



Chiddingly Primary School

Muddles Green

Chiddingly

Lewes

BN8 6HN

NEWSLETTER 1

Friday 11th September 2020

Executive Headteacher: Mr James Procter

Email: [office@chiddingly.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@chiddingly.e-sussex.sch.uk)

"Achievement for All, Learning Together, Learning for Life"

## Welcome Back!

A warm welcome back to all our families! We hope you had a lovely Summer Holiday! It's been lovely to have the children back in school and catch up with them all!



We wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone for keeping to our new routines and system for pick up and drop off. Please could we remind everyone, that it is essential that parents continue to socially distance and ensure you are vacating the area immediately following drop off or pick up.

As part of the new routine, we have been asked by the Council to report any absences (COVID or non COVID related) and they have asked that we share the below with you:

Sharing Information The government expects:

- schools and local authorities to:
- Promote good attendance and reduce absence, including persistent absence;
- Ensure every pupil has access to full-time education to which they are entitled; and,
- Act early to address patterns of absence.
- Parents to perform their legal duty by ensuring their children of compulsory school age who are registered at school attend regularly.
- All pupils to be punctual to their lessons.

The Local Authority has a duty to support schools to meet these expectations and to support schools, parent/carers and learners to address patterns of absence in a timely manner. The government is also asking schools and Local Authorities to identify pupils who are reluctant, or anxious about returning, or who are at risk of disengagement and develop plans for re-engaging them. This should include disadvantaged and vulnerable children and young people, especially those who were persistently absent prior to the pandemic or who have not engaged with school regularly during the pandemic. We will therefore be sharing information with the Local Authority regarding any pupils about whom we have attendance concerns in order to fulfil our statutory duty.

Today you will have received two letters, one detailing the protocol we will follow if we have a suspected or confirmed case of Coronavirus and the other an example of the letter we will send.

We are also sending your children home with Data Collection sheets, please could you amend them if you need to and return them to the School Office as soon as possible and by the end of next week.

We hope everyone has a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing everyone next week!

Mrs K Vile and the Chiddingly Team

*If you need the newsletter or other school letters to be in a different format, please speak to Mrs Baitup in the school office. If you need help or support with access to any information, please also contact Mrs Baitup.*

## Attendance

The whole school attendance for this year so far is

This week's attendance:

**Beech - 96.5%**

**Willow - 88.9%**

**Sycamore - 85%**

Well done to **Beech** for having the highest attendance this week!

**100%**

**96.5 to 99.9%**

**95 to 96.4%**

**Less than 94.9%**

## This Week's Birthdays

There have been no birthday's this week!



## Learning Powers Certificate

Due to the Coronavirus restrictions, we are no longer able to invite you in to watch your children receive their learning power certificate. We will continue with Learning Powers and will send the certificate home with your child next week.

Oak will start with Learning Powers next week.

Beech - Emily Chadwick

Willow - Luna Baldwin

Sycamore - Melisa Vantansever

Well done to you all!



## Forest School

Forest School will resume Thursday 17th September for Years 5 and 6.



## Pick Up and Drop Off Reminder

Please could we take this opportunity to remind all parents and carers to socially distance when dropping children off. Please also remember to vacate the area as soon as you have dropped your child off or collected them. Thank you for your continued support.



## Positivity Board

We are changing how our Positivity Board works, due to the restrictions of parents/carers being allowed on the school site.

The board enabled parents/carers, staff, children and visitors to write positive comments, or thoughts, about their time in school or during events that they would like to share with others.

Instead of asking parents to come in and write these down, please could we ask that you email these to the School Office ([office@chiddingly.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@chiddingly.e-sussex.sch.uk)) and these will be added to the board by Mrs Baitup.

A picture of the board will then be included in next weeks newsletter.

## Dates for your diary 2020/21

We are releasing dates for your diary up until Christmas, due to the ever changing situation with Coronavirus. If you need term dates for the whole year, you can find them on the East Sussex County Council website [here](#).

Some dates are also TBC as we are currently unsure on timing.

