



# Chilwell Chronicle



All Different

All Equal

All Achieving

## Message from the Headteacher - Mrs. Nanette Wragg



Dear Chilwell Families,

This is our final newsletter of this spring term. With a very unusual 10 weeks, staff and pupils alike have still many to squish in a huge amount of learning, trips, and events. It has been joyous to see the high levels of engagement and aspiration that the children have displayed.

Thank you to the many families that attended our first networking event this week. Over 50 people attended, with representatives from Early Help, Shaw Trust, Loconomy Jobs, and a community officer from Birmingham City Council. We are aiming to run this each term and hope that this provides support for our community.

One of the most exciting events this week was our attendance assembly. All pupils were gathered in the main hall (squashed rather than gathered!) and eagerly awaited the winner of the first attendance bicycle.... Ali Bakhit of Year 6 Panthers was the name on the winning ticket, to the tremendous cheers of his peers. Well done Ali! The first of many Chilwell cyclists!

Have a fabulous week, I wish all celebrating, a very happy Easter time.

Mrs. N Wragg  
Headteacher






## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Back to School - 8.40 am (Summer Term)
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Waterstones Reward Trip
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Selected Year 4 Children Cooking Lesson at Aston Manor
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Science Week
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	Festival of Football at City Academy Selected children from Year 4/5/6
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Think Tank Museum Visit - Year 5
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> May	May Bank Holiday - (School closed)
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> May	KESP Debating Competition at King Edwards
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> May	F2D Competition for five Year 5 Children
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs Week
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Tamworth Castle - Year 4 Visit
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Whit Week (School Closed)
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Birmingham Open Media - One Year 5 Class
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Titan Olympics - Selected Year 5 Children
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Year 6 Residential



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## Weekly Attendance

Lucky Lions	100%		
Terrific Tigers	99.00%		
Dazzling Dolphins	94.00%		
Fantastic Flamingos	98.00%		
Legendary Leopards	96.00%		
Pleasant Pandas	95.00%		
Perfect Parrots	89.00%		
Proud Penguins	94.00%		
Fabulous Foxes	92.00%		
Learning Lemurs	95.00%		
Kind-hearted Kangaroos	95.00%		
Shrewd Shrews	95.00%		
Charming Cheetahs	92.50%		
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:  
**92.70%**

### Attendance Competition!

Will you win?



### Top Class Attendance

1<sup>st</sup> Powerful Panther & Lucky Lions - 100%  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Terrific Tigers - 99.0%  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Fantastic Flamingos - 98.00%

**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	Ilyana Rage
Fantastic Flamingos	Leena Adamali
Legendary Leopards	Ibrahim Mohamed
Pleasant Pandas	Moaid Mohamed
Perfect Parrots	Ethar Zaim
Proud Penguins	Amelia Ahmed
Fabulous Foxes	Omar Zaim
Learning Lemurs	Ibtisam Ramadhan
Kind-hearted Kangaroos	Ryan Mustafaj
Shrewd Shrews	Saba Adow
Powerful Panthers	Zain Nadeem
Charming Cheetahs	Gerald Morias

## Reader of the Week

Dazzling Dolphins	Fatuma Xirsi
Fantastic Flamingos	Sumaya Hussen
Legendary Leopards	Siham Mohamed
Pleasant Pandas	Jelani Weekes
Perfect Parrots	Lawi Mohamad
Proud Penguins	Taymia Jamale
Fabulous Foxes	Yusuf Ismail
Learning Lemurs	Sulaiman Uddin
Kind-hearted Kangaroos	Alhassan Abdi Hussein Nur
Shrewd Shrews	Faris Suliman
Powerful Panthers	Ayham Al Seyd
Charming Cheetahs	Raphael Miah



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## Year 1 Botanical Garden

The children had a wonderful time exploring their 4 Victorian Glasshouses with more than 7000 plants. The children also had fun visiting the outdoor garden, which showcased the National Bonsai Collection. What a fun day!



## Year 4 TT Rockstars

Year 4 have been working extremely hard towards their Multiplication Test which the children will be doing at the end of the year. The children have been doing quick math on TT Rockstars - well done year 4!

## Science International Women's Day at University of Birmingham

On Wednesday, selected children from KS2 visited the University of Birmingham. The children had an amazing time meeting a chemistry professor, research assistant, and biochemist who talked about women in science and how our children can become future scientists.





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## Eid Celebration

Eid is not far away now, so let the countdown begin.  
Can we remind parents that children who are celebrating Eid; we expect will only have one day absence for religious observance.



