

Our School Newsletter

Chandlers Field Primary School

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Aspirations



Perseverance



Courage



Compassion



Respect



Together

Our School Values

Queen Elizabeth II

The death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II on Friday was very sad and the school is sending a book of condolences from all the children and staff. There is a book at the front of the school should any parent or carer want to add their condolences too.

Bank Holiday

Monday 19th is the state funeral and has been deemed a bank holiday. The school will not be open that day. It will reopen on Tuesday 20th at normal time.

Message from Mrs Williams

Welcome back to a new school year. Its be a delight to see all the children in school and having walked around the classes I am very proud of their enthusiasm and engagement with their learning this first week. They all look so smart in their school uniform and I can't believe how tall some of them have grown over the summer... I may have to dig out my high heels.

A very warm welcome to all our new parents and carers. Starting school is sometimes more scary for parents and carers than the children themselves. Please come and talk to us if there is anything you are unsure of or would like to ask. Please remember that Mr McKee and I are always out the front of the school if you want to catch us at the start or end of the day and Mrs Edwards our Parental support worker is on the front gate. Mrs Umney will be in the front Reception area at the start of the day to see any late comers into school. Getting to school on time really helps your child settle into the day quickly so they are ready to learn.

We have an exciting year ahead and you will have been sent information about Forest School days, PE days and swimming (Year 4). If you have not received these please look on the website.

Look out for the class blogs which are sent out weekly to let you know what your child is learning that week.

Once the trips and visits are planned and organised for the year group by the class teachers we will send this out too so you know what is ahead. Sometimes we need parent and carer helpers on trips and it is lovely that you are able to not only help but contribute to the experiences.

Meet the teacher

You are all very welcome to come along and meet your child's class teacher on the following days and times. This is an informal opportunity for you to talk to the staff and ask any questions related to the curriculum, the learning being covered this year, to find out about reading and all things learning related, including how you can best support your child's learning.

Yr 6 – 20. 9. 22 – Tuesday – 9.00 – 9.20 am

Yr 5 – 10.10.22 - Monday – 9.00 – 9.20 am

Yr 4 - 27 .9 .22 – Tuesday – 9.00 – 9.20 am

Yr 3 - 26.9.22 – Monday – 9.00 – 9.20 am

Yr 2 - 29.9 22 – Thursday – 9.00 – 9.20 am

Yr 1 – 28.9.22 - Wednesday 2.45 – 3.05 pm

Yr R – 22.9.22 - Thursday - 6pm – 6.30 pm

Parent voice

As an integral part of the Chandlers Field School community we want to hear your ideas and suggestions for how we can make this an even better school for the children.

Pop along any time between 9.15 am and 9.45 am on Thursday 22nd September to Albert Hall, to join Mrs Williams, Mr McKee and Mrs Edwards for the first Parent Voice meeting of the new school year.

More Parent Voice meetings will be held throughout the year, so please do not worry if you cannot make this session.

School Dinners

There has been a small price increase for school lunches, the daily cost of a school lunch will be £2.60 per day, £13.00 per week. All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a universal free school meal. The children have a choice of three meals every day and can also help themselves to a salad bar. If you would like to see a menu please ask at the school office.

A huge well done to our catering team, Twelve 15, for maintaining their Food Hygiene Rating of 5. A fantastic achievement.

FoodFest - Saturday 19th November – a date for your diary

The school will be hosting a food fest. Local traders, parents even the school kitchen will have a stall selling favourite items from the school dinner menu.

Eat here or take it home? Lets make this a day to remember.

Can you offer time to help on the day?

Do you want a stall?

Contact Mrs Fleming in the first instance by email: info@chandlers-field.surrey.sch.uk

School Uniform Exchange and wellington boots

Please remember we have a second hand uniform exchange that is being organised by Mrs Stock and Mrs LePage. All good uniform that your child has grown out of is gratefully received including wellington boots which our forest school leader would be grateful of.

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.

Dates for your diaries

2022 -2023	
01 Sept 2022	Inset day (no children in school)
02 Sept 2022	Inset day (no children in school)
05 Sept 2022	Children return to school
19 Sept 2022	Bank Holiday (school closed)
22 Sept 2022	Parent Voice Meeting, Albert Hall 9.15 am – 9.45 am
03 Oct 2022	Inset day (no children in school)
04 Oct 2022	Inset day (no children in school)
21 Oct 2022	Last day of half term
31 Oct 2022	Children return to school
19 Nov 2022	Chandlers Field Food Fest
16 Dec 2022	Last day of term
23 Jan 2023	Inset day (no children in school)

