

Our School Newsletter

Chandlers Field Primary School

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Our School Values



Aspirations



Perseverance



Courage



Compassion



Respect



Together

Welcome Back

Welcome back to a new school year. It is always a delight to have all the children in school. The school has a real buzz and an energy as you walk around. We are very proud of their enthusiasm and engagement with their learning this first week.

Thank you for ensuring your child comes to school on time and looking so smart; wearing the correct uniform. As a collective they really do look impressive. If you struggle with sourcing school uniform do speak to Mrs Edwards or the school office.

A very warm welcome to all our new parents and carers. I remember how emotional your child starting school is. Please come and talk to us if there is anything you are unsure of or would like to ask. Please remember that Mr McKee, Mrs Coombs, Miss Callen and I are always out at 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 hurry late comers into school. Getting to school on time really helps your child settle into the day quickly so they are ready to learn.

Look out for the class blogs which are sent out weekly to let you know what your child is learning that week. Our curriculum overviews are on the website, under curriculum, do take a look.

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.

Staffing

We are delighted to welcome new members to our school family. We know you will make them feel welcome too.

Class teachers:

Miss Arnold, Dragonflies

Miss Douglas, Regents Park

Learning Support Assistants:

Miss Marshall

Mrs Payne

Mrs Ndlovu-Katungu

School Business Manager

Mr Nelson

In addition to this we are delighted to announce that Ms Packer is expecting a baby towards the end of the term, and we are interviewing potential new teachers to ensure there is a smooth hand over.

A reminder of our new leadership structure

Just to remind you that from September Mr McKee is a Co-Head teacher with myself, Mrs Williams and Mrs Coombs is the Deputy Head Teacher.

I am having an operation on my foot on Tuesday next week so I won't be able to be in school for a couple of weeks but in my usual way I will be in constant contact with the school and will be back on site as soon as I can convince someone to drive me!

Staff training Days

The staff had two days of training before the children started. They covered a wide range of items including, but not limited to; the annual safeguarding training, effective subject leadership, and the curriculum. Future training days are on the dates at the end of this newsletter.

PE Days

Please see below PE days for each year group. On these days children come into school in their correct PE kit:-

Monday	Year 2
Tuesday	Year 1 & Year 3
Wednesday	Year 5 & Reception
Thursday	Year 6
Friday	Year 4

Meet the teacher

You are all very welcome to come along and meet your child's class teacher on the following days and times. We are doing things a little differently this year and it will be an informal opportunity for you to see, meet and talk with the teachers, and to discuss anything curriculum related, the learning being covered this year, to find out about reading and all things learning related, including how to support your child's learning. It will be a chance to volunteer for things like hearing children read.

These are the dates for your diary...

Year 2	18.09 23	Monday 9.00 – 9.30 am
Year 1	18.09.23	Monday 2.30 – 3.00 pm

Year 5	19.09.23	Tuesday 9.00 – 9.30 am
Year 4	19.09.23	Tuesday 2.30 – 3.00 pm
Year 3	20.09.23	Wednesday 9.00 – 9.30 am
Year 6	20.09.23	Wednesday 2.30 – 3.00 pm
Year R	21.09.23	Thursday 9.00 - 9.30 am

School Dinners

Julie our cook is amazing. Her and her team takes great care with our school meals and loves chatting with the children when she is serving them.

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.

For children in Years 3,4,5 and 6 the daily cost of a school lunch is £2.70 per day, £13.50 per week and should be paid through Parentmail.

Attendance

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. If you call on the day, 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.

Please be aware that The Education (Pupil Registration)(England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. The Headteachers are required to determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted.

In accordance with the above Regulations, requests for leave of absence are treated sympathetically, but only in exceptional circumstances can they be approved. Government Regulations state that parents who take their child out of school during term time for five days or more, without the authority of the Headteachers, will each be liable to receive a penalty notice. Penalty Notices will be issued by the Local Authority and in Surrey it has been agreed that Penalty Notices will only be issued where five days or more unauthorised leave of absence is taken. These absences do not have to be consecutive but could be accumulated over a 3-month period.

The penalty is £60 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice, rising to £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days of receipt of the notice. If the penalty is not paid by the end of the 28-day period the Local Authority will prosecute the recipient for failing to ensure the regular school attendance of their child under section 444 Education Act 1996.

Please be aware that each parent is liable to receive a Penalty Notice for each child who incurs unauthorised absences. For example, if there are two parents and two children, each parent will receive two Penalty Notices.

After School Clubs

Some external clubs are starting next week and information on these has been sent out by Parentmail. More information on all current clubs and the timetable will be sent out next week- A full list will be at the end of this newsletter next week.

Volunteer librarians needed

If you are interested and able to spare any time to help with the school library please speak to the school office and we will be in touch. The library is used and enjoyed by all children and it is something that we really value. Any help would be very welcome.

Thank you to the Friends of Chandlers Field

A huge thank you for the fundraising via Tesco tokens that funded our lovely storytelling seat and stools for the children to use at break and lunchtime. The Friends of Chandlers Field have their own section at the bottom of this newsletter.



