

Chagford C of E Primary School

Weekly Newsletter 11th June 2021



It's the end of another beautiful week at Chagford Primary—the sun has shone, the flowers have bloomed and the children have, as ever, been a delight.

I have been as proud as a principal could be to see the way Beech Class and Hawthorn Class have reacted to having different teachers this week. None of us are happy when we have to ask classes to work with teachers other than their normal class teachers but it does make us proud when we see their manners, learning behaviours and conduct maintaining their usual standard under those circumstances. Well done children.

Thanks to the gardening group who make every morning a joy. It's looking glorious.



Jury Service

Mr Finch has been called for Jury Service. He'll be away from the school for two weeks from June 21st to serve at the Crown Court in Exeter.

While Mr Finch is away, executive principals from across the trust will be in school each day to make sure things run smoothly and to deal with any issues that come up. You will see Liz Underwood who will be familiar to all of you, Phil Whittle and Lisa Paton taking turns to serve the school, the children and families. Do say hello to them when they are supervising the start of each school day.

Used Uniform Sale—Tuesday 15th June

Are the children growing out of their uniform? Never fear—kind parents have offered to run a used uniform sale next week. For a nominal fee you'll be able to buy second hand but serviceable items to keep you going. Everything has been washed and dried and made ready.

Come to the front of the school at drop off time and pick up time weather permitting.

Eco club

We were very proud indeed when one of our pupils asked for permission to run a regular eco-club on a Monday lunch time. We love to see our #ChagfordChampions taking on leadership roles and taking an interest in real life issues.

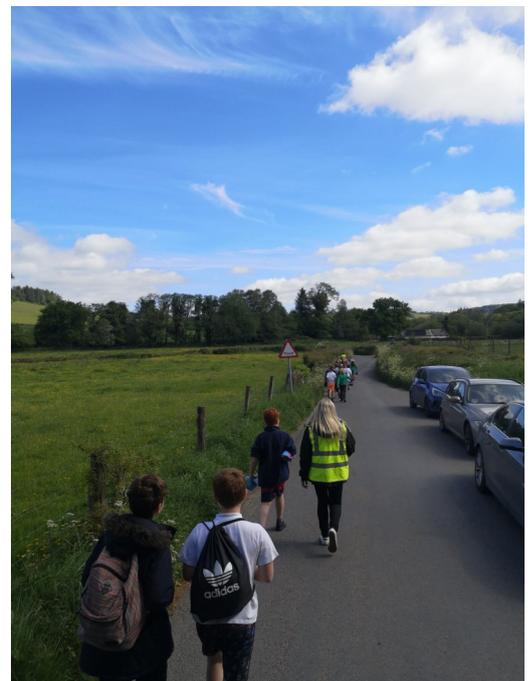
If you have a DBS clearance and would like to offer to help out with this club do get in touch—we think there might be quite a few people in the community who might like to help out with this. The eco-clubs activities might include litter picking, planting and growing and campaigning. We're proud that the club is pupil run but we know they will need a little help from grown ups. If you can help, message Mr Finch

Swimming

It was SO GOOD to see the children of Key Stage Two marching off for their swimming lessons. It was a beautiful day and, judging by the pupils' reactions, the water wasn't too terribly cold.

The outdoor pool is such a wonderful resource for the town and for the school—huge thanks to everyone in the community who helps to keep it running.

We could do with two or three volunteers who are free on a Tuesday morning to help us walk the children to the pool and to make the hot chocolate they drink to warm up after their lesson. If you'd be able to help do drop a message in to Elaine in the office.



Disabled Parking Spaces

We have two parking bays for disabled users at Chagford Primary. They are the two bays nearest to the school reception. They are marked with the disabled sign in the brickworked surface.

These are bays are required for people with genuine need. People who need these bays have a blue disabled parking badge.

If you do not have a blue disabled parking badge please do not park in those spaces. It causes real inconvenience and, sometimes, distress.

Lunchtime Supervisor Role

We have a short term role available at the school for a lunch time supervisor.

You would arrive in good time to be ready at the start of lunch break at 12:00, you would then supervise the children playing outside throughout lunchbreak. After break you would help to clean up the hall and put the tables and benches away. If you are interested let Elaine in the office know and she will be able to give you more details.

Talent Show

Do remind your children not to be shy and to sign up to perform at our talent show. We have a few acts signed up already but we want more! We want singers, dancers, jugglers, poets, musicians, comedians, unicyclists... Whatever the children's talent is we want to showcase it. Get practicing and don't forget to sign up at the office. The show will take place on Saturday 17th July so do keep that free in your diary.

Beautiful Chagford Primary Merchandise

We have these beautiful Chagford greetings cards to sell in aid of the PTFA . Many thanks to the artist Sarah Nunan who has given the artwork for free—it's really lovely. You can buy them in two sizes from the school office. We also have our attractive canvas bags for sale. Do buy a pack and boost the coffers.



Dartmoor Art by Beech Class—leaves, unfurling bracken, rocks and stones—what can you see?

School Vision Workshop—Postponed

We were due to have a workshop to develop our school vision on June 17th. Unfortunately, Mr Finch has been asked to attend some training away from the school on that day and he won't be able to run the session. We will reschedule this for July apologies to anyone who was looking forward to that.

Slip Slap Slop

Even here on Dartmoor it's been hot and sunny—don't forget to slather your children in sun cream before they come to school. We cannot apply it for you so it's essential you suncream all those places that burn.

A hat is a good idea when the sun is shining. Shade those eyes and protect the top of the head.

Cover up up shoulders—don't go sun crazy and forget the uniform—let's keep shoulders properly covered up so they don't burn.



Grapes in packed lunches

Periodically we remind you that grapes, sweet and delicious though they be, are real dangers when eaten carelessly—they are just exactly the right size to block a wind-pipe and many schools have scary stories to tell of children who breathed in sharply with a grape in their mouth and needed quick assistance.

The way to prevent this happening to your child is to slice them in half before putting them in the lunch box.

The dinner ladies have been finding whole grapes rolling around on the floor after lunch these last few days so they know someone is having them and it's making them scared.

Please help us out and slice those grapes or choose a different treat.

