



# Newsletter

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we have finally seen the results of our PTA fund raising and Tesco token scheme, with the installation of a fabulous Astroturf surface in the Reception garden. The children and staff are delighted to be using it. Thank you to Steve Slingo for laying it and to everyone who contributed in any way. Also, a big thank you to Alana's dad – James Chambers, who kindly refreshed the paint on the shed and play house.

We look forward to seeing you on the first day of term 2, which is **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November** for all pupils.

Best Wishes for an enjoyable break

Mrs A Smart, Head Teacher

## Achievement Awards

Congratulations, you are all Superstars!



**Badgers:** Dylan Gommersall, Oscar Savage, Max Wiggs-Davies

**Hedgehogs:** Enzo Garcia, Jack Hayden, Oliver Lerway, Spencer Hopkins

**Otters:** Marnie Brunton, Reuben Harley, Matilda Wright-Smith, Calla Kendall

**Squirrels:** Alfie Pond, Alby Cooper, Nathan Gunter, Emily Watts

**Owls:** Poppy Parsons, Sammy Knowles, Pixie Knight, Oscar Athay

**Kingfishers** Poppy Crooks, Oscar Gardener, Delilah Robinson, Charlotte Twiggs

### Best Attendance of the week

Hedgehogs & Squirrel Class

### Golden Pencil Award...

Jack Hayden, Toby Duerr, Serban Pop, Max O'Sullivan

### Reading Rocketeers

Otters – 3<sup>rd</sup> Week running, with 21/30 children reading 4+ times a week at home.

Dates for terms 1 and 2 2018,19	
Assembly dates Badgers 12.7.19, Hedgehogs 28.6.19, Otters 22.3.19, Squirrels 5.7.19, Owls 29.3.19, Kingfisher 15.3.19	
Term 2	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Term 2 starts for all pupils</b>
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA: Firework Night
8 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu vaccine spray for all pupils
W/C 12 <sup>th</sup> November	National Anti-bullying week 'Choose Respect'
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need Day
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Christmas Craft morning – parents/grandparents welcome from 9.10am
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Rainbow Theatre Group visiting school. 'Snow White'
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA: Christmas Fair after school
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception and Parents' Christmas lunch (details nearer the time)
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Y1 and 2 Christmas lunch
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 Christmas Performances 9.15am and 2.15pm
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2 Performances 1 9.15am and 2.15pm
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Christmas Performances 9.15am and 2.15pm
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas parties, all year groups Last day of term

Safeguard training for all parent helpers

**2.50pm, Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

Please let us know in advance if you are attending.

### 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.**



### Prince Charles's 70th Birthday Lunch menu 14th November 2018

To celebrate, we are also running a Colouring Competition.

Draw an A4 picture showing Prince Charles and his family having a Royal Birthday Party.... Don't forget the Corgi dogs!

Hand pictures in on the 14th November for a chance to **win a royal prize!**

Please remember to put your name and class name on your picture.

Good luck!

Zest Catering team

There will be an opportunity for Reception aged children to bring a grown-up to their Christmas lunch on 12<sup>th</sup> December, so save the date! (small charge for adults).



Thanks to those who attended Mrs Bancroft's Emotion Coaching session on Thursday; we hope you found it helpful. Mrs Bancroft is happy to follow up with parents 1:1 if you would like further advice.



### Astronauts for a day

Year 2 enjoyed an exciting day on various Space related tasks!



### Ta da!....

Here we are, enjoying our new play surface. Thank you to all the mums and dads, grans and grandads, friends and extended family who put tokens in the Tesco box or attended our PTA events last year; your money has been put to great use.



A little dark in the photo but the children are thanking you for the astro surface and the beautifully painted play house.



### French Breakfast, 19<sup>th</sup> October

Thank you to Gaby Clay & Anias Hall, for bringing their French flags & music and for teaching some of us to order in French.

### Superhero Day

Year 1 enjoyed a 'Superhero', 'Super Learning' day!



### Play leaders

Year 5 from Chandag Juniors and Cath Burston from Wellsway School have been helping our Year 2s train as Play Leaders. The Play Leaders will be helping the younger pupils with games at lunchtime next term. This was a great opportunity to use the outside classroom too.



Poppies and other charity fund raising items will be sold during the first week of term.

Poppies - 20p minimum

Erasers 50p

Reflectors 50p

Pencil Sharpeners 50p

Pencils 50p

Rulers £1.00



### PTA News

#### *Newsflash*

**Today's cake sale raised a fantastic £334**

Hopefully most of you will have spotted the **new play surface in the reception playground** by now. We are so pleased to have been able to complete this before the wet weather sets in and the Hedgehogs and Badgers have already been putting it to good use. This has only been possible thanks to all the support that we received over the summer period when we were taking part in the Tesco Bags for Help scheme, so if you were one of the many people who dropped a blue token into our school box then **thank you so much**.

Last week our Year 2 children enjoyed our first **entertainment night** of the year. We are very grateful to our local Tesco store who kindly donated the popcorn and drinks for this event meaning that we **raised £99**.

Tickets for our **fireworks night** on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November have been selling well and we have just released our last batch of tickets. There are currently **less than 80 tickets left** so please purchase yours now [using this link](#) to avoid disappointment (we will be offering these to local pre-schools during the half term break). We've got a great event lined up, including hot dogs and burgers (sourced from our local butchers), a bar, raffle, and our very popular glow and sweet stall.

It was lovely to meet so many parents throughout the last two parent evenings and we hope that we've managed to persuade a few of you to sign up and support us through **easyfundraising**. We have noticed **6 more supporters have signed up** so far so a big thank you to you. If you haven't already signed up then please do so at this link – <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/chandaginants> – it's such an easy way of raising money for the school without costing you any extra.

Finally, we are already thinking about our **Christmas Fair after school on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December**. We are always looking for people to help us with these events and we're holding a **planning meeting on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November** so please drop a message to our PTA mailbox if you would like to come along ([pta@chandaginantschool.org.uk](mailto:pta@chandaginantschool.org.uk)). This year we will be inviting a few **external stall holders** along so if you are interested, or know of anyone that might be interested, then please let us know.

Thanks for all your support this term and we hope that everyone has a great half term break.

The PTA Team

### 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 responsibility<sup>1</sup> 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. " <sup>1</sup> 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.

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