

Newsletter ~ 18.6.2021



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Message from Mr Lamorte - Head of School



Dear Parents and Carers,

Things continue to move at a pace at Wychall Primary School, as it seems does the weather! We've had glorious sunshine followed by several downpours more recently, so please ensure your child is prepared each day for the ever changing weather!

The children are working hard in school with Stan's Café continuing their excellent work with staff and children in Y1, Y4 and Y5. The children are really enjoying learning through a very creative approach and the teachers are learning lots too. They will look to implement some of this practice in future learning opportunities as we develop creativity within our curriculum.

Subject leaders have been busy working with other schools within our Trust to develop the wider curriculum, led by our previous Director of Learning, Mr Snowdon. Miss Baker has been working hard to develop the Computing curriculum in readiness for September. Other curriculum areas being developed are Music, R.E., Modern Foreign Languages and Design Technology. A great deal of time and effort is being put in by staff to ensure that our wider curriculum offer is creative, engaging, and carefully sequenced, whilst meeting the needs of the National Curriculum. Thank you to them all, for all they are doing.

You may have noticed that the school garden has had a bit of a makeover. No we've not had the 'Garden Rescue' team in from the telly, we're lucky enough to have a brilliant group of Y6 children who have been attending Gardening Club each week!! They have done an amazing job with Mr Cook, to clear the ground ready for planting. The children have thought carefully about what to plant, and have chosen to grow pumpkins for the new children who will join us in Reception in September. What a wonderful thing to do, for children they have never met! Thank you gardening club, we're really proud of you all.

Summer holiday dates



Last day of term for children is **TUESDAY 20 July 2021** (Teacher training day Wednesday 21 July 2021) and children return on **MONDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2021** (Thursday 2 & Friday 3 September 2021 also Teacher training days)

Our Nursery places for September 2021 are filling up fast.

If you have a child born between 1st September 2017 and 31 August 2018 and need a nursery place, please contact the school office and we can send you an application form.

Please remember your free school meal vouchers expire on 20 June 2021.


Reminders have been sent out. This date has been given by Birmingham City Council - if you do not redeem them by this date you will lose the voucher.

School Photographs




These will take place in school on Thursday 24 June 2021. Due to the current situation it will just be individual photos - we are not able to take sibling or family photos at this session.

New school shoes for September ?



WHY NOT BOOK A SLOT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR EXPERT FITTING ADVICE?

From their very first crawling shoes to robust and stylish school shoes or shoes for those big weekend adventures, our in-store fitting experts will help you find the perfect fit for their growing feet. Plus, we have a personal shopping and fitting service for adults, too. With hundreds of Clarks stores to choose from, skip the queues and book a 15-minute measure and fit appointment at a time that suits you.



Clarks combine almost 300 years of expert shoe-making with everything they know about caring for growing feet to provide unbeatable shoe comfort. Their shoes pass up to 80 tough tests, from passing leather SKOOSH stress to pulling tests to destruction. The result? The best shoes ever, keeping little feet happy all day long.

To book your in-store fitting appointment visit www.clarks.co.uk or contact your local store.

IN-STORE FITTING



Avoid the queues and book your in-store measure and fit appointment online now at www.clarks.co.uk

Choose Clarks NextWeek and a time slot that suits you. Plus, take along your child's most recent pair of Clarks shoes, and they'll check if they're still a good fit.

QUIET IN STORE FITTING?

Shoe shopping can be overwhelming for some children. If you think a shopping experience without crowds, noise and bright lights would be better, then book a Quiet Time appointment.

To do this, contact NextWeek on 0121 426 1694.
Opening Hours: Monday to Saturday 9:00am-5:55pm,
Sunday 11:00am-4:00pm



Universal Infant Free School Meal Scheme

Letters have been sent out to parents of those children who will be in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 to from September 2021.

