



Headteacher: Miss N Bill

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CHALTON LOWER SCHOOL

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Central

Dear Parents



Stars of the Week : Working hard with writing

Emeralds & Amethysts: Lachlan & Nya

Rubies and Sapphires: Daniel & Henry

Diamonds: Jana

Value of the Month

Friendship



Sports Stars of the Week

Emeralds & Amethysts: Oliver & Nya

Diamonds: Lewis

Children's Learning

The children have worked extremely hard this week and it has been great to see their enthusiasm for learning. In Diamonds Class this week the children have continued their work on traditional stories. This week Miss Grahame read the children the story of The Gingerbread Man and the children wrote some simple words and sentences to describe what happened in the story. As part of their Expressive Arts and Design work they enjoyed decorating gingerbread men and took part in lots of role play and storytelling activities using stick puppets. In Key Stage One this week the children really enjoyed their basketball skills lesson on Monday. They learnt to bounce, dribble and pass the ball showing good control and thought about how to change direction and speed. In their English lessons this week the children have been writing different sentence starters, adjectives and expanded noun phrases to describe what they like best about The Disgusting Sandwich story by Gareth Edwards. I was really impressed with their writing. In Key Stage Two the children in Year 4 spent their first week being Sports Ambassadors to the younger children. Last week they received some training from Redborne School Sport Partnership to help them to build their leadership skills and enable them to be role models for PE and sports activities at playtime and lunchtime. We are very proud of all of the Year 4 children who are taking their role very seriously in helping to promote physical activity in school.

Car Parking - Polite Reminder

Since we returned from the Christmas holiday, we have received some complaints from local residents about unsafe parking outside of school. A small number of parents are still choosing to park on grass verges and paths opposite the school which blocks access to neighbours drives and prevents people from being able to walk safely. Please could we remind all parents and carers to park safely and considerately when dropping off and collecting children from school. We would ideally request that you park at The Star car park or walk a short distance to or from school to reduce congestion. Thank you for your support.

Amphill Music Centre

Amphill Music Centre is an inclusive, welcoming and fun environment run by Inspiring Music who are part of Central Bedfordshire Council. All ages (from year 1 - adults) come together to make music (and enjoy the tuck shop!) on Saturday mornings at Redborne Upper School.

Trained and experienced teaching staff deliver a range of dynamic groups including vocal groups, guitars, ukuleles, bands and iPad music production from beginners upwards. We have just taken delivery of brand new JSaxes and glockenspiels for our exciting new “Musical Superstars” and “Glocks Rock” groups (both suitable for complete beginners upwards). For more experienced members we have our Music Centre Orchestra, Rock Band and AMC Fusion groups which are well attended by upper school students and some adults.

New to the centre, we are now also able to offer individual and small group lessons on upper strings, guitar and brass instruments.

With sessions starting at just £4.52 for a single session (£10.22 for a whole morning) the centre provides great value for money. There is also a 25% discount on the first term for anyone aged between 5 and 18. Additionally, funding may be available to low income families or families who find themselves in financial difficulties through [The Friends of Bedfordshire Youth Music](#).

Find out more at www.inspiringmusic.co.uk/centres/amphill

KS2 Sportshall Athletics

Year 3&4 will be attending the Sportshall athletics festival on **Thursday 25th January**. Please ensure that you have completed the consent form to allow your child to attend: <https://forms.gle/z57925HG25fckrRC6>. Please remember to send your child to school in their PE kit, with a water bottle and **packed lunch**.

Bikeability – 2nd May 2024

We are pleased to be able to offer children in Year 3/4 the opportunity to take part in an “off-road”, Bikeability Level 1. This will take place on the school playground and is designed to teach your child the skills required to safely control a bicycle. Consent forms have been sent via ParentMail and we would ask for these to be returned to the School Office by **Friday 2nd February 2024**. Please let us know if you require a hard copy.

Please note that there are limited spaces available and preference will be given to those children who have not previously taken part.

Diary Dates

Thursday 25th January – KS2 Sportshall Athletics

Thursday 15th February – KS1: Nurturing Nurses day & KS2: Anglo Saxon Day

Friday 16th February – Last day of term

Monday 26th February – Children return to school

Wednesday 6th March – Parents Evening

Yours sincerely

Miss Natalie Bill
Headteacher