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"What we nurture today, flourishes tomorrow"



**Chess Valley
Primary
Learning
Trust**

Friday 27th September 2024

Newsletter 2 - Autumn Term 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

This half term is already speeding by and it's hard to believe we are almost in October; it is certainly feeling more like autumn.

This letter will give you details and advance notice of forthcoming events and dates for your diary.

Parent/Carer Information Evening

Thank you so much for your attendance at the Parent/Carer Information Evening on Thursday, it was great to have so many families in school despite the weather being so awful! We will put the slides onto our website.

Year 4 Harvest Service – Monday 30th September

Year 4 would like to invite their families to watch them deliver their Harvest Service in Church from 2:15pm on Monday 30th September.

Tesco Vouchers

Thank you so much with your support for the Tesco vouchers for school scheme, you managed to raise £500 for school! We are so grateful.

Helping the Office Team

Now that the term is in full swing, the toll of 'having the builders in' means that our hardworking office staff have their work cut out answering the gate with regularity, this takes them away from the phone line and the other work they have to do.

There is a way you can really help them –

1. Ensure that your child has everything they need for the school so that you don't need to drop off anything at school during the school day
2. Make sure any appointments such as dental/medical are booked outside of school hours whenever possible
3. Arrive/pick up on time

Thank you for your understanding.

A new 'School Values' initiative - Afternoon Tea with the Headteacher

love | joy | peace | patience | kindness | goodness | faithfulness | gentleness | self-control

We have an exciting new initiative to reward children living out our school values. Once a half term children are invited to my Headteacher's tea party to celebrate their efforts in school and who frequently demonstrate and live out our school values. One child from each class Yr-Y6 will be selected by the adults in the school, this can be class teachers, teaching assistants, lunchtime supervisors, office team and support staff. The first tea party is scheduled for Friday 25th October.

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PSA News

A really big thank you for all who took part in the **Chess Valley Challenge** last weekend. They were blessed with beautiful weather in amongst all the rain and gloom we have had recently. A good time was had by all.

PSA AGM

The PSA plays a vital part in the school community and all parents, carers and staff, as members of the PSA, are invited to support the AGM. This is your chance to hear and see how the funds you have helped to raise will be used for the benefit of the children/students at our school.

Due to the on-going building works, we will be holding the PSA AGM via Microsoft Teams this year and you can register your interest via this form: <https://forms.gle/GQjFnWK4SVtLQLJG7> Papers will be circulated to those attending in advance of the meeting on **Thursday 3 October 8pm**

There are no elections taking place this year, however we are looking for additional volunteers including co-opted Committee Members. If you would like any further information about being a Committee Member, please speak to Natalia Peel (Y3 & Y1). You can view the full list of PSA Committee Members and vacancies here: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-tNte0XYC40sElqu4et4htynPDOyCqWMzzTqrF3K8KA/edit?usp=sharing>

We are also keen to hear about what types of events and activities you would be interested in organising and attending for this academic year. Please complete the AGM form asap to be included in the Teams meeting. We look forward to seeing you online on **Thursday 3 October at 8pm**.

Pupil Premium/Free School Meals – Reception, Y1 and Y2

The school is aware that with the Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) programme automatically providing all children up to the end of Year 2 with a free meal every day, many families do not apply for means-tested free school meal provision until their child reaches Year 3. This could mean parents are missing out on other sources of support they are entitled to, linked to household income and the benefits of associated pupil premium funding. Please see link below to check eligibility:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-schoolmeals/free-school-meals.aspx>

Hertfordshire Police – Herts Connected

Launched by Hertfordshire Police in April 2024, Herts Connected is a really useful tool and allows residents to receive the latest crime or emergency updates and alerts, as well as information about policing events in their area. Local residents can get involved in helping to make their local area a safer place, tell the police what they should be doing in their area, shape the initiatives that help to keep people and property safe, and tell us what matters are causing local communities harm. You can sign up for the tool here:

<https://www.hertsconnected.co.uk/>

Thank you and have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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