



Church Hill Infant School

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Key Dates for your Diary....

Summer Term Begins:

Monday 25th April 2022

May Day Bank Holiday:

Monday 2nd May 2022

Midterm Break:

Mon 30th May to Fri 3rd June 2022

Summer Term ends:

Thursday 7th July 2022

—please note this a change to the original date due to the Queens

Jubilee

All term dates can be found on our website

COVID 19

Following on from our recent letter if your child test positive for COVID 19 then they are advised to minimise contact with others for 3 days.

If your child has symptoms of a respiratory illness which causes them to have a fever or feel very unwell then please keep them at home until the fever has gone and they are well enough to participate in the school day

Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope this newsletter finds you well having enjoyed the recent good weather and Easter bank holidays. Here at school the last couple of weeks of term have been quite disrupted as a result of a surge in some of the common childhood illnesses—cases of chicken pox and stomach bugs have been quite high and we continue to see some confirmed cases of COVID 19. We hope that the Easter holiday has given children a chance to get back to full health and that on our return we have fewer absences due to these illnesses. If, however, your child will be absent from school then please communicate with school regularly about the absence and type of illness so that this can be monitored.

The Spring term was extremely busy and jam packed with lots of fantastic learning and activities. We continue to be proud of the children as they demonstrate the Church Hill values and are pleased with the progress they have made so far this year. This next term is relatively short and there will be lots to fit in—the children will continue to learn through lots of exciting topics, we will hopefully enjoy learning outdoors in the good weather and the children will start to prepare for the transition to their next classes. For our Year 2 pupils next term will bring lots of opportunities to prepare for the move to the Junior School—further information on this will be sent in due course.

The findings of the recent parent survey that was sent out by Bradgate Education Partnership reiterated the fact that parents wanted the opportunity for their child to attend some after school clubs. With this in mind we have organised for two sports based clubs to take place after Easter. The places are limited, but, if we find that these have been popular then we will look to run further clubs for Summer 2 and the new academic year. If you were unsuccessful in securing a place this time then you will be offered a place on the next club.

Please remember that lots of information regarding learning is shared on the school website as well as regular posts and photos being put on our twitter page: @CHISThurmaston.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that the children return to school on Monday 25th April. We look forward to seeing everyone then and working with you all during the Summer Term.

Mrs Elliott



Teaching School Alliance

Red Nose Day



This year, we supported Comic Relief by wearing different clothes. Children enjoyed taking part in a variety of activities and helped to raise money for a fantastic cause.

Thank you once again for your generous donations—in total we raised a massive £219! Well done everyone.

Easter Service

Due to the pandemic we have missed our annual Easter Service for the last couple of years and it was exciting to be able to enjoy coming together to celebrate this year. Although we did not attend the Church in the village we invited Reverend Tim and Reverend Steve to an Easter Service here in school. The children watched and listened in awe as Reverend Tim told the story of Easter. There was also a poem shared by Miss Kirby and some of her class, a reading by Mr Mayhew and the children sang two songs beautifully.



School Kitchen



The recent change back to three meal choices has been popular, with some children trying hot dinners when they have previously had a packed lunch.

If your child would like to try a hot meal then this can be ordered on the day at register time.

The most popular meals at the moment are Sausage and Mash, Chicken Pie, Pasta Bake and Pizza.

Free School Meals & the Pupil Premium

Whilst all our children receive a free school meal, it is still important to apply for "Free School Meals" through the Leicestershire County Council if you are entitled to do so, as this enables our school to vital "Pupil Premium" funding.

Pupil Premium is additional funding given to publicly funded schools in England to raise attainment. For more information on how we spend our Pupil Premium allocation and the impact it has please see our website.

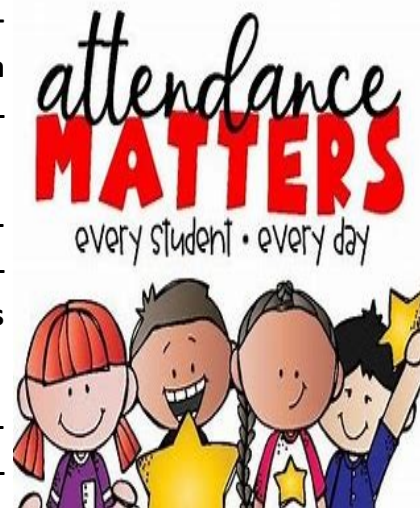
If your child is entitled to a "Free School Meal" we will support them further by providing a **uniform package, free milk after your child's 5th birthday and subsidised trips and clubs.**



To register your child for "Free School Meals" please either contact the school office for an application form or call School Food Support Service on 0116 3056588. Applying and registering for FSM is always confidential.

Appointments, Exceptional Leave and Absence

- ♦ Whilst we appreciate that it can be difficult to make appointments in the current climate we would appreciate if appointments could be made outside of the school day. We have continued to see a number of children being collected at different times and this can be quite disruptive for the child and the class.
- ♦ A polite reminder that children need to be on time in the morning—arriving just a few minutes late is disruptive to the class and can result in missed learning as classes quickly settle to morning jobs and retrieval activities
- ♦ If your child needs to be absent for a short period of time due to exceptional circumstances / reasons then parents must complete an Exceptional Leave Request form. Once submitted this form will be reviewed by Mrs Elliott and a decision regarding the request will be sent to you.
- ♦ If your child is absent due to being unwell we would appreciate your support in reporting the absence. This can be done by leaving a phone message or by messaging the school on Arbor.



New Life



As part of the curriculum and understanding about life cycles and where animals come from, we recently had 10 eggs arrive in an incubator.

There was great excitement across school as we waited for the first signs of the chicks hatching and the children watched live on Microsoft Teams as the first few chicks made their appearance. We are pleased to say that all 10 eggs hatched and there were 5 girls and 5 boys!

Foundation Stage / Year 1 Trip - Classes JJ and PC

The children in classes JJ and PC had a fantastic day out at the Farm recently. The children visited Manor Farm Park and Woodland at East Leake where they got to see a variety of animals, explore the Woodland and have fun in the play area.



There was also a chance for the children to have an up close experience with some of the smaller animals when they got to handle rabbits, guinea pigs and even a tortoise!

On their way around the farm they also got chance to see the Birds of Prey and spotted a few dinosaurs!

After such a busy day a few children fell asleep on the coach back and the staff and helpers were definitely ready to put their feet up.

EYFS / Yr 1 latest news...

The children in classes JJ and PC have been enjoying being outside and helping to sow seeds. They have been using the equipment given to the school by Morrison's to start growing peas, potatoes and carrots.



The children loved finding out about Pancake day and the school kitchen made pancakes for all of the children to taste. The highlight of the term was the visit to the farm. Although it was a very tiring day they had lots of fun finding out about different animals.

Year 1 updates ...



Year 1 have been very busy this term—we have been artists, scientists and have demonstrated our super reading skills. We had great fun buddying up with the children in Year 2 for World Book day—we got to read and hear different stories. We have been busy watching our beans sprout and the new leaves develop.

Year 2 newsflash ...

The Year 2 children have had a wonderful time exploring the topic Chocohisious! Chocolate tasting, designing and cooking has helped them learn all about where chocolate comes from, how it is made and what Fairtrade means. In PE the children have developed their gymnastic skills and shown great body tension. A highlight of this term was the visit from Lion Learners—the children got to meet and hold all sorts of creatures!

