

Charnwood Primary School

Parents Newsletter

January 2024

We have had a wonderful start to 2024, here at Charnwood. The children and staff are well rested and have settled back into school routines. We are planning exciting learning opportunities for our children during this spring term.



Safer Internet Day

Next month, we will be celebrating Safer Internet Day on Tuesday, 06 February 2024. Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people.

This year, the theme is '*Inspiring **change**? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online*'.

This includes -

- Using the internet to make **change** for the better
- The **changes** young people want to see online
- The things that can influence and **change** the way young people think, feel and act online and offline
- Here is the link to find out more information <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers>.

To celebrate this day, we would like to hold a competition. Please support your child in creating a Safer Internet Day poster which reflects the theme for this year. Remember to make it eye catching and interesting to read. These posters will need to be handed in by Friday, 16 February 2024.

Good luck!

This newsletter can be provided in large print format on request and is also available on the school website.



Clubs are back up and running for this Spring Term with lots of sporting and creative clubs to take part in. All of these clubs are FREE - yes FREE! Clubs finish at 4pm.

We **currently** have some spaces in the following clubs:

- Year 3-6 Recorder Club – Monday
- Year 5 & 6 Art Club – Thursday

Please see the office to get your child signed up.

If your child has been invited to an academic club it is imperative your child attends unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Educational Visits

This month, our children have had the following opportunity to enhance their learning on educational visits: -

- Year 3 Gurdwara trip
- Year 2 Spinney Hill Park trip



Special Time

This term, children have been given the daily opportunity to reflect on the following 'Special Time' themes:

Resolutions
Influence
Justice
Honesty
Gratitude
Safety

New staff

This term, we welcome Miss C Bath. She is our new School Business Manager. I am certain that parents and carers will join us in welcoming Miss Bath to our school.

Family Support Worker

We now have a Family Support Worker available at our school who can provide help to families. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

Attendance

The whole school attendance for this year to date is: 92.8%

Our School attendance target figure is 95.2 %, so as you can see so far we have not met our target.

Well done to 2 Magnolia for having the highest attendance of 94.6% for January.

Regular attendance at school promotes well-being. It gives children the best chance of learning and reaching their potential. Pupils should attend school every day the school is open, unless the reason for the absence is unavoidable.

Arriving at school on time is as important as attendance.

The school gates open at **08:30am** and close at **08:40am**. Children should be in school by this time as registers are taken from 08:40am.

Children who are late miss out on the important initial learning activities of the day. Children who are regularly late fall behind in their learning. Their day is disrupted, as is the learning of the rest of the class, whose attention is disrupted by the arrival of latecomers.

Please visit our school website for further information about attendance:

<http://charnwood.leicester.sch.uk>

Please could parents inform the office before 9.00am if your child has an appointment and will be absent or is arriving late by calling the school office on **0116 251 6574**.

If your child is going to be absent for any other reason, please contact the school office and provide sufficient information about their absence.

Teachers 2 Parents Texting Service

If you wish to send a text message to the school please use the following number:-

07786 208 889



Household Support Fund

The local authority has received funding of £6.8 million which we plan to distribute to the most vulnerable households within Leicester between June 2023 and February 2024. Applications are open for families to apply directly through the main city council website on the following link: <https://www.leicester.gov.uk/householdsupportfund>

Schools are able to act as professional referrers and can make a professional referral on a families' behalf.

Cool Milk Scheme

Our school is providing a milk scheme that is available to all of our pupils. If you would like register your child to receive milk, please visit the Cool Milk website on www.coolmilk.com.

Future Trips/Events

Date	Trip/Event
Thursday, 01 February 2024	Y5 Leicester Museum and Art Gallery trip
Wednesday, 14 February 2024	Y6 Warning Zone trip
Tuesday, 27 February 2024	Y1 Coventry Transport Museum trip

