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All Different

All Equal

All Achieving

Message from the Headteacher - Mrs. Nanette Wragg



Dear Chilwell Families,

I have been reflecting this week on the enriched programme of events that our pupils are able to experience at Chilwell Croft. From cooking to cricket, dance to debating, farms to football, the school calendar bursts with events from week to week. I know our teaching community is committed to providing these

as they are a key part of learning, and the children have such a fabulous time. They really are a joy to take on trips, we receive compliments about them everywhere we go! So a big thank you to you as parents for supporting these experiences and ensuring the pupils are trip ready! Thanks too to the office staff who, behind the scenes, booking the coaches, handle payments, and simply make these things happen!

Amongst all these events for the first time our Year 6 pupils took part in a debating competition at King Edwards Grammar School in Edgbaston. They have been praised extensively, all were wonderful! And to top it all, Chaima and Jowhara won their element and will be attending the next round of the debating competition next half term.

Fantastic and well done to both pupils.

Take care, have a great week ahead.

Have a great week ahead.

Mrs. N Wragg
Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Tues 12 th Mar	EAL/Oracy Workshop (9am till 10am)
Tues 12 th Mar	School Games Yonex All England - Selected Children from Years 3/4
Thurs 14 th Mar	2024 Yonex All England Open Badminton Championship Selected children from Years 3- 6
Fri 15 th Mar	Comic Relief
Mon 18 th - Fri 22 nd Mar	National Shakespeare Week
Mon 18 th Mar	Birmingham Open Media Trip - Selected Year 6 Children
Tues 19 th Mar	Parent Networking Event (9am till 11am)
Tues 19 th Mar	Botanical Gardens Visit - Year 1
Tues 19 th Mar	AVFC World Math's Day - Selected Children from Years 4/5
Wed 20 th Mar	International Women and Girls in Science Trip to University of Birmingham
Thurs 21 st Mar	School finishes at 1.30 pm for Easter Holidays
Fri 22 nd Mar	Inset Day - Staff (No pupils in school)
Mon 8 th Apr	Back to School - 8.40 am (Summer Term)
Fri 12 th Apr	Waterstones Reward Trip
Mon 6 th May	May Bank Holiday - (School closed)
Mon 13 th - Fri 17 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Wed 26 th - Fri 28 th Jun	Year 6 Residential



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Weekly Attendance

Lucky Lions	97.00%
Terrific Tigers	97.00%
Dazzling Dolphins	99.00%
Fantastic Flamingos	97.70%
Legendary Leopards	98.70%
Pleasant Pandas	93.00%
Perfect Parrots	93.00%
Proud Penguins	93.70%
Fabulous Foxes	97.30%
Learning Lemurs	99.30%
Kind-hearted Kangaroos	96.40%
Shrewd Shrews	99.30%
Charming Cheetahs	96.00%
Powerful Panthers	98.00%



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

Our grand total attendance this half term is:
93.50%

Attendance Competition!

Will you win?



Top Class Attendance

1st Learning Lemurs & Shrewd Shrews- 99.30%
2nd Dazzling Dolphins - 99.00%
3rd Legendary Leopards- 98.70%

CONGRATULATIONS



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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



Our Value this month is Honesty

Value Child

Dazzling Dolphins	Coran Alam-Hayward
Fantastic Flamingos	Melody Agbongiator
Legendary Leopards	Athina Omer
Pleasant Pandas	Mekseb Yohannes
Perfect Parrots	Lillie Mae Dowie
Proud Penguins	Isra Hassan
Fabulous Foxes	Imaan Ali
Learning Lemurs	Miracle Towobola
Kind-hearted Kangaroos	Melael Yohannes
Shrewd Shrews	Yasmin Ibna- Reid
Powerful Panthers	Chaima Azzzi
Charming Cheetahs	Kadean Seville March

Reader of the Week

Dazzling Dolphins	Ibrahim Adam
Fantastic Flamingos	Zachary Rampaul
Legendary Leopards	Peace Towobola
Pleasant Pandas	Zaki Bakhit
Perfect Parrots	Minnah Abdu
Proud Penguins	Lacey Swann
Fabulous Foxes	Nusaybah Mohamed
Learning Lemurs	Muhammad Haris
Kind-hearted Kangaroos	Ryan Mustafaj
Shrewd Shrews	Kadiatou Balde
Powerful Panthers	Rehana Begum
Charming Cheetahs	Rayed Saad



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Reception - Ash End Farm

This week, Reception have visited Ash End Farm. The children had lots of fun learning fun facts about the animals on the farm, fed them food, played on their playground, and had lunch in the barn with a log fire. What a wonderful day!