### Term 1

September 2020  
28<sup>th</sup> Parent Forum

### October 2020

12<sup>th</sup> Wellbeing Day  
23<sup>rd</sup> Last day of term 1

### Term 2

### November 2020

2<sup>nd</sup> Term 2 starts  
10<sup>th</sup> Open evening- new intake (6-7pm)  
11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance service TBC  
WC 16<sup>th</sup> Anti-bullying week  
WC 23<sup>rd</sup> dates TBC Parent consultations (4-6pm)  
30<sup>th</sup> Open evening- new intake (6-7pm)

### December 2020

8<sup>th</sup> Nativity dress rehearsal TBC  
10<sup>th</sup> Nativity TBC  
18<sup>th</sup> Christingle service TBC  
Last day of term 2





## Oak

Firstly, we would like to say how amazing you and your children have been. It is a shame that parents and carers have been unable to have more of an involvement in your child's first days of school. We would like to say how impressed we have been with the children since they have started with us. They have all settled into school life amazingly despite the current circumstances!

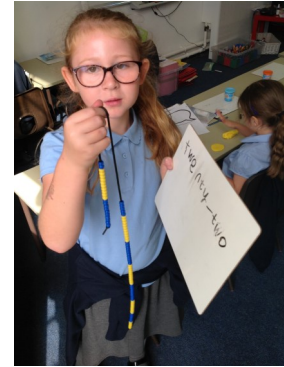
We painted our hands this morning and Miss Boswell wrote our names on each hand. This will be going up in our Oak classroom.

We look forward to seeing you all next week!



## Beech

Beech class have been very busy this week; learning about their new classroom areas and finding out all about their new topic 'Toys'. They have been super start learners and all the adults have been really proud of their enthusiasm and determination!



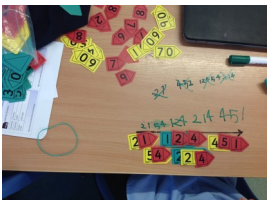
## Willow

Willow have settled into the new school year really well! We have been doing lots of PSHE and 'All About Me' this week. We've also been exploring the art work by artist Andy Warhol which the children have really enjoyed!



## Sycamore

Its been great to welcome Sycamore class back to school. We've got stuck into our topic of the Victorians and have been finding out about life in the workhouse as well as enjoying our class book 'Street Child'. This week has also seen us coding in Computing, learning about Guru Nanak in RE, finding out about ourselves and our goals in PSHE and representing numbers up to 10, 000, 000 in Maths!



## We Love Reading!

At Chiddingly School, we believe that reading should be enjoyed by everybody and that children (and adults) should have opportunities to lose themselves in a great book. In order to expand our reading experiences, we are asking staff, children, parents and friends of the school to send in 'recommended reads' for us to explore. We would like to know the following information:

- the name of the book
- the author (and illustrator if applicable)
- recommended age group
- Why you recommend the book.

If you'd like to use the template below, please do! Please send your recommendations to the school office and we will share one or two each week in the newsletter. These will then go onto our school website so that you can look back at all the recommendations. Each term, we will then purchase some of the recommended reads for the school library!

We look forward to hearing all about the books you have been enjoying!

### Recommended Reads!

My name is.....

The book I am recommending is

.....

By .....

This book is suitable for age (please circle)

*Under 4s 4-5 5-7 7-9 9-11 11+ everybody*

I recommend this book because

.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....



Public Health  
England



# Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

## How serious is the coronavirus?

- it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

## How likely are you to catch the virus?

- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

## How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

### If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it with a tissue



Bin it



Kill it by washing your hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser

### You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



After breaks & sport activities



Before cooking & eating



SCHOOL ETC.  
On arrival at any childcare or educational setting



After using the toilet



Before leaving home



Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come into contact with your mouth such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share items such as bedding, dishes, pencils & towels



Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: [campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools](https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools)

## What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call **NHS 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings [gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19). Parents can visit **NHS.UK** to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Wuhan and Hubei Province in China should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days. See **NHS.UK** for advice on coronavirus.

If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately

