

Our School Newsletter

Chandlers Field Primary School 3 September 2021 No. 1



Dear All

The warmest of welcomes to all our new and existing parents, carers and children. This academic year has started with so much excitement and anticipation of things to come in the year ahead. Seeing everyone back in school is so good and the life the children bring to the school building is refreshing. Covid is hopefully behind us and the year ahead looks bright.

Lynn Williams, Head Teacher

Paddington Place

Our new SEN unit opened to pupils with the new staff team this week. It is to be known as **Paddington Place** in keeping with our London theme around school. The centre staff and children will keep this name when the new building is ready for them to move into. The pupils have all settled in beautifully and it has been a pleasure to have the children in school.

The new building will be in place soon and then all the services will need connecting along with the physical connection to the existing building. I am told it is on track to be completed by mid-November although it would be even better if it were earlier!

A new addition to the school team

As some of you may know, as a school we have wanted and felt there was a need in school for a therapy dog for a while now, but due to the high cost to the school we have not been able to have one. Therapy dogs are in great demand as they have been proven to reduce anxiety and stress in children and the elderly. With our new SEN unit open it seems even more appropriate to have a therapy dog.

I will be homing a spaniel puppy of my own to train and become a therapy dog. I know he comes from two beautiful parents who have the required nature and demeanour to be excellent therapy

dogs. He will be an integral part of our school community and even better, there will be no cost to the school.

He will undertake the necessary training to obtain the appropriate Therapy Dog certification as soon as he is old enough.

The school will ensure the appropriate risk assessments and insurance are in place and of course before he is introduced to the children, careful consideration will be given for any children who are not yet comfortable around animals or have allergies. For this reason, next week we will be setting up an online form for you to let us know if your child has any issues, or not, relating to being in a room with a puppy, or close contact with a dog.

My research and reading of professional documents around therapy dogs in school has been to ensure the safety of everyone. The puppy and the children will be introduced to each other gradually and he will be able to become accustomed to the sights, sounds and people in school.

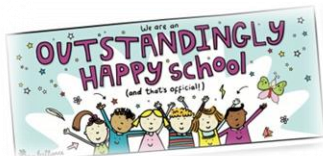
The children will get to see some pictures of him and find out his name next week. We hope they are as excited as we are.

Playground markings

The younger children have been exploring the new playground markings that were installed on the last few days of the summer term. There are lots of games for them to play and a brilliant roadway for them to use and ride around. We are now ordering some tricycles for them to use on the roadway at breaktimes. I wonder if we will need to install traffic lights?

Leavers

It was nice to have an opportunity, albeit brief, for our leavers to finally get to say goodbye as a year



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group. (one of the classes had to isolate at the end of the summer term.) We all wish them well on the next step of their education journey. Thanks also to Mrs Matthews for arranging balloons for them.

Child Protection

At Chandlers Field Primary School we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. Our Child Protection Policy is available on our website www.chandlers-field.surrey.sch.uk under policies.

Pupil Absence Procedures

The School's Attendance Policy states that parents and carers must inform the school office on the first day their child is absent from school and on any subsequent days.

Absence calls to school must be made by 9.00am. If you call the previous evening please leave a message on school voicemail. After 8.30 am please leave a message on the absence line by choosing option 1. This procedure is to ensure that your child is safeguarded at all times.

If a child has not arrived at school and we have not heard from a parent or carer we have to follow up to find out where they are; they may have gone missing on the way to school, you may be ill and be unable to raise help.

If we have not heard why your child is absent, we will try to call you and if we cannot make contact with you we will call the people on the list of contacts you have provided.

If we are unable to make contact with a parent, carer or designated relative over the phone and we do not know where your child is we will do a home visit to make sure they, and you are safe. As a final step, we will call the police.

It is important that the list of emergency contacts is always up to date. If you need to provide the office with any changes to these, please could you do so as soon as possible.

Leave of absence taken during term time will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. You may be liable to receive a Penalty Notice for unauthorised leave of absence taken during term time. Please refer to the school's Attendance Policy available on our website, as there have been some minor amendments for more details.

Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday

There has had to be a necessary adjustment to the term dates for 2021/22 to accommodate an additional day's holiday in lieu of the Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday on Friday 03 June 2022.

Therefore **Monday 3 November 2021** (the day immediately after the October half-term) is the day to replace this additional bank holiday which falls in the summer half-term break.

Dates for Diary

22 Sept 2021	National fitness day
04 & 05 Oct 2021	Inset Day (no children in school)
8 Oct 2021	World Mental Health Day
11 Oct 2021	Aspiration Launch
12 Oct 2021	Ada Lovelace Day
13 Oct 2021	Whole school nasal flu
18-22 Oct 2021	Year 6 Residential
22 Oct 2021	Show racism the red card
22 Oct 2021	Last day of half term
01 Nov 2021	Additional day's holiday in lieu of the Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday
02 Nov 2021	Children return to school