Tournaments

Selected children from Years 4/5 had the opportunity to attend Aston Villa's International Women's Day Football competition. The children had great fun competing with schools in the local area.

A number of children from Year 5/6 visited Aston Villa to take part in their Biggest Football Session for Girls. The children did an amazing job representing our school and competing against other schools.

World Book Day

On Thursday 7th of March, children celebrated World Book Day. The children engaged in a variety of different activities, such as sharing some of their favourite stories with different classes around school, reading their favourite book, and creating bookmarks. Teachers and senior leaders enjoyed reading stories to classes on this special day.





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Bookbag

We have noticed a few children come into school holding their reading diary and book with no bookbag. It is important that all students have a book to ensure that belongings do not get lost or wet if it rains.

Bookbags are available on MCAS to purchase, with Chilwell Craft logo, a great way to take care of school and personal resources.



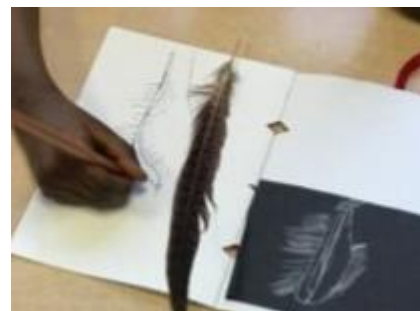
Year 2 – Art and Crafts

During this half term Year 2 have been learning all about Kings and Castles. The children were set homework over the half term holidays to create a castle using recyclable material. The children used their creative skills and did a marvellous job creating castles.

Year 2 – Art with Mrs. Wallace

In art with Mrs. Wallace, Year 2 have been looking at making a bird sculpture. The children have worked in their sketchbooks to complete observational drawings of birds and feathers and experimented with ways to make 2D paper 3D by scrunching, ripping, and doing rubbings.

In the next lesson, they will be making their sculptures, and we can't wait!

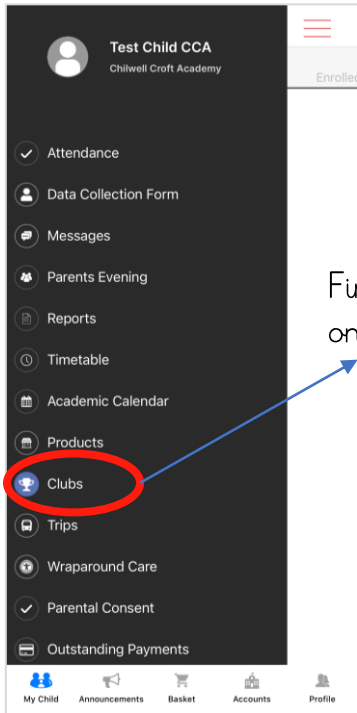




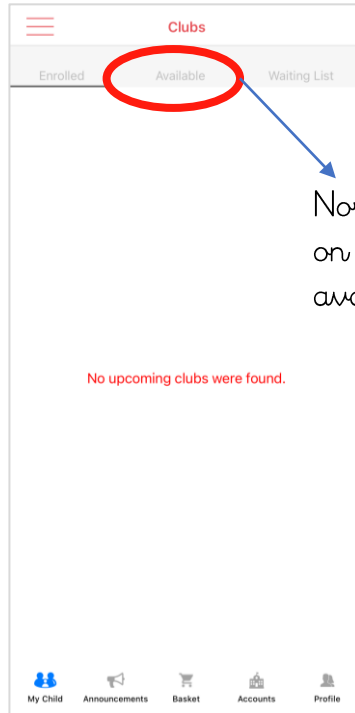
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Afterschool Clubs