Dates for your diaries

2023 -2024	
01 Sept 2023	Inset day (no children in school)
04 Sept 2023	Inset day (no children in school)
05 Sept 2023	Children return to school
18 Sept 2023	Year 2 Meet the Teacher 9.00 – 9.30 am
18 Sept 2023	Year 1 Meet the Teacher 2.30 – 3.00 pm
19 Sept 2023	Year 5 Meet the Teacher 9.00 – 9.30 am
19 Sept 2023	Year 4 Meet the Teacher 2.30 – 3.00 pm
20 Sept 2023	Year 3 Meet the Teacher 9.00 – 9.30 am
20 Sept 2023	Year 6 Meet the Teacher 2.30 – 3.00 pm
21 Sept 2023	Reception Meet the Teacher 9.00 - 9.30 am
29 Sept 2023	Friends of Chandlers Field AGM – 9am
10 Oct 2023	PGL meeting for Year 6 Parents 3.30 pm
11 Oct 2023	Whole school Nasal Flu (Rec – Year 6)
16 – 10 Oct 2023	Book Fair
20 Oct 2023	Last day of half term
30 Oct 2023	Inset day (no children in school)
31 Oct 2023	Children return to school
01 Nov 2023	Individual school photographs
06- 10 Nov 2023	Year 6 PGL
17 Nov 2023	Children in Need
21 Nov 2023	Parent and Carer Consultations
23 Nov 2023	Parent and Carer Consultations
05 Dec 2023	Christmas Craft with your child
07 Dec 2023	Christmas Fayre
07 Dec 2023	Christmas Jumper Day
12 Dec 2023	Nursery Nativity
13 Dec 2023	Reception Nativity
15 Dec 2023	End of Term
02 Jan 2024	Children return to school
06 Feb 2024	Safer Internet Day
09 Feb 2024	End of half term
19 Feb 2024	Children return to school
19 Feb 2024	Art Week

28 Feb 2024	Art Exhibition
04 Mar 2024	Inset day (no children in school)
07 Mar 2024	World Book Day
11 Mar 2024	Reports to Parents
12 Mar 2024	Parent & Carer Consultations
14 Mar 2024	Parent & Carer Consultations
23 Mar 2024	World Math's Day
28 Mar 2024	End of Term
15 April 2024	Children return to school
13 May 2024	KS2 SATs week
24 May 2024	End of half term
03 June 2024	Children return to school
19 June 2024	KS1 and KS2 Sports Day
20 June 2024	Reception and Nursery Sports Day
24 June 2024	Inset day (no children in school)
12 July 2024	Reports to Parents
16 July 2024	Parent and Carer Consultations to discuss Report
18 July 2024	Parent picnic lunch
23 July 2024	Last day of term

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.

Friends of Chandlers Field page

The Friends of Chandlers Field School would like to welcome you to this new school year. We would love to hear from parents eager to be involved with the school community, who have ideas for fundraising and those who want to help with running events. If you'd like to join us then please send a message to Robyn on 07816555949 and/or please come to our annual general meeting at school on 29th September 9am to say hello!

Parent support and courses



Families Thriving Together
Normalising parenting support for all

The Nurturing Programme

Understanding why children behave as they do. Recognising the feelings behind their behaviours

Listening and Communicating and nurturing ourselves

Exploring different approaches to discipline such as choices and consequences and time to calm down

The parenting puzzle

This 10 week programme is aimed at those parenting any aged child and helps to deal with challenges so you can have a calmer family life

Scan the QR code to find out more about our workshops and how they can fit around your busy life.



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This course starts on Thursdays 7 – 8.30 pm via Zoom.

21st Sept -30 Nov (break for October half term)

Suggested £50 donation, but not obligatory.

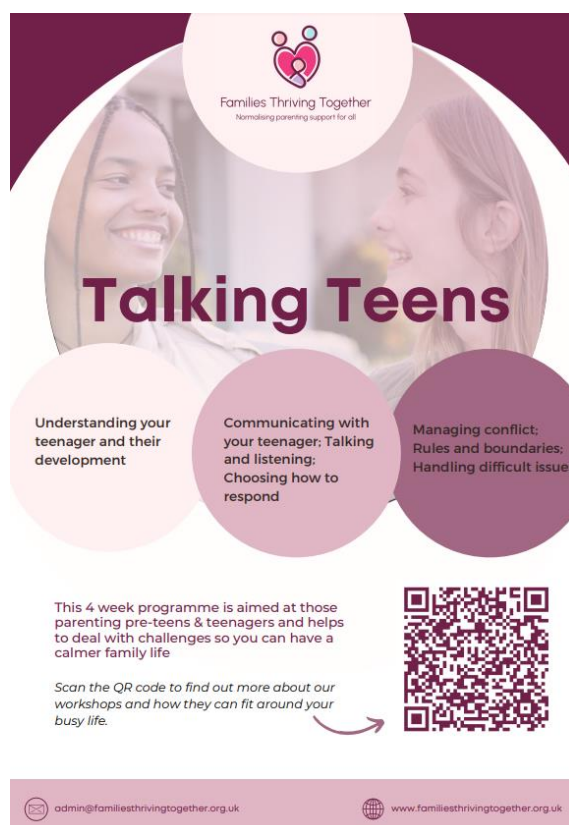
The programme below is for anyone parenting pre-teen or teen aged children, whether that be a parent, foster parent, grandparent, aunt, carer etc. and are free of charge.

Details of the next programme:

4 sessions

Tuesday 19th September – 10th October 2023

10 -11.30 am via Zoom



Families Thriving Together
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Talking Teens


Understanding your teenager and their development

Communicating with your teenager; Talking and listening; Choosing how to respond

Managing conflict: Rules and boundaries; Handling difficult issues

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FAMILY LEARNING



Free Courses and Workshops for parents and carers who speak English as an Additional Language (EAL)

Are you new to the UK or did you go to school in another country?

These free courses and workshops are delivered online and can help you support your child with school and family life.

What will I learn?

- Understand the education system in England
- How to support your child with schoolwork including reading, phonics, grammar and the language of maths
- Tips on raising bilingual children
- Practise your English language skills

New EAL workshops:

Adapting to Secondary School

Let's talk about Life Online

How to talk about my Neurodivergent Child

For course dates, more information and to book your place please click on [this link](#) or scan the QR code



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