It contains information to confirm that from September 2021 the Scheme will provide either a hot meal or a packed lunch and will be **compulsory for all Reception and Key Stage one (Years 1 & 2) pupils**

From September 2021 Wychall will be a CASHLESS school.



ALL money for toast, dinners, trips etc will be paid through parent pay. If you don't already have an account please contact the school office and we can set you up. There will be more information sent out soon.

FoodCycle ~ West Heath

There is a new food provision opening on Sundays in West Heath between 1 and 2pm. Initially this is a cook & collect FREE meal, but when restrictions lift we will move to community dining. This is free for all regardless of financial circumstances.

FoodCycle turn surplus fruit, vegetables and bread into nutritious vegetarian meals.

Please share the flyer amongst your families - they are also looking for volunteers to join the team either to host or cook.



 Our Cook and Collect takeaway service means you can collect a nutritious, vegetarian and...

FREE MEAL!

Every Sunday
from 1pm - 2pm
West Heath
Community Centre

www.foodcycle.org.uk



Important please do not send ***any food items containing nuts*** into school - such as peanut butter sandwiches. A copy of our nut policy is shown below.



Chartwells Schools Nut Policy

- I. Chartwells will never use nuts or any product containing nuts as an ingredient within our food offer in schools.
- II. Occasionally Chartwells may carefully use products with a 'may contain' declaration for nuts, as long as no nuts are present in the ingredient list.
- III. If used, any 'May contain nuts' ingredients will be clearly identified on Allergen Reports in line with the Food Information Regulations.
- IV. Pupils with a nut allergy/allergies should request a medical diet menu which will remove any 'may contain nuts' products, if used, from their menu.
- V. If no ingredients with a 'may contains nuts' declaration are used on a school menu then a nut free medical diet menu is not required. In this instance, pupils with a nut allergy will be advised that they can eat from the main school menu.

Please note:

Chartwells do not endorse a completely 'no nuts' environment as we believe we have a duty of care to educate our pupils and staff on how to handle and manage their food allergy(ies) safely in the school environment.

This advice is consistent with external governing bodies and charities who state that a completely 'nut free' environment is artificial and can provide pupils with a false sense of security.

However, where a school-directed 'no nut' policy applies, Chartwells will support and comply and will not use any 'may contain nuts' ingredients.

For further information please contact the Chartwells medical diets team: chartwells.medicaldiets@compass-group.co.uk

Please do not bring your own hand sanitisers into school - some children may be allergic to certain ingredients ~ thank you.

PE days

Class	Day
Nursery	Thursday
RD	Tuesday
RS	Wednesday
TM	Wednesday & Thursday
1W	Wednesday Thursday
2L	Thursday & Friday
2F	Monday & Thursday
3B	Tuesday & Friday
3R	Tuesday & Friday
4B	Monday & Friday
4F	Wednesday & Thursday
5M	Monday & Friday
5W	Monday & Friday
6C	Monday & Thursday
6R	Tuesday & Wednesday

Safeguarding



Safeguarding:

During this time, some children in the community will count heavily on neighbours to look out for them and keep them safe. If you are concerned about a child, please contact one of the following organisations in confidence to report your concerns:

- Birmingham Children's Trust (CASS) - 0121 303 1888 option 2, option 2
- NSPCC - Tel: 0808 800 5000, report online at <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/reporting-abuse/report/>¹
- or email NSPCC directly at help@nspcc.org.uk
- Police - If a child is in immediate danger, please dial 999

It is normal to feel anxious, nervous or unsure about getting in touch with the agencies above but please be assured that the agencies are there to help and take that worry from you. Letting us or an agency know that you're worried about a child could be the first step to helping protect them from a lifetime of abuse and neglect.

Childhood Mental Health:

We know that during this period of further uncertainty, both child and adult mental health can be affected.

