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All Different

All Equal

All Achieving

Message from the Headteacher - Mrs Nanette Wragg

This has been a fabulous week in school. All classes have been reviewing their knowledge with end of terms tests - they are focused and proud of the learning they have applied.

We are already seeing some improvements in attendance, well done to Learning Lemurs - a tremendous 99.05%! Please note that absences must be reported by 9.00 am.

Invites are being circulated today for

pupils in each class who are fabulous examples of Chilwell values this term. They will be having afternoon tea with myself on Monday. Well done all!

Well done to our Chilwell girls for representing us at AVFC football tournament and coming in second place - you have made us very proud!

Our Waterstones reading recognition trip resulted in the manager of the store donating a huge bag of books to us in recognition of how impressed they were at our pupils' behaviour. Thank you to those that attended - you blew the staff away - fabulous ambassadors!

As I write this letter today, the sad news has been announced of Benjamin Zephaniah's passing. A wonderful ambassador of our city; his contribution to literature especially children's poetry and books is well loved and inspirational for many. Our newsletter highlights one of his works befitting our value of Kindness. Thank you, Benjamin Zephaniah.

Remember school has an Inset tomorrow 8th December 23; we shall see you on Monday 8.40 am

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Fri 8 th Dec	Inset Day School closed for all pupils.
Mon 11 th Dec	STEM week at Chilwell Croft
Mon 11 th Dec	Class Dojo Afternoon Tea with Headteacher
Thurs 14 th Dec	Year 6 Visit to Panel Croft Village
Mon 18 th - Thurs 21 st Dec	Winter Performances
Mon 18 th Dec	No Afterschool Clubs this week
Mon 18 th Dec	Wraparound open from Mon-Thurs
Tues 19 th Dec	Winter Fayre at 2.30 pm
Fri 22 nd Dec	Last Day of Term School closes at 1.30 pm
Tues 9 th Jan	All Children Return to School at 8.40 am
Tues 5 th Mar	Ash End Farm Visit- Reception
Tues 19 th Mar	Botanical Gardens Visit - Year 1
Mon 13 th May	Year 6 SATs



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Attendance

Lucky Lions	89.80%	😭
Terrific Tigers	88.14%	😭
Dazzling Dolphins	91.53%	😭
Fantastic Flamingos	98.86%	😊
Legendary Leopards	95.05%	😊
Pleasant Pandas	94.76%	😭
Perfect Parrots	95.94%	😊
Proud Penguins	92.89%	😭
Fabulous Foxes	94.29%	😭
Learning Lemurs	99.05%	😊
Kind-hearted Kangaroos	96.70%	😊
Shrewd Shrews	96.43%	😊
Charming Cheetahs	90.52%	😭
Powerful Panthers	97.14%	😊



4	School days missed in an academic year	100%	OUTSTANDING
7	School days missed in an academic year	98%	VERY GOOD
10	School days missed in an academic year	96%	GOOD
11	School days missed in an academic year	95%	ALMOST THERE
20	School days missed in an academic year	94%	IMPROVEMENT NEEDED
29	School days missed in an academic year	90%	CONCERNED ATTENDANCE OFFICE WILL BE IN TOUCH
		85%	VERY CONCERNED

Thank you to all who are working hard to achieve our 97% target. We can only do this if we all work together.

Our attendance this week is:

91.78%

Our grand total attendance to date is:

92.61%

Attendance Competition!

We will be launching a very exciting attendance scheme in school. Watch this space for an update. Great attendance each week will make pupils eligible for an attendance ticket.

ATTEND TODAY
ACHIEVE TOMORROW





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School Term Dates 23/24

AUTUMN TERM 2023

Term Starts: Monday 4 September 2023

Half Term: Monday 30 October 2023 to Friday 3 November 2023

Term Ends: Friday 22nd December 2023

Inset Days: Friday 27th October, Friday 8th December

SPRING TERM 2024

Term Starts: Monday 8 January 2024

Half Term: Monday 12 February 2024 to Friday 16 February 2024

Term Ends: Thursday 21st March 2024

Inset Days: Monday 8th January, Friday 22nd March

SUMMER TERM 2024

Term Starts: Monday 8 April 2024

Half Term: Monday 27 May 2024 to Friday 31 May 2024

Inset Day: Friday 14th June

Term Ends: Friday 19th July 2024

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is a paid club which you can book your child/ren into.

Please contact the school office if you would like your child to attend.

Club starts 7.30 am until 8.40 am.