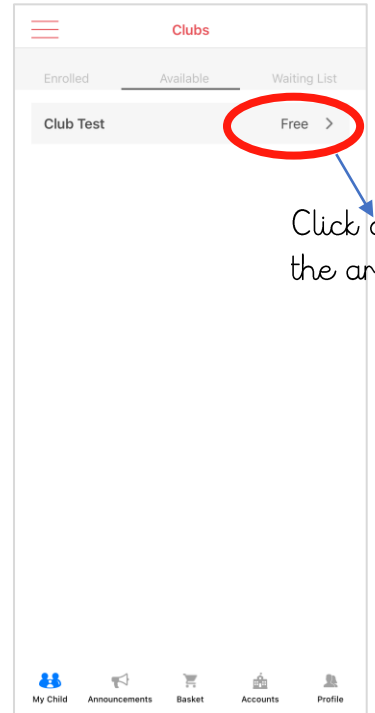
Afterschool clubs will now be available on MCAS. Please look below to find a step-by-step guidance on how to book your child into club. All clubs are on first come first served basis. Clubs will be sent out the week commencing 11/03/24



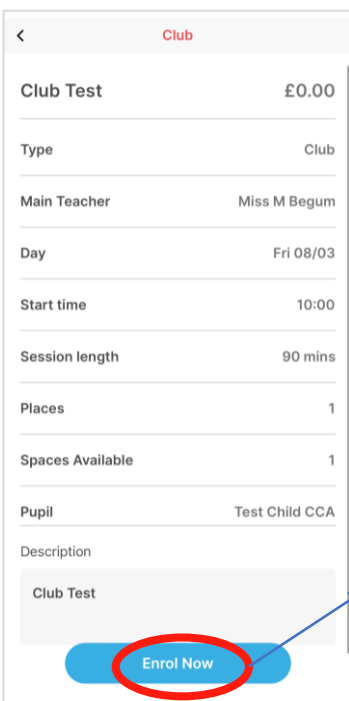
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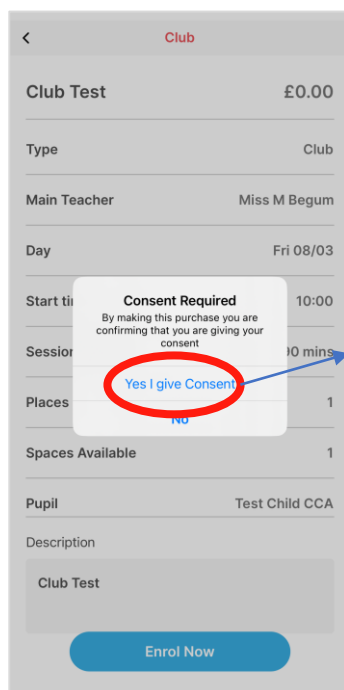
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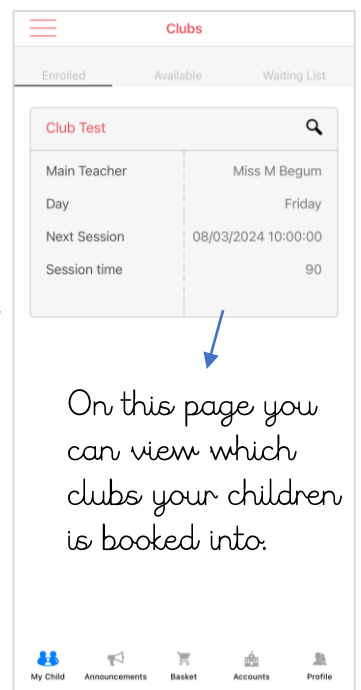
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Click on enrol now.



Click on give consent.




On this page you can view which clubs your children is booked into.











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Be a...

Hygiene HERO!



