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CHALTON LOWER SCHOOL

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School Year 2023-2024

NEWSLETTER NO: 1



Central

Dear Parents



Stars of the Week

Emeralds & Amethysts: Lachlan & Nya

Rubies and Sapphires: Josh & Lui

Diamonds: Rosie

Value of the

Month

Respect

Welcome Back

Welcome back! We hope that all of our families have had a restful and enjoyable summer break and that you are all ready for the new school year ahead. It has been wonderful to receive all of the children back into school this week. They have come back with a positive attitude and have been really happy seeing their friends again and adapting back into school routines. The staff have been delighted and impressed with how well the children have settled and how hard they have worked. We would also like to take this opportunity to extend a very warm welcome to our new Reception children and their families. Your children have made an amazing start to their time at Chalton Lower and we thank you for all of the hard work that you have put in at home during the summer break to prepare them ready for school. As always if you have any questions or concerns as we move through this half term, please do not hesitate to speak with your child's class teacher.

Children's Learning

What a super first week back. The children in all classes have been very busy and have started new topics.

In Diamonds Class this week it has been a delight to see how well the children have adapted to the new routines and expectations. They have begun their new topic which is called 'All about Me' and have started to develop new friendships and relationships with their peers and adults within school. They have attended assemblies with the rest of the school and are already starting to show our school Value for September which is respect. I look forward to hearing and seeing more about how the children in Diamonds are getting on next week.

In Key Stage One the children have been brilliant. The Year 2 children have been very good at helping the new Year 1 children to settle into the Key Stage One classroom. All of the children especially enjoyed their science work this week where they were looking in the outside environment for different animals. They were also very good at planning a recount about what happened during a day in their summer holiday.

In Key Stage Two the children have had a super week. It has been great to see how amazing the children in Key Stage Two have been at helping to be good role models for the younger children. The Year 3s and 4s have really stepped up by supporting with the music in assemblies and by helping at playtimes and lunchtimes. In the classroom Miss Mudd introduced their new English topic on the BFG by Roald Dahl. They read the first part of the story and talked about other stories they have read by the same author. They enjoyed writing character

descriptions to describe the BFG using the past tense and interesting objectives. I look forward to hearing more about their work on the BFG next week. Keep up the good work everyone.

School Day Timings Reminder

This week we have had a number of children who have arrived after the morning bell has been rung. Please note the timings for our morning routine:

- The playground will be open from 8.40am. School staff will be available from this time to supervise the children or to answer any parent/carer questions.
- The bell will ring to go into class at 8.45am.
- The playground gate will shut at 8.50am. Any children who arrive after this time will be marked as late and parents/carers will need to sign them in at the school office.

Homework

This year we have decided to change our homework schedule slightly. The children in Years 1 - 4 will now be expected to complete a topic-based homework task on a weekly basis. This will be in addition to our normal reading, spellings and times tables. We will also continue to send home the optional practical Maths and English tasks that we used last year as many of the children and parents found these valuable.

Please see your child's homework book which will be sent home next week as this will explain more details. We will also send home a separate homework letter. Homework will start from next week. Please note that we expect all homework to be completed and handed in to be marked on a weekly basis.

After School Club

The after-school club will resume this Monday (11th September) for Years 1-4. If you have requested a place then you should have received confirmation via ParentMail. We are currently looking at suppliers to offer another club later in the week and will let you know when this is arranged.

School Photographs

The School Photographer will be visiting the school on **Tuesday 19th September 2023** to take individual photographs of the children. You are welcome to bring siblings along for group or individual photographs – this will be at 8.50am in the school hall.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We are delighted to announce that we will be holding a coffee morning on **Friday 29th September 2023** in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. In conjunction with this we will also be opening the classrooms for parents to come in and see their children at work. Please feel free to drop in between 9.00am and 10.30am. You can donate for this very worthwhile cause via our school donation page:

<https://coffeefundraising.macmillan.org.uk/fundraising/cm23033360> or you can donate on the day. Cake donations will also be very greatly received.

Yours sincerely



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