Daily Rate:

One Child	50p
One Family	£1

Afterschool Clubs

We also have afterschool clubs available which run from Monday to Thursday.

Clubs are released before we break up for the term.

Spaces are given on first come first served basis.



Our Value for December is Kindness



MCAS

MCAS (My Child At School) is a new app which the school will be using to communicate with parents. The app can be used by parents to pay for school trips, pay for your child's school dinners or book your child in breakfast club/wraparound provision. It is important that all parents have signed up on the app and have it ready for use for the upcoming half term.

If you require extra support, please contact or visit the school office.





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Wraparound Provision

Wraparound provision is a paid service where children can stay afterschool and participate in a variety of different fun activities. Such as board games, sporting activities, and art and crafts.

The service includes a snack break.

Time	Day	Price
3:30 - 4:30 pm	Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	£4.00 per session
3:30 - 5:00 pm	Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	£5.50 per session
4:30 - 5:00 pm (Post club attendance)	Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	£1.50 per session
2:00 - 4:30 pm	Tuesday	£7.00 per session
2:00 - 5:00 pm	Tuesday	£8.50 per session
3:00 - 3:30 pm (Post club attendance)	Tuesday	£1.50 per session
2:00 - 3:00 pm	Tuesday	£4.00 per session
3:00 - 4:00 pm	Tuesday	£5.50 per session



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Reading to Your Child

It might seem like everything has gone digital, but books still play a very important part in school life. As well as giving your child a head start, developing a love for reading.

- Make book and stories part of everyday life
- Building a reading story into a routine e.g. a story at bedtime
- Stick your feet up and let your child see you reading a book
- Go to the library so your child can choose some books to borrow for free
- Read in fun places e.g. a den made from blankets
- Give books as a birthday gift - this will show you value them
- Keep books in your bag or the car.



Reading Diary Expectations

"Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment everyday not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't, but also develop broader vocabulary, increase general knowledge and better understanding of other cultures

In fact, reading for pleasure is more likely to determine whether a child does well at school than their social or economic background" (Pearson, 2021)

Here at Chilwell Croft, we place a high importance on daily reading, each child is provided with a reading diary and books to take home. We ask that the reading records are signed off daily and brought into school where they will be collected in, checked and signed off by an adult. This is a non-negotiable expectation.



Rocket Reading League - Week 12

1st - Panthers (156 Reads)

2nd - Shrews (151 Reads)

3rd - Foxes (137 Reads)



Waterstones Trip

12 selected children have had an amazing time at Waterstones. Children were given a credit of £10 to select a book of their choice. (Please see picture on the back page)



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Reading - Text of the Week

My text of the week is : The Lion Above the Door by Onjali Q Rauf - A book I recently finished over half term was Onjali Q Rauf's The Lion Above the Door.

Leo and his best friend Sangeeta are the odd ones out in their school. But as Leo's dad is always telling him, it's because they're special. Only thing is, if they're so special, how come they never see anyone who looks like them in their school history books?

Then, on a class trip to a nearby cathedral, Leo's attention is drawn to a large marble slab high above the doors of the hall. Right there, bang in the middle of a list of war heroes, Leo finds himself staring at something incredible: his own name.

Desperate to know who this other Leo was, the two friends embark on a search. And together, they begin to uncover missing stories from the past, ones which they are determined to put back into their rightful place in the pages of history!

I cannot recommend this book enough. I went through a range of emotions reading it. I felt connected to the characters and their experiences, especially Leo and Sangeeta - who discover that their cultural history is apart of their identity.

Children should be reading widely at home, a range of fiction and non-fiction. In school we use a range of diverse texts that reflect our children and their surroundings. After Christmas the reading champions will be creating reading recommendations.

Mr Giblen



A big thank you to all families who have donated today - which will be donated to Save the Children.
We have raised £100.



Save the Children

We have raised £380 for remembrance day - thank you all for donating.





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School Uniform

All students wear the same uniform, helping to level out the playing field and promote equality among the students.

If you are having trouble purchasing the correct uniform, please get in contact with the school office and we will be happy to support you.

PE Kit

It is important the P.E kit is seen as an extension of our school uniform; therefore our high standards should be kept.