## Holiday Activities

If you're wondering what to do during the holiday, look no further and check out the link below for free or low cost activities for families in Birmingham..

[Birmingham Holiday Activities programme | Birmingham City Council](#)

We realise it is the holidays but please try and keep your children in routine as this will help with a smooth return when school is open again.

## Words Read

A big well done to Ibrahim Ibrahim in year 6 who has read an incredible 797,932 words so far, this academic year.

The top 5 children with the most amount of words read so far this year are:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ibrahim Ibrahim 797,932 words read
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Zakariya Ahmed 640,442
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ratna Matta 523,388
- 4<sup>th</sup> Zayd Yusuf 491, 857
- 5<sup>th</sup> Abdullah Hamid 414,448

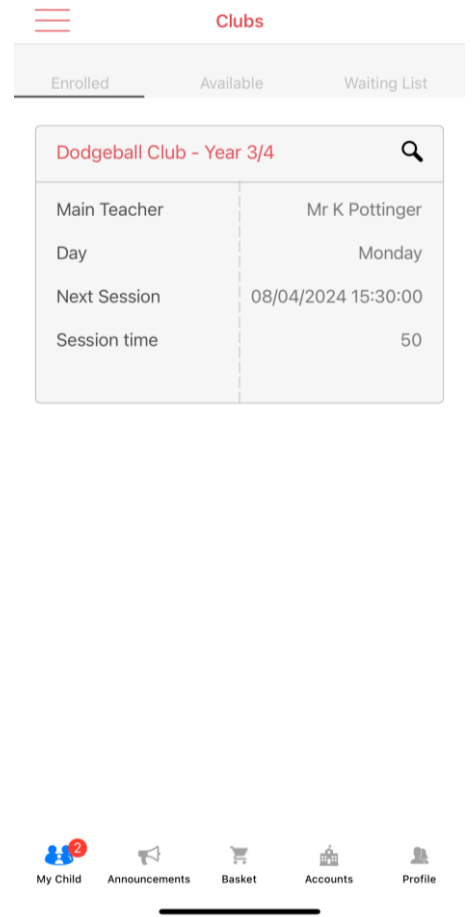
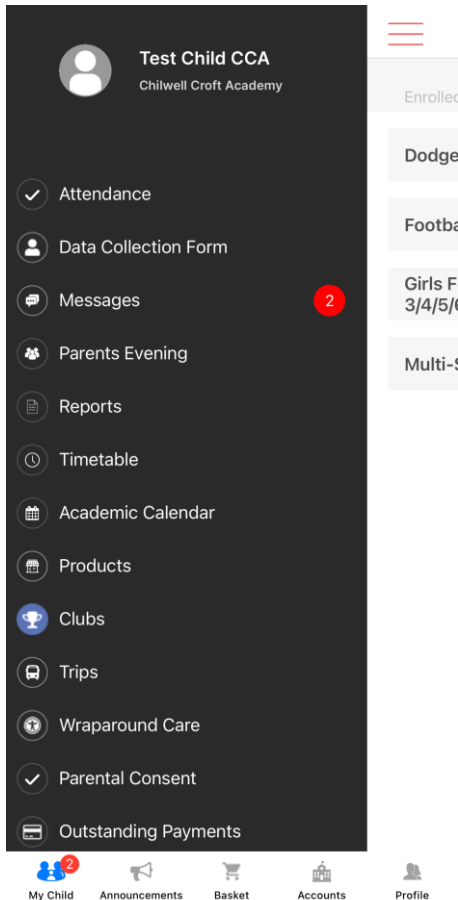




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## MCAS

How to view which clubs your children have:



First you will need to click on clubs

On the enrolled page, you will be able to view which clubs your child/ren have this half term.



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In wraparound, Lillie Mae made a lovely paper basket for Easter. Amazing work Lillie (Parrots - Yr 3)!



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**M.A.D.**  
BIRMINGHAM

## FREE EASTER HAF CAMP

SPORTS - ACTIVITIES - WORKSHOPS - FOOD - FUN



**AGE**  
**9-16**

**Date** 25th March  
-28th March

**Time** 10am-2pm

**Place** 3 Different locations  
to choose from!

Use the links below to book  
onto your chosen location.

