



Headteacher: Miss N Bill

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CHALTON LOWER SCHOOL

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School Year 2023-2024

NEWSLETTER No: 9



Central

Dear Parents



Stars of the Week : Working Very Hard

Emeralds & Amethysts: Amarah & Taylor

Rubies and Sapphires: Patrick & Leigha

Diamonds: Mia

Value of the Month

Tolerance



Sports Stars of the Week

Emeralds & Amethysts: Amarah & Logan

Rubies and Sapphires: Holly & Polly

Diamonds: Malachi

Children's Learning

We have had another super week in school filled with lots of wonderful opportunities for the children. This morning we held a very special assembly for Remembrance Day and I was very impressed with how sensible and reflective the children were. As part of this assembly we listened to The Last Post, sang God save the King, read poems and the children presented poppies which they had made in their Art lessons.

In Diamonds Class this week the children worked hard in their Maths lessons. Towards the end of the week they learnt all about 2D shapes and their properties. They thought carefully about what the shapes were called, how they could recognise them and how different shapes fitted together to create new ones. In Key Stage One this week we welcomed Miss Catherine Jackson-Gomez. She is a student teacher from Bishop Grosseteste University and will be joining us until Wednesday 13th of December. The children and staff have already made her feel very welcome. She was particularly impressed with the children's work in English this week where the children were using different adjectives to describe characters from different stories. In Key Stage Two this week the children enjoyed their BFG day on Thursday. They completed lots of fun learning activities including making frobscottle and snozcumbers, building 3D caves, making giant ears and creating dream jars. These activities linked really well to all of their English work and writing tasks over the last few weeks.

Year 4 - Central Bedfordshire Pupil Health and Wellbeing Survey

Our school, along with the majority of other schools in Central Bedfordshire, has agreed to participate in a very important Pupil Health and Wellbeing Survey for Year 4 children. The survey has been commissioned by Central Bedfordshire Local Authority to ensure services are responsive to local need. Participation in the survey will also benefit the school enabling us to:

- Review the curriculum to meet the needs of the pupils.
- Establish a starting point for discussion in classroom activities.
- Identify appropriate training for staff.
- Develop a whole school approach to health and wellbeing.

The age-appropriate survey questions have been developed by the Schools Health Education Unit in consultation with local schools and health professionals. Please be assured that each questionnaire is anonymous and confidential, and that no pupil will be identified when the data is returned to our school. The Local Authority will receive a summary report of all schools' results which will help the Council and its partners to plan for the provision of services to meet local needs. Individual schools are not identified in this report. The survey will be carried out with our Year 4 children between 13th and 27th November 2023. Please ask us in school if you would like more information.

Odd Socks

We are inviting all children to come to school in odd socks on **Monday 13th November 2023** to mark the start of Friendship Week. In support of the Anti-Bullying Alliance, we would like to encourage everyone to wear 'odd-socks' with their usual school uniform to help us think about being great friends and celebrating our differences. Odd Socks Day is a celebration and an opportunity for pupils to express themselves and celebrate their individuality.

Children In Need

Friday 17th November is Children in Need day and the School Council have decided they would like to do the following:

- Wear whatever you like! This is entirely your child's choice from pyjamas to fancy dress, casual comfy clothes to smart party outfits! Please remember they will still be going outside at lunch and breaktimes, so they need to be warm 😊. T
- They are challenging themselves to do 1000 Burpees or "Pudsey Bearpees" over the week – you can check how they are doing at home!
- Each class will be baking cakes during the day to sell to you after school – please bring some change!
- The children will also be taking part in fun 'Children in Need' related activities during the day.

We are asking for voluntary donations for Children in Need which can be made ONLINE via our just giving page: https://www.justgiving.com/page/chalton-lower-school-1699532392994?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fchalton-lower-school-1699532392994&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share

Christmas Raffle Donations

We are going to run our Christmas Raffle in a slightly different way this year and are asking for the following donations, to enable us to put together some amazing hampers as prizes:

Diamond Class: New Years Eve Party snacks ie. crisps, nuts, chocolates, drinks (alcoholic and soft drinks), sweets.

Year 1&2: Christmas Day foods (apart from the turkey!) ie. cranberry sauce, stuffing, Christmas cake, puddings, chocolate, biscuits, tea/coffee, drinks etc.

Year 3&4: Luxury pampering items ie. face mask, candles/aromatherapy, bubble bath, smellies, hot chocolate etc.

And anything else you think could be suitable for a raffle! Please start to bring your items in to school NOW - thank you.

Year 1-4 Dance Festival

Some of the children from years 1-4 have been selected to attend a dance festival at Redborne Upper School on **Thursday 23rd November**. Details have been sent out via Parentmail. Please ensure the consent form is completed to allow them to attend.

Request from Miss Mudd

Thank you for all the junk modelling bits and pieces you have sent in recently, these have provided us with some wonderful resources for the children. We are now looking for any 1 or 2 litre bottles which the children can use in class for an upcoming project. Thank you.

Winter Flu Vaccination

Your child's Annual Flu Vaccination will take place at school on **Thursday 23rd November**, please click the below link to complete a consent form.

[CENTRAL FLU CONSENT FORM](#)

The deadline to complete your child's consent form is **21st November 2023**. We cannot guarantee any forms submitted after this date and time will be accepted at the school session. This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family members and friends by preventing the spread of flu.

The vaccine is free and most children have it up their nose (nasal spray) which is quick and painless. The nasal spray is the most effective vaccine for children. If you do not wish for your child to receive the spray due to it containing porcine gelatine and would prefer for them to have the injectable vaccine, please contact the NHS immunisation team on the number provided below.

Since the programme was introduced, most children offered the vaccines in schools have had the immunisation.

If you have any queries, please contact the immunisation team on: **0300 790 0594**

Diary Dates

Monday 13th November – Odd Sock Day

Friday 17th November – Children In Need

Thursday 23rd November – Dance Festival

Thursday 23rd November – Flu Vaccinations

Friday 24th November – Training Day – **School Closed**

Thursday 7th December – Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumpers!

Monday 11th December – Diamond Class Christmas Play – PM

Tuesday 12th December – Whole School Panto trip

Wednesday 13th December – Year 1-4 Christmas Play – PM - tickets available shortly

Thursday 14th December – Year 1-4 Christmas Play – PM - tickets available shortly

Friday 15th December – Christmas Disco 4-5.30pm – Village Hall.

Wednesday 20th December – Last day of term – Christmas Party

Yours sincerely



Miss Natalie Bill
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