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All Different

All Equal

All Achieving

Message from the Headteacher - Mrs. Nanette Wragg



Dear Chilwell Families,

Comic relief is very much a theme in school today! As ever it has spread an extra ripple of happiness and kindness throughout the school. There is a flair of red throughout classes and a few more smiles (although we do enjoy our learning everyday!). Thank you

for your generosity as ever; we raised £222 today for Comic Relief.

The Open Badminton Championship was held in Birmingham Utilita Arena this week, well done to the pupils who were chosen to attend. You have clearly impressed staff with your attendance and behaviour; fabulous examples to other pupils.

On Tuesday the Pastoral team have organised a fabulous networking event, council support services and local charities will be at Chilwell Croft to provide information and support to you, do pop in between 9 am and 11 am.

Finally, please don't forget that we have an early finish every Tuesday at 2 pm and that the spring terms ends on Thursday 21st March at 1.30 pm.

Have a great week ahead.

Mrs. N Wragg
Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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 Maths 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	King Edwards - Aspiration Session 15 Year 5 High Achievers
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 22 nd - 26 th Apr	Science Week
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	96.00%	
Terrific Tigers	99.00%	
Dazzling Dolphins	97.00%	
Fantastic Flamingos	98.50%	
Legendary Leopards	100%	
Pleasant Pandas	95.50%	
Perfect Parrots	93.00%	
Proud Penguins	91.50%	
Fabulous Foxes	98.00%	
Learning Lemurs	99.30%	
Kind-hearted Kangaroos	92.00%	
Shrewd Shrews	95.00%	
Charming Cheetahs	96.00%	
Powerful Panthers	100%	



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:
93.10%

Attendance Competition!

Will you win?



Top Class Attendance
1st Powerful Panther & Legendary Leopards - 100%
2nd Learning Lemurs- 99.30%
3rd Terrific Tigers- 99.00%

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	Reneya Wilkins
Fantastic Flamingos	Zahrah Belal
Legendary Leopards	Resa Muhammed
Pleasant Pandas	Ayat Sam
Perfect Parrots	Zahrah Uddin
Proud Penguins	Dalya Gebrhiwet
Fabulous Foxes	Mohammed Ibrahim
Learning Lemurs	Essam Adamali
Kind-hearted Kangaroos	Rushawn Warrington
Shrewd Shrews	Mohamed Mohamed
Powerful Panthers	Nazarah Haji
Charming Cheetahs	Awwal Ogundimu

Reader of the Week

Dazzling Dolphins	Jaiwon Allen
Fantastic Flamingos	Nawal Jama
Legendary Leopards	Nazic Mohamad
Pleasant Pandas	Mohammed Alwaseela
Perfect Parrots	Zainab Mohamed
Proud Penguins	Saja Al-Bakri
Fabulous Foxes	Omar Zaim
Learning Lemurs	Amaar Abdalla
Kind-hearted Kangaroos	Nuha Duboow
Shrewd Shrews	Ahmed Adam
Powerful Panthers	Rabia Mahamed
Charming Cheetahs	Ibrahim Ibrahim



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Reception – Special Person's Celebration

Last week on Friday, Reception invited parents to celebrate their special person. The children sang a song for their parents and gave them a card that they had made themselves. Great work, Reception!



Badminton Trips

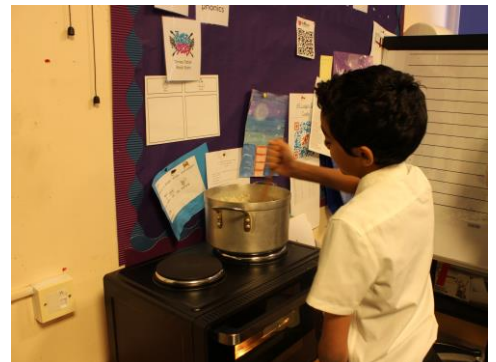
Birmingham School Games Badminton:
Selected children from Years 3/4 had the opportunity to attend the Birmingham School Games Yonex All England Badminton Event. The children had great fun playing badminton with some professional players. How fun!

Yonex All England Open Badminton Championship:

As a reward selected children visited the Utilita Arena, where they had a fantastic time watching professional players play badminton, and some lucky children even had the chance to say hello. What a wonderful day!

Year 5 – D&T Cooking

This week Year 5 have been cooking a special dish called Shir Berenj. Before cooking this dish, the children did some research and looked at what they would need to create it. The children then looked at all the ingredients and sorted them into food groups. The children had an amazing time cooking this dish.





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Titan – Star of the Month Award

Zain has won this award for his outstanding efforts in everything that is asked of him. He always tries his best when attempting a task and his writing is phenomenal – especially his vocabulary. Well done Zain!



Inset Day – 22nd March

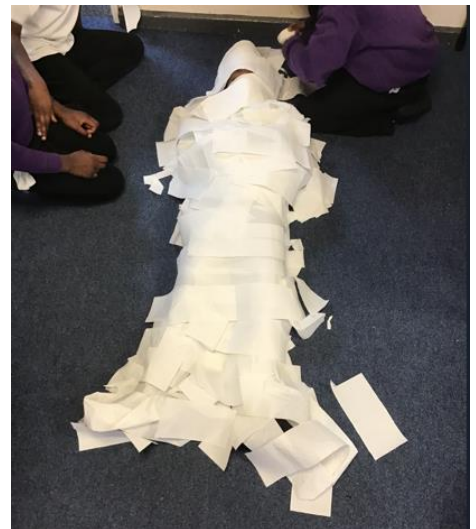
Children finish early on Thursday 21st March 2024 at 1.30 pm. Please ensure children are collected on time.