JUMPER/CARDIGAN



Jumper
School Uniform



Cardigan
School Uniform

BOTTOM



Black Trousers
School Uniform



Jogging Bottoms
PE Kit



Black Shorts
PE Kit

SHOES/BAG



School Uniform



PE Kit

Children can wear any of the following items below:

POLO-SHIRTS



White Polo Shirt
School Uniform



Yellow Polo Shirt
PE Kit

DRESS/SKIRT



Black Skirt
School Uniform



Purple Summer
School Uniform

Hijab



Purple



Black

PROHIBITED ITEMS

✘ NO TRACKSUIT BOTTOM OR JEANS ✘ NO LEGGINGS/JEGGINGS ✘ No Jewellery

✘ NO HOOPED EARRING – ONLY STUDED EARRINGS ✘ NO HOODIES/ANIMATED SWEATER



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Here at Chilwell Croft, we celebrate children's achievements through rewarding them with certificates. Below are the children's names who have received a certificate for the following:

- Value Child - for demonstrating the school values through demonstrating excellent behaviour and attributes in school.
- Reader - reading everyday at home and getting their reading diary signed off by their Parent/Carer



Value Child

Dazzling Dolphins	Yusuf Khan
Fantastic Flamingos	Zahrah Belal
Legendary Leopards	Yohana Morais
Pleasant Pandas	Hadjer Benrekia
Perfect Parrots	Amal Dago Ali
Proud Penguins	Taymia Jimale
Fabulous Foxes	Mawadah Sulaiman
Learning Lemurs	Zeynab Hussein
Kind-hearted Kangaroos	Destinee Zanzala
Shrewd Shrews	Abdurahman Hussein
Powerful Panthers	Zain Nadeem
Charming Cheetahs	Awwal Ogundimu

Reader of the Week

Dazzling Dolphins	Reneya Wilkins
Fantastic Flamingos	Sumaya Hussien
Legendary Leopards	Musa Ali Omer
Pleasant Pandas	Zaki Bakhit
Perfect Parrots	Samba Traore
Proud Penguins	Imran Hai
Fabulous Foxes	Ahmed Ali Muse
Learning Lemurs	Affan Sharif
Kind-hearted Kangaroos	Mohand Adam
Shrewd Shrews	Shayaan Tajwar
Powerful Panthers	Nader Abdul Halim
Charming Cheetahs	Awwal Ogundimu



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Spring 1 PE Dates

Please find below the days for school. Children will need to come into school wearing their PE kit, which is the following:
Yellow t-shirt, black jogging bottoms/shorts/leggings and black trainers.

Year 1

Children will have PE every Thursday

Year 2

Children will have PE every Monday

Year 3

Children will have PE every Wednesday

Year 4 - Every Monday

Plus:

Friday 19th January

Friday 2nd February

Friday 9th February

Year 5 - Every Wednesday

Plus:

Tuesday 16th January

Tuesday 30th January

Year 6

Children will have PE every Wednesday



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Welcome to New Staff



Ms St Juste
Creative
Entrepreneur
and Actor

WELCOME

Family Time

Bed Time

Going to sleep early is very important for children's growth, learning, behaviour and development.

Please drive safely on Summer Lane and do not park on the double yellow lines.

Read Write Inc.

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Read Write Inc (RWI) is a phonics based programme which helps children learn to read whilst also developing a wide range of vocabulary and encouraging a love of stories.

Below are some useful links which you can use to support your children at home:

Ruth Miskin Parents' Page:

<http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/parents/>

Ruth Miskin Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/miskineducation>

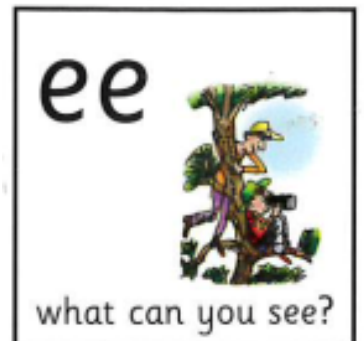
Free e-books for home reading:

<http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/Reading/>

Youtube: [Ruth Miskin Training - YouTube](#)

Phonics

Here is a sound of the week:





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People Will Always Need People by Benjamin Zephaniah

People need people,
To walk to
To talk to
To cry and rely on,
People will always need people.
To love and to miss
To hug and to kiss,
It's useful to have other people.
To whom to moan
If you're all alone,
It's so hard to share
When no one is there.
There's not much to do
When there's no one but you.
People will always need people.

To please
To tease
To put you at ease,
People will always need people.
To make life appealing
And give life some meaning,
It's useful to have other people.
If you need a change
To whom will you turn.
If you need a lesson
From whom will you learn.
If you need to play
You'll know why I say
People will always need people.



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