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**CHESNUT LODGE SCHOOL**

*School Newsletter*

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| **A Happy New Year to you all!**  Thank you to the parents and carers who managed to get in for one of our Christmas Performances, it was lovely to see you all.  Congratulations to Charlie, Masie and Joel who received Attendance Awards for achieving 100% Attendance over the Autumn Term and to Joe A who achieved an award for the most improved attendance. We are very proud of you all.  We have many exciting activities going on this term and the classes have put together a brief flavour of what they are going to be doing. Please encourage your child to continue learning about the topics being covered in class to further develop their skills and understanding. If you need any further information on how you can offer support, the class teacher would be happy to help.  Parents’ Afternoon / Evening for the Spring Term is Thursday 6th February, so please make sure that you are available to attend. I look forward to seeing you all soon.  Thank you.  Mrs Austin | |
| **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 in or book a phone conversation to discuss any concerns they may have about their child. Dates for this term are: 6th February, 5th March and 2nd April. Please call school to book a convenient time.  Pupils with more complex needs and those with health care plans continue to be supported by our Community children’s nursing team. | **Secondary 2 and 3**  This half term Secondary 2 and 3 are learning about the topic of inventions. We will be looking at the Industrial Revolution in Britain, learning about the key developments including steam engine, manufacturing of steel, and the growth of factory towns. We will also be inventing and making our own pencil pots in design and technology. This half term the children will also take part in an exciting whole school art project focused on celebrating the Toyko 2020 Olympics. The art will involve various techniques, including, collage, ink painting, and printing. The work will be displayed in the Shopping City, Runcorn. The mayor will be officially opening the exhibition on Monday 10th February at 4pm, and it will run until Thursday 27th February. |
| **Jean’s Choice**  **Let’s Get Cooking Recipe**  Why not try the Spinach, Mushroom and Onion Lasagne 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! |
| **Secondary 4**  Secondary 4 are going to have a busy half term with lots of exam work being done. We are learning about calendars and telling the time in Maths. It would be great if pupils could use any opportunities at home to discuss days of the week, months, seasons and look at different clocks to help give this a real life context. In English we are comparing traditional stories as well as doing lots of comprehension activities and writing. Please encourage pupils to continue to read at home. Our Science topic is about space and forces. We are learning about Queen Elizabeth I in History. We are learning about cyber bullying and spreadsheets in computing. The theme for Art is Cartoon art where I am sure pupils will produce some excellent pieces. Mrs Colville | |

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| **Secondary 1**  This term we are looking at “Inventions”. We are going to look at Computers and ipads and find out what people used to do before these were invented! | **Dates for your diary**  ***Wednesday 15th January 2020***  Governor Training in the meeting room 10.30am  ***Monday 20th January 2020***  6pm – Governors’ Briefing @ Stadium  ***Friday 31st January 2020***  Residential payment due  ***Tuesday 4th February 2020***  Governors’ meeting in the meeting room 1pm  ***Thursday 6th February 2020***  Parents’ Afternoon – 2pm to 5.30pm  Drop in Session with school nurse 2pm – 3pm  ***Tuesday 11th February 2020***  Safer Internet Day  ***Monday 17th Feb – Friday 21st Feb 2020***  Half Term  ***Friday 28th February 2020***  Residential payment due  ***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  ***Thursday 2nd April 2020***  Drop in Session with school nurse 2pm – 3pm  ***Monday 6th April – Friday 17th April 2020***  Easter Break |
| **Primary 2**  This term we are exploring the theme of Africa. We had a visit from Zoo Lab this week where students were able to meet and touch living creatures from Africa. We are currently reading Handa’s Surprise and are looking forward to trying on costumes and learning more about African culture. |
| **Primary 3**  In P3, our topic this term is Passion For Fashion! We will be learning all about different clothing and lifestyles in different countries around the world. We will tie this into our cookery lessons, by making themed dishes based on our country we are studying that week. We will also listen to different types of music, create pieces of artwork and dances based on our chosen countries.  Miss Bradshaw |
| **Hello from Class P1 and we all wish you a happy and successful 2020.**  Our current topic is ‘Animals on Parade’ and we will be looking at a different group of animals each week. Details are in the medium term plan which has already been sent home. During our first week we are looking forward to sharing a session run by Zoo Lab and we will be learning about the animals they bring in to share with us.  We are happy to still have Amy as our class governor and she will soon be spending some time in class with us getting to know our new class.  We are enjoying our new sensory garden (weather permitting) and will be doing some planting later on in the spring as well as sowing seeds in class.  We’re looking forward to the rest of our spring term, always lots to keep us busy with our friends in class.  Mrs Jones |
| **Foundation Stage**  In Foundation Stage this term we will be covering the topic "If you go down to the woods today..."    Within this topic we will be looking at Bears including our favourite bears, bears in the environment and also their habitat.  We will cover lots of stories and activities linked to bears and will start off our topic with the Teddy Bears Picnic. Our class bear Chesnut will be visiting homes each weekend and Rosie bear will be taking the children around the world each Wednesday within our cooking sessions.  On Friday the 24th of January we will be celebrating Chinese New Year and performing our annual Dragon Dance! This year we are celebrating the year of the Rat.  In the second half of this term we will be hosting an Easter Coffee Morning on the 26th March at 10am as part of our class enterprise, we will be inviting parents and family to join us in an Easter Egg Hunt in the forest as well as tea and cakes in class.  This second half term we will be spending our PE sessions outdoors with lots of physical activities linked to our topic and also the environment.  We will end our topic with a trip to Delamere Forest on the 2nd April where we will be holding our own Teddy Bears Picnic.  Our afternoon children will be leading the school assembly on the 3rd April at 2.30pm.  Thanks  Sue | |
| Sensory Base  This term the children in Sensory Base will be looking back in time at different inventions and will be making their own robot invention. The children will also be looking at their history and creating their own family trees.  Miss Spark. | |