



Headteacher: Miss N Bill

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CHALTON LOWER SCHOOL

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School Year 2023-2024

NEWSLETTER No: 8



Central

Dear Parents



Stars of the Week : Being kind and helpful

Emeralds & Amethysts: Isla R & Logan

Rubies and Sapphires: Kieran & Chloe G

Diamonds: Lewis

Value of the Month

Tolerance



Sports Stars of the Week

Emeralds & Amethysts: Angelina & Harry

Rubies and Sapphires: Max & Maaiza

Diamonds: Myles

Children's Learning

It has been wonderful this week to see how well the children have settled back into school after the half term holiday. In all classes the children have been working hard and enjoying their new topics. In Diamonds Class this week the children have been learning all about Bonfire Night as part of their topic work. They have created their own firework pictures using paint and talked about how to stay safe around fireworks. In their Literacy lessons they have been learning the letter sounds h, b, f and l and have been writing three sound words using the sounds that they know and have learnt so far. In Key Stage One this week the children have started their new Geography topic called 'Wonderful Weather.' They named and looked at the different types of weather we have here in the UK and used their observational skills to study what the weather was like at school. In their Art lesson this week they learnt all about the primary colours and found out some facts about the artwork of an artist called Piet Mondrian. In Key Stage Two the children enjoyed their final lesson in Science on Animals including Humans. Just before half term they made a simple scientific model using elastic bands to explain how skeletal muscles work. This week they wrote about what they had found out. In their English lessons they have been focusing on the part in the BFG story where Sophie and the BFG travel to London. They have used their knowledge of the story to write descriptions of Buckingham Palace. The children were asked to enhance their independent writing by adding personification and similes.

Giglets Reading Online

As a school we use an online Literacy platform called 'Giglets'. We introduced this to the children last academic year and are continuing to use this in school for our learning. Giglets is a web-based resource that can be accessed from devices such as laptops, tablets and desktops using your browser. Giglets gives us access to a huge range of fiction and non-fiction ebooks with supporting curriculum resources that the children can use both in school and at home. It helps with building comprehension skills, reading strategies and helps to promote a love of reading. All of the children in school have a log in that they can use to access Giglets from home. The children's log in details have already been sent home but please ask us if you can't

find them. Each of the class teachers assign books to the children that you can read together at home or the children can read for themselves. We are delighted to share with you that lots of the books come in different languages which will help to support our families who have English as an additional language. If you would like to find out more about Giglets please see the newsletter attached, ask your child's class teacher or visit www.giglets.com.

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.**

Children will need to bring a packed lunch and a water bottle (no fizzy drinks). Please remember to alter any online school dinner orders as they will not be back in time to have a school lunch.

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.

BFG Day

Children in Year 3&4 will be celebrating the end of their literacy topic with a day dedicated to the BFG on **Thursday 9th November 2023**

The Children will take part in various activities including cooking and crafts. No dress up is required for this day.

Remembrance Day

We wanted to let you know that the School will be remembering those who are no longer with us next **Friday 10th November**. The children will be taking part in a short 10 minute service by the flag pole at the front of the school at 11am.

Poppies

We are helping the Royal British Legion again this year with their Poppy Appeal and now have a selection of Poppies & accessories in school!

Slap bands and wrist bands: £1

Reflective bag clip: 50p

Zip pulls: 20p

Normal paper poppies and pins are also available for a donation.

Please pop into the school office or your child can bring some money into school to come and get a poppy and help support this great charity.

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.

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. cranbury 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 to school from next week.

Diary Dates

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

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
Headteacher