-  **We wash our hands for at least 20 seconds.** 
-  **We use a tissue for coughs and sneezes.** 
-  **We stay at home if we have a high temperature, persistent cough or lose our sense of smell.** 
-  **We avoid touching our faces or others with unwashed hands.** 

Good hygiene is the way to take care of our bodies and prevent illnesses. Let's all practice good cleanliness and be a hygiene hero!

Ramadan

Ramadan Mubarak to all those who are observing.

Please can parents/carers complete the Ramadan Fasting consent form on MCAS, if you would like your child in Year 6 to fast.





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Thurayyah used charcoal sticks to recreate the picture of Pyramids
Fantastic work Thurayyah!

Thurayyah (Proud Penguins)





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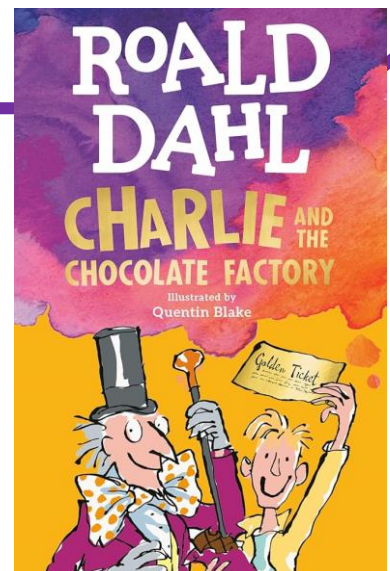
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory – Roald Dahl (Text of the week)

This week our Head Boy Zayd is taking over the book review.

My favourite book is Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by the renowned Roald Dahl. This is my favourite book because all the characters are treacherous and villainous, except for Charlie, who is humble and is grateful for anything and everything.

This book has elements of adventure and fantasy due to Charlie searching for a golden ticket inside a chocolate bar. Which if found, will take them inside the magical, wild and wonderful world of Willy Wonka. Mr. Willy Wonka is a wonderful character who takes the children on an adventure through his chocolate factory, but things don't go according to plan. Each child's true nature is revealed as they traverse the chocolate world, and as a result they are punished in outlandish ways!

This book is a must have for all children and is one I can read over and over again. Also, watch out for the Oompa-Lumpas - they sing a few cheery funny songs”





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Last Friday a group of six Year 6 children attended a debating competition at King Edwards Grammar School. They competed against another school in teams of two where they debated the topic, 'The countryside is better than the city'. With the support of A-Level students, our children crafted arguments to defend city living and delivered them with confidence and clarity. Our Head Girl, Chaima was picked as an outstanding orator by the organisers. The children have written explanations of their experience and I would encourage you to take a moment to read.

I had a fantastic time at King Edwards. It was fun debating with other people. We debated about if countryside was better or if the city was better. We were saying the city was better but, the other school was saying the countryside is better. It was a really good experience.

-Jachana
twinkl.co.uk

On Friday we went to King Edwards to participate in the debating competition and it was amazing. I really enjoyed it there where many nice people and children from different schools like Holy Trinity and we had snacks and squash, it was really nice that day plus it was a massive school of grammar.

Alwī
twinkl.co.uk



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Debating Competition

I had such a great time at our debating competition at King Edwards school! I really enjoyed it! I met a lot of new people and I thank all the team helpers for their precious time to prepare us for upcoming debating competition. Even though we lost, I still encourage the younger generations to become a debater in the future. Thank you for this wonderful time King Edwards!

Muhammad H

Debating Competition

I'm extremely happy I got a chance to participate in the King Edwards debating competition. It was super fun and I learnt so many new things, we debated about whether it's better to live in the city or countryside (What do you prefer?). Over all, I think debating is a wonderful thing and you should all give it a try! My experience there was phenomenal.

- Chaima



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Road Safety

Did you know every 16 minutes someone is killed or seriously injured on UK roads. Please drive safely on Summer Lane and do not park on double yellow lines to ensure the safety of our children.

A school crossing patrol officer will be available to assist parents/children crossing summer lane.