Please note any new dates which are added will be highlighted in red

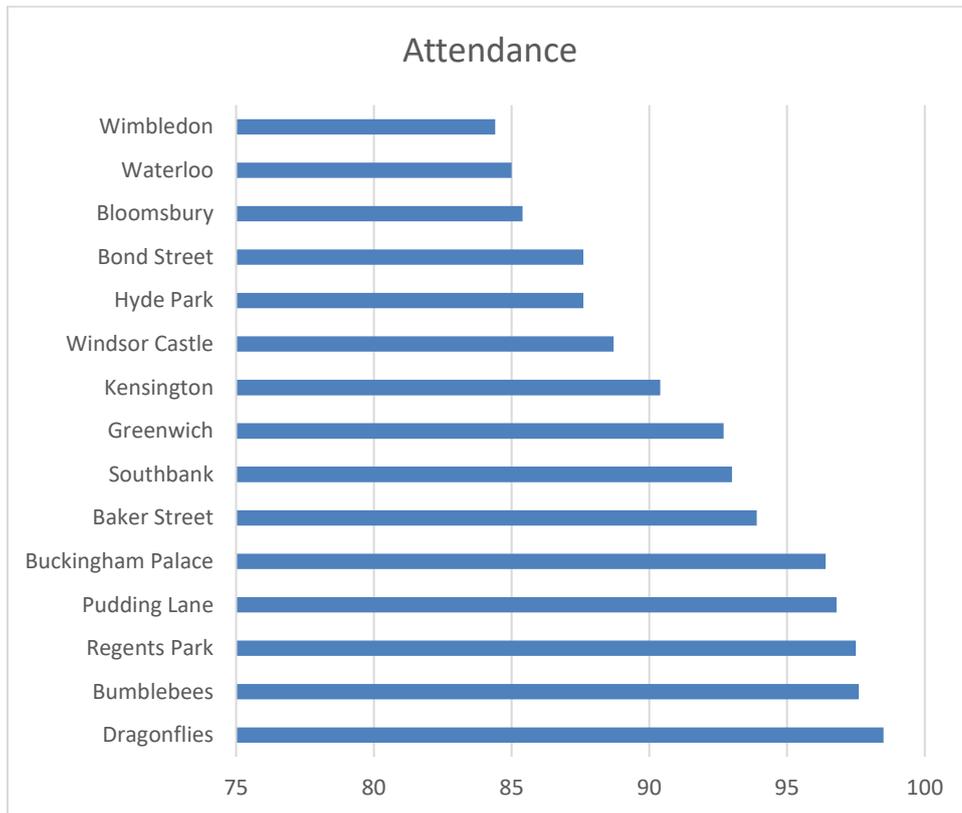
Please note dates in green are events that parents will be invited to attend

Please remember to always check the school website diary too.

More information to follow next week.

Celebration page

Last week's class attendance percentages



Free Online Guides for Families in Surrey

Bringing up children is a lot of fun but can also have its challenges and understanding your child's emotional development can help to support your relationship and your child's behaviour. Families living in Surrey can get access to FREE online guides that include top tips from childcare, education and NHS health experts.

Understanding your pregnancy, labour, birth and your baby

Understanding your baby

Understanding your child 0-19 years

Understanding your teenager's brain

Understanding your brain (for teenagers only!)

Understanding your child with additional needs

The guides are available in other languages including Urdu, Chinese and Polish. Register for free using the code 'ACORN' by visiting the Children and Family Health Surrey website: www.childrenshealthsurrey.nhs.uk/services/free-online-guides-families

From CAMHS

Invite to ASD parent support group Wednesday 21 Sept 2022

- **Support group for parents whose child is awaiting ASD assessment or just had a diagnosis from CAMHS.**
- **Topic: Sleep**
- Date: Wed 21 Sept 2022
- Time: 12:30 to 13:30
- Venue: CAMHS Redhill, Gatton Place, St Matthews Rd, Redhill, RH1 1TA
- Parking at Belfry shopping centre just opposite Gatton Place
- Please bring your own travel / takeaway hot drink – I will have some biscuits! Please do a LFT if required beforehand.
- Hope you can make it!



What happens in our group sessions?

- There is a number of parents whose children are awaiting an ASD assessment at CAMHS. As it is taking some time, it may cause anxiety and confusion for the children and their families. (That sort of inspired the name of the group as we are all 'in the same boat').
- I wanted to set up a support group for parents which will meet once a month for an hour. I will facilitate this group and send out the invites via email and also any other information that I find helpful. Sometimes I arrange for others to come in and give a talk about a specific topic. It may be professionals from outside CAMHS or one of the other staff members.
- During this group we would be able to share our thoughts, ideas and encourage each other. I can also point you to further local support and resources. I will share any new research and updates on ASD.
- I will not be able to handle any specific queries about your individual child during our discussions, but will try my best to give guidance on where to find information.
- This is an open group, so it will be important to keep any information confidential when we share during our sessions. I will remind us again during our meeting.
- I feel passionate to help and equip families while they await their ASD diagnosis so that this will be a very positive experience for them.