**Any queries please  
contact:**

**Leon on 07587034783**

**PLACES WILL BE FILLED QUICKLY SO IT IS A  
REQUIREMENT TO REGISTER YOUR YOUNG  
PERSON BEFORE THE START DATE**







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## DISTRICT FOOTBALL

### EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

#### WHAT IS DISTRICT FOOTBALL?

District football is the **highest level** of youth football for primary aged pupils outside of academy football. As a city, Birmingham has over 300 primary schools that are divided into seven geographical districts, with each district having it's own representative football team.

<b>ASTON</b>	Aston, Handsworth, Ladywood, Kingstanding, Lozells, Perry Barr, Great Barr, Winson Green
<b>EAST BIRMINGHAM</b>	Acocks Green, Bordesley Green, Shard End, Sheldon, Stechford, Yardley
<b>EDINGTOWN AND SALTLEY</b>	Bromford, Hodge Hill, Erdington, Netchells, Saltley, Shard End, Ward End, Wastwood Heath
<b>HARBORNE</b>	Bartley Green, Edgbaston, Harborne, Lea Bank, Quinton
<b>KINGS NORTON</b>	Bournville, Kings Norton, Longbridge, Northfield, Selly Oak, Weoley Castle
<b>SOUTH BIRMINGHAM</b>	Blisley, Hall Green, Kings Heath, Moseley, South Yardley, Sparkbrook
<b>SUTTON COLDFIELD</b>	Boldmere, Castle Vale, Four Oaks, Mere Green, New Hall, Sutton Coldfield, Sutton Vesey

#### MY CHILD ALREADY PLAYS FOR A FOOTBALL TEAM.

##### IS THIS A PROBLEM?

No. District footballers also play for a second team - either a grassroots team or an academy team. Boys' district matches do not clash with Sunday league fixtures, while girls' district games do not clash with Saturday league games.

#### MY CHILD ALREADY PLAYS FOR A PROFESSIONAL CLUB.

##### IS THIS A PROBLEM?

No. Children who play for academy teams (e.g. Birmingham City, Walsall, Wolves) are allowed to play district football.

## REGISTER TODAY:

[WWW.BIRMINGHAMPRIMARYSCHOOLSFA.COM/TRIALS](http://WWW.BIRMINGHAMPRIMARYSCHOOLSFA.COM/TRIALS)





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## ASTON VILLA FC

Aston Villa is the principle partner of Birmingham Primary Schools' Football Association, providing invaluable support on and off the pitch to make Birmingham schools' football the best around!



Aston Villa Football Club (AVFC) has a long and distinguished history of discovering talented young players and providing them with a platform to play football at the highest level. It goes without saying that of all the players who have graduated through the Youth Academy at AVFC, it is the players that live locally to the club who are the ones that really feel like 'One of our Own'.

Local players are the 'HEARTBEAT' of every professional football club and that is no different at AVFC. As a Club, we are committed to giving opportunities to local youngsters. This has been the message for over 100 years and will continue to be the message for the next 100 years and beyond.



The first step on this journey for every boy or girl dreaming of becoming a footballer is to play football for their school team before representing their district and beyond.

Birmingham Primary Schools' Football Association (BPSFA) is a perfect place for boys and girls to play and have fun, to make new friends from all social backgrounds, to experience new challenges and to stimulate and maximise their potential for football, the UK's national sport.

The Academy at AVFC is very proud to be BPSFA's principal supporter. The next generation of first team footballers both boys/men and girls/women will be identified right here in the playgrounds of schools located across the Midlands and we, AVFC, want to be involved in every step of that journey. Whether it be using our facilities for training or matches, hosting finals at the first team training ground or having our Academy staff regularly watching BPSFA games, Aston Villa is committed to a long and healthy relationship that will benefit all the boys and girls who play schools' and district football.

Good luck to all the players, parents, teachers and coaches involved in the BPSFA for the season ahead. It promises to be an amazing time for all!

Steve Hopcroft - Head of Player Talent ID

**REGISTER FOR THE 2024 TRIALS:**

[WWW.BIRMINGHAMPRIMARYSCHOOL-SFA.COM/TRIALS](http://WWW.BIRMINGHAMPRIMARYSCHOOL-SFA.COM/TRIALS)

## FIVE REASONS TO PLAY DISTRICT

### BEST VS. BEST

District football is the highest standard of youth grassroots football.

### CENTRAL HUB

All district games, both girls and boys, are played from a central hub location. This means there are no long away games. It also means the players, staff and parents all get to know each other and become friends as the season progresses.