Please note that there will be no wraparound provision/clubs on Thursday 22nd March 2024.

Year 3 – Mummification

The children learned and understood the mummification process that the ancient Egyptians performed and are still famous for today.

The children were able to perform mummification wrapping using toilet roll. They imitated the skills and techniques the Egyptians followed to prepare a dead body for the afterlife.





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Year 4 - Art

In art with Mrs. Wallace, Year 4 have been looking at making a sculpture of a bird's nest.

The children have worked in their sketchbooks: looking at the work of the artist Marcus Coates, creating wild drawings and paintings of nests and planning their own clay nest sculpture. They collected natural items such as sticks, leaves moss and feathers from the school garden and then had fun making their own nests!



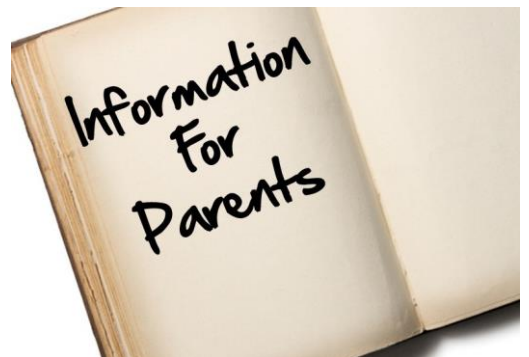
Comic Relief

We have raised a fantastic £222

A big thank you to all our families who have donated.

Parent Events

In addition to holding our weekly workshops we will be arranging future cuppa and chat sessions for parents. Do keep a look out for these sessions





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PARENT WORKSHOP

Parent Networking Event

Tuesday 19th March 2024

9am - 11am

**Housing
Early Help
Neighbourhood Network Scheme
SHaw Trust
Birmingham City Council (Community Network
Support Officer)
Loconomy Jobs**

**If you attend the workshop you will be put into a
raffle to win:
£10 Aldi Voucher**

Please come along and join our parent workshop next Tuesday, which will be an informative session.



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Such a lovely drawing Libaan (Fantastic Flamingos)!



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Marcus Rashford book is *The Breakfast Club Adventures* (Text of the week)

This week our Deputy Head Boy Rio is writing the book review.

I really enjoy the books written by Marcus Rashford because they have aspirational characters that children can aspire to.

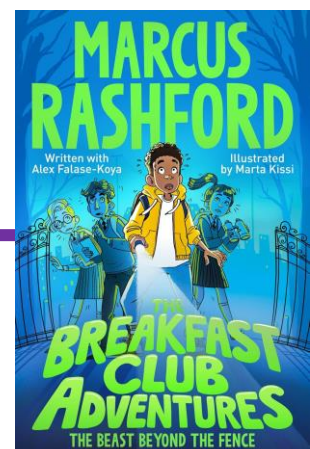
Marcus also uses the characters to talk about his life - growing up as a black person in Britain. It is refreshing to see a footballer talk about the mistakes he has made and how he has overcome confidence issues.

My favourite Marcus Rashford book is *The Breakfast Club Adventures*. It is an action packed, adventure filled book that see the character - Marcus - go on an adventure to get his football back.

When twelve-year-old Marcus kicks his favourite football over the school fence, he knows he's never getting it back. Nothing that goes over that wall ever comes back. But when Marcus gets a mysterious note inviting him to join the Breakfast Club Investigators, he is soon pulled into an exciting adventure with his new mates Stacey, Lise and Asim to find out what is lurking on the other side of the fence - and get his football back! But, there's something fishy going on at school . . .

I recommend this book to anyone who like adventure and mystery and who has any fears they want to overcome.

Rio - Deputy Head Boy





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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

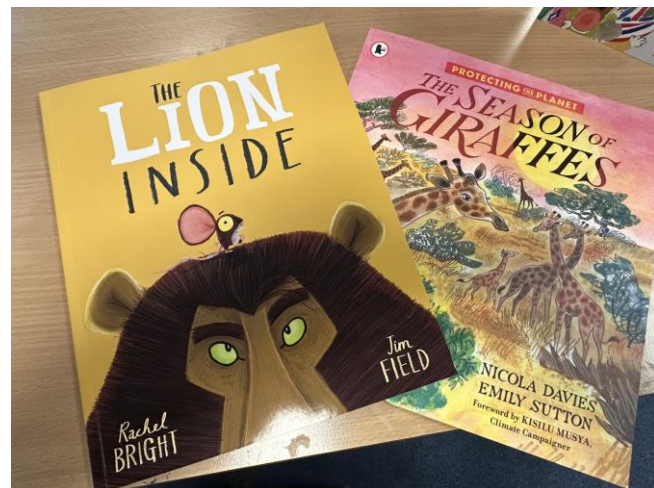
Here is the sound of the week:





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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

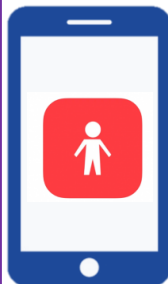
Afterschool Clubs

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.

These services need to be paid in advance.

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