



Newsletter

Friday 12th October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Although it may seem a long way away, in response to parents' comments, we have asked the children to design their Christmas cards well in advance this year. All children should each have a proof of their design in their book bags today. If you would like to order a set or even multiple sets, please complete the order form in the pack and return to school. Thank you

Best Wishes, Mrs A Smart, Head Teacher

Achievement Awards

Congratulations, you are all Superstars!



Badgers: Benji, Nathan, Willow, Karter

Hedgehogs: Jude, Callum, Archie, Lilian

Otters: Leo, Emily, Oliver, Marnie

Squirrels: Ellie, Jack, Amelia, Yana

Owls: Fergus, Lois, Freya, Alfie

Kingfishers: Ella, Daniel

Best Attendance of the week

Owls and Squirrels

Golden Pencil Award...



Mia Browning, Sophie Carby

Super Spellers

Jonah Power

Reading Rocketeers

Otters! – 21/30 children read 4 or more times during the week.

| Dates for terms 1 and 2 2018,19 | |
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| Tuesday 11th October | Y2 Phonics Information session for parents, 9.10am -9.40am |
| Wednesday 17 th October | Individual School Photographs Y2 Entertainment night |
| Thursday 18 th October | Autumn Parents' Evening 1, 3.40 – 6.30pm |
| Wednesday 24 th October | Autumn Parents' Evening 2, 3.40-6.30pm |
| Thursday 25 th October | Emotion Coaching – 9.10am -10am Book your place on Parentmail |
| Friday 26 th October | PTA Cake Sale |
| Term 2 | |
| Monday 5 th November | WMAT Conference School closed to pupils |
| Tuesday 6 th November | Term 2 starts for all pupils |
| Friday 9 th November | PTA: Firework Night |
| tbc | Flu vaccine for Reception pupils |
| W/C 12 th November | National Anti-bullying week 'Choose Respect' |
| Friday 16 th November | Children in Need Day |
| Monday 3 rd December | Christmas Craft morning – parents/grandparents welcome |
| Wednesday 5 th December | Rainbow Theatre Group visiting school. 'Snow White' |
| Friday 7 th December | PTA: Christmas Fair after school |
| Wednesday 12 th December | Reception and Parents' Christmas lunch (details nearer the time) |
| Thursday 13 th December | Y1 and 2 Christmas lunch |
| Monday 17 th December | Year 1 Christmas Performances 9.15am and 2.15pm |
| Tuesday 18 th December | Year 2 Performances 1 9.15am and 2.15pm |
| Wednesday 19 th December | Reception Christmas Performances 9.15am and 2.15pm |
| Thursday 20 th December | Christmas parties, all year groups Last day of term |

Class Assembly dates – see below!

Our term dates for 2018, 19

<https://www.chandaginantschool.org.uk/term-dates> Please check these carefully when booking holidays, as holidays booked during time will only be authorised in *exceptional* circumstances. Family birthdays or anniversaries are not classed as exceptional circumstances. Expected attendance for our Trust is 100%. **NB: Our holiday dates are different from the generic dates on the B&NES website.**



On Wednesday 17th October, Nigel Coles photography will be taking individual and sibling pictures during school hours. If you have siblings that do not attend our school i.e. pre-school or Junior aged children, you are welcome to bring them in to have a photograph taken before school. This session will start at 8.15am. Access will be via the rear hall doors in the main playground.



Parents are invited to join us for their child's class assembly. Assemblies will start at 9.10am. Access via the rear hall doors from 9am.

Kingfisher Class – Friday 15th March
Otter Class - Friday 22nd March
Owl Class – Friday 29th March
Badger Class – Friday 12th July
Hedgehog Class – Friday 28th June
Squirrels Class – Friday 5th July

Welcome Badgers...



...and Hedgehogs



Dogs, including those being carried, are not permitted on the school site. This means that dogs may not come through the main gate at the top of the drive (the gate that closes to traffic) or enter our school grounds. If walking a dog along the footpath to Cherwell Rd, please do not allow dogs to approach the gate to the Infant or Junior school, as this poses a risk to children and adults passing through the gates at busy times.

Nail varnish and temporary tattoos

Please remove nail varnish and temporary tattoos for school.
Thank you

Emotion Coaching

Mrs Bancroft is offering her very popular information session for parents, on Thursday next week (see dates above). Come and find out how we talk to children who are feeling sad, frustrated or cross and how we help them to manage these feelings. As per the email previously issued about this, please book your place via **Parentmail Events**.

Walk to School Fortnight

Well done to all of our families (including Mrs Weeks!), who have walked, scooted or cycled to school this week. The Talbot, the New Inn and the Cricket Club are continuing to offer free parking at drop off or pick up times next week, so that you can 'park and stride' if you live too far away to walk the whole distance.



PTA News

We're back into the flow of things with lots of events coming up over the next few weeks; here's an overview of what we've got coming up.

Firstly, **year 2 entertainment night** is being held straight after school on Wednesday 17th October. The children have voted for the movie Boss Baby to be played throughout the event, where they can enjoy crafts, popcorn and a soft drink. Tickets can be booked through our PTA Events page at this [link](#). Events for other year groups will be held throughout the year.

