

Chigwell Row Infant School Newsletter



22nd November 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

What another eventful week it has been! Oak Tree had a lovely day trip out to the London Museum. Mrs Hammond reported that all the children in her class displayed perfect behavior on the trip down to London and represented the school well. The children found out lots more about the Great Fire of London which is their history topic this term. Year one, Maple Class have been enjoying the picture book 'Handa's Surprise' and I have had the pleasure of visiting their writing class. I am so impressed with the progress the children have made since they were in Reception class, particularly how well they are using their phonics in their written work! Willow class have also had a busy week. They have been learning all about number bonds to five this week - see if you can test them on their number pairs! They have also been learning about festivals including Divali, Hannukah and of course Christmas!



Reminder:

Please make sure your child comes to school in suitable, warm clothing now that the days are getting colder. Reception parents, please could you help your child at home to put his/her coat, hats and gloves on independently as this will be a great help to teachers and is a core skill to achieve.

Breakfast and after school provision

Costs:

8am - Breakfast club - £2.50

After 8.30 - Breakfast club - £1

After school club - £5 per session with a snack or £20 for the whole week

You can pay in advance or as you go but please ensure the money is in a sealed envelope with your child/ren's name and the amount enclosed. Please notify the office asap on the day if it is last minute.



Chigwell Row Infant's Stars and mathematicians of the Week!





Attendance percentages for this week were:

Reception 87.9
 Year 1 97.6
 Year 2 92.75
 This week's winner
 Was Year 1
 Well Done!

Photographer

Due to disappointment with the recent school photographs, we have arranged for the photographer to come back into school during the morning of Wednesday 27th November.

Car parking

Please can I ask that parents and visitors use the carpark opposite the school or the Two Brewers carpark when picking up or dropping of children. Parking is very tight for some local residents and some have reported that cars are parked across drive ways making it difficult to get cars out of drives. Might I also remind you that the car park itself does not belong to us, it belongs to the Woodland Trust. We are very grateful that our parents and visitors get to use this space so please can we be mindful of parking sensibly and not taking up too much room when parking alongside each other. Some residents and dog walkers have complained. Many thanks!

Late pick ups from after school club

Once again this week, staff were made to stay way past their contractual and paid hours waiting for children to be picked up from after school club. Whilst I know that things can happen and that sometimes cannot be helped, there are a number of children that are being picked up late consistently. I now have no choice but to start charging repeatedly late (more than two times) parents by charging £1 per minute late. This will cover staff overtime and hopefully will deter parents from being late and having to make my staff work during their own personal time.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 27th November	Photographer in school to take photographs of pupils and siblings
Friday 29th November	(PTA) bring a bottle tombola non-uniform.
Thursday 5th December 10am	Whole school trip to the pantomime at Queens Theatre Hornchurch. Details to follow (children and staff only).

Friday 6th December	(PTA) Christmas Fayre. Details to follow. All welcome.
Tuesday 10th December 1.30pm	Daytime Whole School Nativity Performance at All Saint's Church. All welcome. Details to follow.
Wednesday 11th December 6.30pm	Evening Whole School Nativity Performance at All Saint's Church. All welcome. Details to follow.
Thursday 12th December	(PTA) present stall. Details to follow.
Friday 13th December	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day. For a £1 donation to Save the Children. Whole school Christmas Dinner.
Thursday 19th December 1.15pm	Break up for Christmas.

Have a great week!

Miss Dowling