avoid items becoming lost.  Thank you. | |
| **Primary 3**  P3 enjoyed learning about Roald Dahl last half term, we learnt all about the stories he wrote, including Charlie and the Chocolate factory. We designed our own chocolate bar and made some chocolate play dough with different flavours in it! In history, we learned all about his life and family and in art we made some BFG dream catchers and dream jars. This half term, we look forward to studying Kings and Queens before Christmas! | |
| **Secondary 1**  Secondary 1 learnt all about rollercoasters for our topic on Structures. We wrote to Gulliver’s World and asked them all about one of their rides, The Wriggler. They wrote back to us and told us lots of facts about it. We had a go on a few rollercoasters in class, visiting rollercoasters around England and in America. We made our own rollercoaster out of cardboard tubes. We looked at names of rollercoasters, and picked our own names, based on how they looked. | |
| **\\chesnut01\home\staff\austinh\austinh\My Pictures\moon pic (1).jpg**  **Secondary 3 and 4**  Last month we performed a short play at the Parr Hall under 'The Moon' an art exhibition by Luke Jerram. We had worked very hard practising our play all about a bear who dreams of travelling to the moon. We worked our drama teacher Rebecca, and practised using movement, dance and music to create an effective performance. We performed in front of an audience, and it went really well. We then were able to enjoy a performance from acrobats and watch them fly around the moon! We are carrying on with our drama this half term, and will perform our own version of Macbeth. | **Primary 2**  P2 had a lovely first half term. The children settled in really well and enjoyed getting to know their new friends and teachers. This coming half term the children’s topic will be Julia Donaldson. We will be looking at books such as ‘A Room on the Broom, ‘The Gruffalo,’ and many more. We will also be taking part in fundraising for Children in Need and a Christmas performance which parents are invited to. | |
| **Halton Short Breaks**  Motiv8sports are providing a 6 week art and spray painting course for up to 12 children and young people aged 11+ up to 18. There is no cost to parents and it is through Halton Council.  The programme starts this Saturday 9th November and runs from 10am to 3pm (breaks and lunch within this time.). The focus of the sessions will be on a range of spray printing skills and other are based activities led by a professional artist, John Charles, who specialises in spray paint and pallet knife art.  Sessions are at:  Brookvale Community Centre  Northwich Road  Runcorn  WA7 6PE    and will run from Saturday 9th November until Saturday 14th December 2019.  Drinks and snacks will be provided, but children / young people will need to bring a PACKED LUNCH.  **To book a place please contact Motiv8Sports**  **Lee – 07725312730**  **Liz - 07796808258** | |
| **Hello from Class P1.**  The children and staff soon settled into our new class group for this year and have enjoyed a range of activities over the term so far linked to our Autumn 1 topic ‘Magical Times’, creating lots of art work to bring home for you to enjoy at half term. After the break our new topic will be ‘Rockets and Stars’ so we’ll enjoy planned activities relating to this, which will lead us nicely into the Christmas season.  All this of course alongside our ongoing work around developing communication and other important skills. We try to cook every week and the children are involved in counting, understanding, feeling, smelling and finally tasting, when possible, our ingredients and the finished product ☺ Contribution towards cooking of £1 a week, gratefully received as this helps towards buying the ingredients we need.  Parents of children in P1, P2 and P3 are invited to our ‘Christmas Spirit Event’ on December 12th at 10am to share Christmas songs and cookies with staff and children. | | |
| **Foundation Stage**  This half term is going to be a very busy one in Foundation Stage!  We are continuing with our theme of “Special People” looking this half term at people who help us.  For Children in Need we will be having a “Sleep Over” so pupils to come in their PJs, we will be having Pizza!! And are asking for a donation from each child of £1.50. At the end of our morning session we will be opening our doors early to invite parents in to buy cakes and cookies which we will be making in class. We will be selling these for £1 per plate.  We will be taking part in our Enterprise project at the beginning of December and will be making Christmas “Bath Bombs” to sell. These will be a pack of 3 festive shapes for a price of £1.50p.  We will also look at the lovely celebrations of lights occurring this half term including; bonfire night and Diwali, with lots of lovely activities linked to both.  Finally on December 16th it is our gorgeous annual Nativity play, this will start at 10am and the title of the play is “Our First Nativity” | | |