



Sept 2024

# CHIEVELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## WELCOME BACK!

What a busy and exciting start to the term we have had! It has been lovely to see all of our families return from summer, energetic and ready for the new school year! We've been impressed with how all children have settled into their new classes so well and thank parents for their support with this!

Hopefully you have received some communication from the office already with dates for the diary and had a chance to meet the teacher at our events this month - if you had any other questions, please do email the office directly and we will be happy to help.

For new parents to the school, if you have any questions or concerns, please either catch the teacher at drop off or pick up in KS1 or email the class teacher via the school office ([office@chieveleyschool.co.uk](mailto:office@chieveleyschool.co.uk)) and we can direct your query to the right person!

We very much look forward to a happy and successful year and working with you to ensure your child has the best time at Chieveley School!

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## HOUSE CAPTAIN ELECTONS

After appointing some of our leaders at the end of last year, we have some exciting appointments for some of our pupil leadership positions in Year 6—we know they will step up to their new roles and showcase their fantastic skills! Well done to all!

House Captains and Vice House Captains:

Evie, Jacob C, Owen E,  
Oskar, Dylan, Daisy M,

Isabella and Elizabeth.



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### OCTOBER

Wednesday 2nd  
Individual and sibling photos

Friday 4th  
INSET DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED

Wednesday 9th  
Flu Vaccinations

Friday 11th & Friday 18th  
Jays Bikeability—level 1

Tuesday 22nd October (5-8pm)  
Parents Evening

Wednesday 23rd (3.50-6.50pm)  
Parents Eve (except Robins)

Thursday 24th  
PTA Halloween disco  
Wren/KS1 3.30-4.30pm  
KS2 4.45-5.45pm

Thursday 24th  
END OF TERM

### NOVEMBER

Monday 4th  
START OF TERM

Tues 5th— 11th  
Book Fair in the hall

Tuesday 19th  
Kingfisher trip to Newbury Museum



## Out and about with the Kingfishers!

On Tuesday, Kingfisher class went for a walk around the village. This was to help with our Geography topic. The children had maps to follow our route as we walked and we looked for different geographical features around Chieveley. We walked through woodland and fields and spotted sheep and alpacas on the way. Then we walked along the main high street where we saw features such as bus stops, walls that were built 40 years ago and the Church. Following on from our walk we will be making our maps showing the different features we saw.

Mrs Morris Knight



## READING SUPERSTARS!

We were delighted to hear about the reading champions who completed their summer reading challenge this year. We are always so impressed by those who continue to show their love of reading over the summer break when we are all so busy! It has been great to hear about the places across the world that people have read their favourite books and some children who have found new characters and stories to enjoy too.

Well done to all those who completed the summer reading challenge! Super work!



## OWLS BIKABILITY REPORT

At Chieveley Primary school this week, from the 23rd to the 24th of September, Owls completed their Level 2 Bikeability. Bikeability is a biking course that we complete from Year 5 to Year 6. This week, we were taught by 4 instructors to be safe whilst cycling on the roads.

On Monday, we had to do drills such as: performing U-Turns; manoeuvring through chicanes (going in and out of cones); signalling whilst in motion; moving around parked cars and positioning ourselves safely on the road.

We also learnt how to do the A,B,C,D check. A for AIR (to check you have air in your tyres), B for BRAKES (check if your brakes work), C is for CHAIN (to avoid jams or breaks) and last but not least, D for DANGLIES and DODGIES (eg laces, or baggy Trousers).

On Tuesday, we went on Chieveley's roadways. We used our skills from the previous day to communicate to each other and prove that we were sensible enough to lead a bike ride. Then we went all the way up and past the village hall! We had tons of fun on our Bikeability level 2!

by Olivia and Lorelei, Y6

# REMINDERS FOR ALL

As the new year has started, please can I remind families about PE kit expectations and break snacks and lunchtime expectations.

Children should be coming into school in all-black shoes and changing into trainers for PE during the day.

| Tops   | Bottoms  | Footwear   |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Plain white t-shirt</li><li>• Plain dark green t-shirt (replaced yellow t-shirt Sept 2022)</li><li>• Plain black jumper for cold weather</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Black PE shorts</li><li>• Plain joggers for cold weather</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Trainers</li></ul> |

## PACKED LUNCH AND SNACK REMINDERS

We would like lunch boxes to reflect a healthy balanced meal. There are currently no government regulations regarding the contents of children's packed lunches. However the British Nutrition Foundation produced a set of guidelines recommending what should be included in lunch boxes to provide them with a healthy meal.

The recommended contents of a healthy lunch box are:

- A good portion of starchy food e.g. wholegrain roll, thick slice of bread, pitta pocket, plain cracker, pasta or rice salad.
- Plenty of fruit and vegetables e.g. an apple, satsuma, handful of cherry tomatoes or carrot sticks, mini can of fruit chunks (decanted into a plastic container), small box of raisins
- A portion of milk or dairy food e.g. individual cheese portion, pot of yogurt.
- A small portion of lean meat, fish or alternative e.g. 2 slices of ham.
- A drink e.g. small carton of fruit juice, no added sugar fruit squash. Water is provided.

One small packet of crisps, a fruit scone or portion of malt loaf, a small cake or biscuit may also be included (please avoid chocolate as much as possible).

In addition, we request parents not to include the following:

- Sweets
- Fizzy/sugary drinks

Please note we are a nut free school (including chocolate spread).

## SNACKS AT BREAK TIME

Children in EYFS and KS1 have a daily snack of fruit or veg provided for free by the government, so additional snacks for these ages may not be required.

If you are intending to send in healthy snacks with your child please limit them to the list below.

- Vegetables/ vegetable sticks - such as celery, cucumber, peppers or carrot.
- A piece of cheese (cheddar cheese or Babybel).
- A piece of fresh or dried fruit - pineapple, mango, kiwi, plain raisins, apricots, blueberries, banana slices.

## COMMUNITY QUESTIONNAIRE

Mark Hutchinson has asked as many parents and friends of Chieveley as possible to complete the latest village survey.

After the success of the new playground last year, the village community are eager to improve the hall and grounds even more. They would love to hear from people of all ages, wherever they live, by spending a few minutes filling in the survey below:

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There are chances to win Red Lion vouchers and prizes from other local businesses.

Thank you in advance of your support in this project.



# READING UPDATE

Since the start of the year, children may have been talking about their new reading books they have started using within class.

We've invested in new reading books in KS2 to ensure all children have a matched reading book to their level. This has been possible from generous donations from the PTA. So, thank you to all parents for helping make this happen!

Children in KS2 will now be heard read with at least once a week by an adult and will move up the reading scheme when they are fluent and confident in answering questions about a text. This scheme is published by Oxford University Press and therefore texts are of high quality and rich in varied vocabulary.

Children will read this book in school and select a reading book from the library as their 'reading for pleasure' book which they will take home. We still encourage daily reading at home and writing in reading records to ensure good reading progress.

Our phonics scheme, Read, Write, Inc continues to develop our early readers in KS1 and no changes to this scheme have been made.

A new reading policy has been published this September which outlines some changes to how we teach reading in KS2. This policy can be found here, or on our website.



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