



Headteacher: Miss N Bill

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CHALTON LOWER SCHOOL

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School Year 2023-2024

NEWSLETTER NO: 7



Central

Dear Parents



Stars of the Week : Working hard all half term

Emeralds & Amethysts: Kobi & Ava

Rubies and Sapphires: Kieran & Chloe H

Diamonds: Jake

Value of the Month

Responsibility



Sports Stars of the Week

Emeralds & Amethysts: Kasee & Nathaniel

Rubies and Sapphires: Monty & Polly

Diamonds: Leo

Children's Learning

What a wonderful end to the half term! The children have enjoyed a really busy week and it has been a pleasure to walk around the school and see all of the wonderful things going on in every classroom. In Diamonds Class this week the children have been exploring the numbers to five in their Maths lessons. They have learnt how to record the numbers using the numeral, tally marks, spots and actions. In their Art lessons this week they have been mixing colours and creating handprints using paints. In Key Stage One this week the children really enjoyed their topic day spent learning more about The Great Fire of London. It was super to see the children engaged in really fun and enjoyable activities such as making and baking bread, making Samuel Pepys character masks, using quills and ink, dancing and making Tudor houses using boxes. On Wednesday the children in Key Stage Two went on the Faith Tour to Bedford. The children visited a Christian Church, a Sikh Gurdwara and an Islamic Mosque. It was a super way for the children to learn lots more about the religions that are covered in our RE lessons. On Thursday Key Stage Two had a great day learning more about The Stone Age. It was wonderful to see the children in their costumes and they were very engaged during the day. They completed lots of exciting activities including weaving, making clay pots, completing cave paintings, preparing stew and making spears.

Health and Wellbeing Support for Parents

As half term approaches parenting can be the most wonderful job in the world but at some point, all parents may need a bit of extra help. Finding the right advice can be difficult so we have put together a list of some useful websites to enable families to get the best website-based information and local support:

- <https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/>
- <https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/self-help/guides-tools-and-activities/five-steps-to-mental-wellbeing/>
- <https://www.cambscommunityservices.nhs.uk/Bedfordshire/services/health-visiting/parentline>

- <https://www.samaritans.org/>
- <https://chums.uk.com/>
- <https://www.elft.nhs.uk/bedfordshire-talking-therapies/wellbeing-webinars>

Halloween Dress Up

In order to celebrate Halloween on Tuesday 31st October we would like to invite the children to dress up in Halloween costumes if they would like to. Dressing up is not compulsory and if they choose not to wear a Halloween costume the children can come into school in non-school uniform. The children will be able to stay in their costumes for the whole day although please ensure that they have suitable footwear and a coat for outside play. We also ask for the children not to wear face paint. We look forward to seeing the children's costumes if they choose to dress up.

Junk Modelling

To help with classroom activities we are still needing spare boxes ie cereal boxes, egg boxes, shoe boxes, any small food boxes, toilet rolls etc. Also, any glass jars with lids, ie. Jam jars, sauce jars etc. Thank you!

Christmas Cards

For those children who designed Christmas card pictures at home and returned them to school these have now been processed by School Print World and your child will have brought home details on how to order. Please be aware that the **deadline** for ordering your Christmas cards/gifts etc is **31st October 2023**

Parkfields Open Evening

Parkfields Middle School is holding an open evening for all Year 4 children who have applied for next September. This is on **Thursday 9th November 5-8pm** with tours from 5pm and a presentation starting at 7pm.

KS2 Tag Rugby

Children in Year 3&4 have been invited to attend a Tag Rugby Festival at Samuel Whitbread Academy on **Tuesday 7th November 2023**. Information has been sent out via ParentMail. Please ensure you have completed the online consent form. Unfortunately, spectators are not allowed at Samuel Whitbread, as the competition is taking place during the school day.

After School Club

Thank you for all who have registered to attend the after-school club on Monday. Messages have been sent out to advise that you have been offered a place. Registration will open again towards the end of term for the next sessions which will start again in January.

Diary Dates

Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October – Half Term – **School Closed**
 Tuesday 31st October – Optional Halloween dress up
 Tuesday 7th November – Year 3/4 Tag Rugby Festival
 Thursday 9th November – Year 3/4 BFG Day
 Friday 10th November – Remembrance Day

Monday 13th November – Odd Sock Day
Friday 17th November – Children In Need
Friday 24th November – Training Day – **School Closed**

Yours sincerely

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Miss Natalie Bill - Headteacher