¹<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nspcc.org.uk%2Fkeeping-children-safe%2Freporting-abuse%2Freport%2F&data=04|01||8da0f8f981de4090c29a08d8b9554de4|1a970741c0da436893693ba2f5922acb|0|0|637463123308796429|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjojV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D|1000&sdata=ZKr1rOjXQm5x0ZVelkVurdf0O5Qj%2BYZqM5qSq6SdOYw%3D&reserved=0>

We have therefore included some links below of agencies that can provide some emotional support for you and your child, if needed, during this time.

Childline: <https://www.childline.org.uk/>²

Forward Thinking Birmingham/PAUSE: <https://www.forwardthinkingbirmingham.org.uk/services/13-pause>³

The Children's Society: <https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/see-hear-respond>⁴

<https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/information/young-people/well-being/resources>⁵

Mind: https://www.mind.org.uk/donate/?gclid=CjwKCAiAl4WABhAJEiwATUnEF52WLN2HWoz0uF0bOt5__7RUMTT0TdYpqvwVj_TJp6oN8iLyB-l7xBoCwzGQAvD_BwE⁶

Samaritans: <https://www.samaritans.org/how-we-can-help/contact-samaritan/>⁷

If you would like to speak to someone in school regarding which service you feel would be beneficial to you, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

²<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.childline.org.uk%2F&data=04|01||8da0f8f981de4090c29a08d8b9554de4|1a970741c0da436893693ba2f5922acb|0|0|637463123308806387|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6I6k1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D|1000&sdata=BB62BQjzoP8qI%2FIP7RH9GSWrF0aBG5ZaMoSmb6PJiY%3D&reserved=0>

³<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.forwardthinkingbirmingham.org.uk%2Fservices%2F13-pause&data=04|01||8da0f8f981de4090c29a08d8b9554de4|1a970741c0da436893693ba2f5922acb|0|0|637463123308806387|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6I6k1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D|1000&sdata=F9H07QwLP2AP4NY15DH6WuwkCtSVGVc%2BSynoUupd9E0%3D&reserved=0>

⁴<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.childrenssociety.org.uk%2Fsee-hear-respond&data=04|01||8da0f8f981de4090c29a08d8b9554de4|1a970741c0da436893693ba2f5922acb|0|0|637463123308816340|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6I6k1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D|1000&sdata=PJjiSHGuLp2647byDX3Ttlm0bKwc8PurYtdw28IOEXY%3D&reserved=0>

⁵<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.childrenssociety.org.uk%2Finformation%2Fyoung-people%2Fwell-being%2Fresources&data=04|01||8da0f8f981de4090c29a08d8b9554de4|1a970741c0da436893693ba2f5922acb|0|0|637463123308816340|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6I6k1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D|1000&sdata=0AaohrlVqyUTeSn4tTzBSgAbFA37%2FbLb0Szxmx1kmw%3D&reserved=0>

⁶https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.mind.org.uk%2Fdonate%2F%3Fgclid%3DCjwKCAiAl4WABhAJEiwATUnEF52WLN2HWoz0uF0bOt5__7RUMTT0TdYpqvwVj_TJp6oN8iLyB-l7xBoCwzGQAvD_BwE&data=04|01||8da0f8f981de4090c29a08d8b9554de4|1a970741c0da436893693ba2f5922acb|0|0|637463123308826298|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6I6k1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D|1000&sdata=c8VgRAUXs%2FvIKYJzQxzSyYKd9VjAFMYfHopsD%2BvIA0o%3D&reserved=0

⁷<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.samaritans.org%2Fhow-we-can-help%2Fcontact-samaritan%2F&data=04|01||8da0f8f981de4090c29a08d8b9554de4|1a970741c0da436893693ba2f5922acb|0|0|637463123308826298|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6I6k1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D|1000&sdata=3UmPhJlffBBlGM5Y6mr3eVUUFUpblHhQCJb7kaYzOM%3D&reserved=0>



Please see a letter from Hayley Eaton, Safeguarding Lead, regarding online safety on our school website. The letter can be found in the Key Information section.

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⁸<http://www.wychall.bham.sch.uk>