ROAD SAFETY

<p>THINK</p> <p>about where you should cross.</p> 	<p>STOP</p> <p>in a safe place at the side of the road.</p> 	<p>USE YOUR EYES & EARS</p> <p>to see and hear any approaching vehicles.</p> 
<p>WAIT</p> <p>until all the vehicles have passed.</p> 	<p>LOOK AND LISTEN</p> <p>again to make sure all is clear.</p> 	<p>CROSS</p> <p>the road. Keep looking and listening.</p> 



Read Write Inc.

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 the sound of the week:

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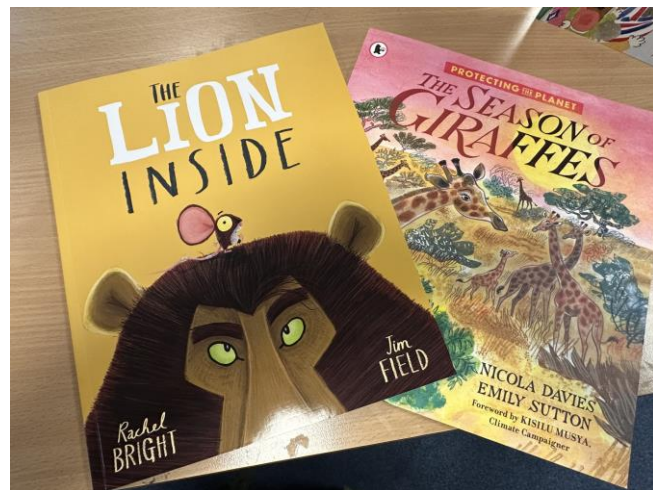


cup of tea



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Here are some texts that the children will be looking at this term:





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Spring 2 PE Dates

Please find below the PE days for school. Children will need to come into school wearing their PE kit, which is the following:

- PE Kit - Yellow t-shirt, black jogging bottoms/shorts/leggings and black trainers.

Reception

Thursday 22nd February
Thursday 7th March
Thursday 21st March

Year 1 - Every Thursday

Year 2 - Every Monday

Year 3 - Every Wednesday

Year 4

Wednesday 21st February
Friday 23rd February
Monday 26th February
Wednesday 6th March
Friday 8th March
Monday 11th March
Wednesday 20th March

Year 5

Tuesday 20th February
Wednesday 28th February
Tuesday 5th March
Wednesday 13th March
Tuesday 19th March

Year 6

Wednesday 21st February
Wednesday 6th March
Wednesday 13th March



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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

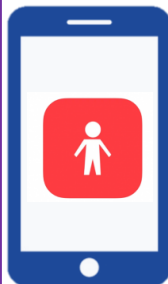
Afterschool Clubs

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 a first come first served basis.



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.



SWOTLY

Chilwell Croft is a diverse school with families from more than 40 ethnicities. The school uses the app SWOTLY to communicate and engage with parents. This is a great app for parents who have English as a second language and prefer reading messages in their first language. If you are interested in receiving messages in your first language, please contact the school office and they will help get you set up on SWOTLY.





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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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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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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.

Week Beginning: _____

Activity

Monday

Family Signature _____

Activity

Tuesday

Family Signature _____

Activity

Wednesday

Family Signature _____

Activity

Thursday

Family Signature _____

Activity

Friday

Family Signature _____

Activity

Saturday

Family Signature _____

Activity

Sunday

Family Signature _____



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Holiday Request Reminder

Parents are required, under the Education Act (1996) to ensure children attend school regularly. The Headteacher of a school has a discretionary power to authorise absence only in exceptional circumstances. **A family holiday is not an exceptional circumstance.**

If you complete a leave of absence request form and the request is declined, (as it will be in the majority of cases) and you still take your child out of school, each parents within the household will potentially be issued with a £60 penalty notice for **each** child you have taken out of school.

How We Can Help:

We understand that there are times when it is more difficult to encourage pupils to attend school.

There is much that we can do together in partnership to improve attendance. Please contact school to arrange a time to chat with our pastoral team. We can talk through the strategies and support that we can give to make things better. Working together will ensure that your child is supported.

Please pop into the school reception, chat to staff on the playground, or talk to a teacher at the end of day.

ATTEND TODAY
ACHIEVE TOMORROW



Be In SCHOOL
Be On TIME