### PATHWAY

District football offers players a direct route into an academy such as Aston Villa, Birmingham City or Wolves. Each year, many district players are signed by professional clubs via district football. There are currently former district players playing professionally for Manchester City, Manchester United, Leeds United, Aston Villa, Birmingham City, West Bromwich Albion and others.

### HONOUR

Players must navigate competitive trials to be selected for their district. Only a select group of boys / girls are chosen to play representative football. This process means it is a huge honour to be selected for district football and one previously bestowed upon many players who later became professional stars!

### WORLD CLASS FACILITIES

Aston Villa's two training grounds - Brookvale Academy (boys) and Bodmoor Heath (girls) - provide truly brilliant settings for all district football games. Gone are the muddy pitches, long grass and bumpy surfaces of parks football. In their place, state-of-the-art facilities, beautiful all-weather 3G surfaces, and a roof (Brookvale Academy) to protect players, coaches and spectators from the perils of British winter! Birmingham district football arguably has the best grassroots football facilities in the country! **The best facilities for the best players!**

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## Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo (Text of the week)

Michael is hungry, lonely and scared when he is washed up on a seemingly deserted island. He soon discovers another inhabitant - Kensuke, a former Japanese soldier - who, although initially unfriendly, provides Michael with food and water.

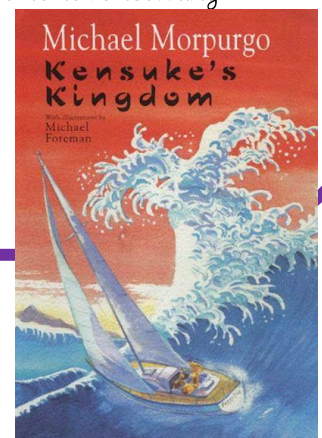
Michael, his parents, and their devoted dog Stella set sail around the world in their yacht - the Peggy Sue. Michael has never been so joyful; but then disaster strikes when he and his dog are swept overboard- finding themselves stranded on an island where he discovers Kensuke, a former Japanese soldier and obstinate old man. Seemingly determined to thwart any attempt Michael makes to be rescued yet, unswerving in his generosity, sharing precious food and water and watching over him. Michael soon looks on Kensuke as both saviour and captor. It is not until both boy and man begin to understand one another and a bond of trust builds. Having lost his own family in the war Kensuke realises he must do all he can to help Michael find his own family even though he desperately wants to keep his island secret from the outside world he has turned his back on.

This poignant tale of trust and mutual respect is a thrilling and emotive story, written in the first-person narrative giving the reader a sense of a true story being related to them. The final page of the book reinforcing this effect beautifully. The characters of Michael and Kensuke's characters are as far removed from each other as is possible, but it is this contrast that engages the reader and adds such interest to the story.

Gradually, a strong bond develops between the two castaways. This is an exquisitely written tale of an exceptional friendship which survives beyond the boundaries of culture and language.

My daughter and I have read this book during many bedtime stories. She loves the exquisite construction of characters, setting and suspense - it kept her on the edge wanting to read another chapter and discover what happens to the characters she started to love learning about. I couldn't recommend this book enough.

Mrs. Gibbs





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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><b>THINK</b></p> <p>about where you should cross.</p>	<p><b>STOP</b></p> <p>in a safe place at the side of the road.</p>	<p><b>USE YOUR EYES &amp; EARS</b></p> <p>to see and hear any approaching vehicles.</p>
<p><b>WAIT</b></p> <p>until all the vehicles have passed.</p>	<p><b>LOOK AND LISTEN</b></p> <p>again to make sure all is clear.</p>	<p><b>CROSS</b></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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## 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 18th April  
Thursday 2nd May  
Thursday 21st May  
Thursday 16th May

Year 1 - Every Thursday

Year 2 - Every Monday

Year 3 - Every Wednesday

### Year 4

Monday 8th April  
Friday 19th April  
Monday 22nd April  
Friday 3rd May  
Monday 6th May  
Friday 17th May  
Monday 20th May

### Year 5

Tuesday 9th April  
Wednesday 17th April  
Tuesday 23rd April  
Wednesday 1st May  
Tuesday 7th May  
Wednesday 15th May  
Tuesday 21st May

### Year 6

Wednesday 10th April  
Wednesday 24th April  
Wednesday 8th May  
Wednesday 22nd May



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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

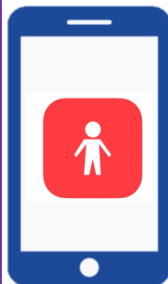
## Afterschool Clubs

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**