We'll also be selling our **second-hand uniform** and showing people how to support us through **Easyfundraising** at the parent evenings on Thursday 18th and Wednesday 24th October. We've got some lovely items available to purchase with everything being sold for £1 an item.

Our **first cake sale of the year will be held straight after school on Friday 26th October**. We're responding to the feedback that we received last year by changing the layout in the school hall with the aim of reducing the congestion experienced at previous events. We need a total of **six volunteers** to help us at this event please (1515-1545); if you can help then sign up at this [link](#) or drop a message to our PTA inbox – pta@chandagininfantschool.org.uk. We would be extremely grateful for all donations of cakes which can be dropped off the morning of the sale and left in the school office area. Please label your containers and we will make sure that they are available for you to collect at the end of the day. Finally, Mrs Smart will be judging the cake contributions received and awarding prizes to three lucky winners. Please get baking and remember we're a **no nut school**. Please also see your class rep to buy cake sale raffle tickets as we've got some great prizes lined up.

Last but not least we've got our **Family Fireworks Night** coming up on Friday 9th November. Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased through our PTA Events page at this [link](#). This is an extremely popular night which has always been a sell-out event so please book early to avoid disappointment. Once again we'll be asking for volunteers to take part in our post event clean up on Saturday morning meeting at 9am at the school office gates. We'll be clearing the firework debris from the school playing fields and taking photos of the children in action to share at a future assembly where they'll be offered a **community award** for their efforts. The children enjoyed taking part in this last year so please come along and show your support.

Finally, a big thank you to Helen Moore-Elly, a year 2 and reception mum, who ran our **PTA survey** over the summer period. We looked over the results at our AGM last week and are pleased to enclose the summary attached for you to see. We're pleased to see that our main events continue to be popular and we will look to run another adult event and/or family event later in the year.

The PTA Team

Community News

Mufti day at Chandag Infants & Chandag Juniors on Friday for Rebecca's HSCT Plea

"A huge thank you to both Head Teachers for allowing this to happen. It was a huge success with parents & children being so kind & generous, it was truly amazing! Thank you to everyone who supported this Plea on the day, I can't thank you all enough for your love & support. Because of everyone's help & generosity we raised £645 from the mufti which is absolutely amazing.

The Celebrity Fancy Dress Party & the raffle combined have also made a whopping £4438!! This is down to every single one of you who bought a party ticket, raffle ticket, donated prizes, raised prizes and all the hard work put in to pull this off. I will be forever grateful."

Rebecca Matthews

Requests for leave of absence

Our 2018, 19 term dates are DIFFERENT FROM THE DATES ON THE BANES WEBSITE.

No leave of absence will be granted where our individual school term dates have not been followed.

There is a clear correlation between good attendance and good outcomes at school. Children need to be at school in order to have the relevant teaching in order that they will be ready for their next stage in learning. I will be meeting termly with our Children Missing Education Officer (CMEO) regarding attendance at our school. We, along with other local schools, follow BANES policy on holiday requests. **Any child who has attendance below 90% is considered by the government to be a persistent absentee** (supported evidence of chronic illness of course is taken into account and would not be counted) and requests for holidays in term time will not be granted

unless there are **very exceptional circumstances**. This means that they are "rare, significant, unavoidable and short." (National Association of Head Teachers) **The expected attendance for all children in Wellsway Multi-Academy Trust Schools is 100%. The headteacher makes the decision whether or not to authorise absence, including sickness absence.**

- All applications for leave of absence must be made **in advance** by the parent(s), carer(s) or corporate parent that the pupil normally resides with.
- Where a request for leave of absence has been made by one parent only, any estranged parent with parental responsibility¹ will be advised of the request for leave. The school will not become involved in disputes between parents over permissions surrounding the request. If the parent on receipt of the notification does not agree with the absence then he/she may put in writing to the headteacher notification to that effect. This will be given consideration should a Penalty Notice be issued for the absence. “¹ Except where there has been an order made by a court restricting the sharing of information with that parent. In such cases it is the responsibility of the parent to provide documentary evidence of the order.
- **Illness:** If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please either visit or phone Mrs Weeks in the school office rather than leaving a message with the Class Teacher, who may have lots of messages to remember. In this way, we can ensure that all absences are recorded correctly. Our school answerphone has a dedicated line to report illness if outside of the office opening hours (8.30am -5pm, but 4.30pm on Fridays).
- **Please note that if your child is absent from school and we do not receive a message or are unable to reach you on the phone, we may be obliged to follow up with a home visit to check on your child’s safety.**
- Please ring us on each day of absence, unless by prior arrangement with the office, e.g. in the case of chickenpox or sickness, where a set number of days at home may be required. Mrs Weeks will be in the office from 8.30am each day.
- **PLEASE NOTE THAT CHILDREN MUST BE 48 HOURS CLEAR OF SICKNESS OR DIARRHOEA BEFORE RETURNING TO SCHOOL.**

Trust

Respect

Kindness

Cooperation

Courage

Creativity