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All Different

All Equal

All Achieving

Message from the Headteacher - Mrs. Nanette Wragg



Dear Chilwell Families,

Welcome to the start of our Summer term, although judging by the amount of wet play this week, it doesn't feel too summery!

This is a key term for our Year 6 pupils, we spoke on Monday about the opportunity they each have to have a fantastic time at the end of their primary school years.

Opportunities for growth and experiences occur daily at Chilwell Croft and we will always encourage our pupils to grasp them. We understand that they are in the cusp of a big transition, and we will do all we can to support them.

A number of children took part in a reward trip to Waterstones today. Well done to all of those who have been chosen. Reading is at the heart of our school, and we know that our pupils enjoy this regular event. At the end of last term, the recognition afternoon tea for excellent and improved behaviour was also held, our pupils are always so polite and knowledgeable when chatting with them. I came away with lots of food for thought on how things can get better.

We hope all families who celebrated Eid this week had a fabulous time, thank you for supporting school attendance at this time.

Finally as you are aware Ofsted paid one of their regular visits to school this week. Thank you to all families who gave their support during this time, your children were fantastic! We will share the report with you as soon as we are able to.

Have a great week ahead.

Mrs. N Wragg
Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Tues 16 th Apr	Now: Press Play Parent Workshop 9am - 10am
Mon 22 nd - 26 th Apr	Science Week
Tues 23 rd Apr	Festival of Football at City Academy Selected children from Year 4/5/6
Tues 23 rd Apr	Writing Workshop - EYFS/KSI
Wed 29 th Apr	Think Tank Museum Visit - Year 5
Mon 6 th May	May Bank Holiday - (School closed)
Fri 10 th May	KESP Debating Competition at King Edwards
Wed 15 th May	F2D Competition for five Year 5 Children
Mon 13 th - Fri 17 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Thurs 23 rd May	Tamworth Castle - Year 4 Visit
Mon 27 th - Fri 31 st May	Whit Week (School Closed)
Mon 17 th Jun	Birmingham Open Media - One Year 5 Class
Tues 18 th Jun	Aston Olympics - Selected Year 5 Children
Wed 26 th - Fri 28 th Jun	Year 6 Residential



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Weekly Attendance

Lucky Lions	87.00%	
Terrific Tigers	88.00%	
Dazzling Dolphins	96.00%	
Fantastic Flamingos	97.00%	
Legendary Leopards	97.00%	
Pleasant Pandas	95.50%	
Perfect Parrots	87.50%	
Proud Penguins	91.00%	
Fabulous Foxes	98.00%	
Learning Lemurs	95.00%	
Kind-hearted Kangaroos	96.00%	
Shrewd Shrews	95.00%	
Charming Cheetahs	89.00%	
Powerful Panthers	96.00%	



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:
65.70%

Attendance Competition!

Will you win?



Top Class Attendance
 1st Fabulous Foxes - 98%
 2nd Fantastic Flamingos & Legendary Leopards - 97.00%
 3rd Dazzling Dolphins & Kind hearted Kangaroos & Powerful Panthers - 96%

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 Creativity.

Value Child

Dazzling Dolphins	Moaaz Ahmed
Fantastic Flamingos	Aisha Mohamed
Legendary Leopards	Nazic Mohamad
Pleasant Pandas	Ahmed Xirsi
Perfect Parrots	Fabricia Caquema
Proud Penguins	Ibrahim Mahmoud
Fabulous Foxes	Alicia-Sue Woodward
Learning Lemurs	Sidra Moalim
Kind-hearted Kangaroos	Destinee Zanzala
Shrewd Shrews	Od-Ruihee White
Powerful Panthers	Khadijah Oyerinde
Charming Cheetahs	Logan Towner Swann

Reader of the Week

Dazzling Dolphins	Mahathi Bharadwaj
Fantastic Flamingos	Melody Agbongiator
Legendary Leopards	Malachi Koko
Pleasant Pandas	Amira Amiin
Perfect Parrots	Javeria Sajid
Proud Penguins	Imran Hai
Fabulous Foxes	Sofy Jamel Mohamed
Learning Lemurs	Naaithim Nassor
Kind-hearted Kangaroos	Alhassan Abdi Hussein Nur
Shrewd Shrews	Asmaa Abuukar
Powerful Panthers	Ibrahim Dirshe
Charming Cheetahs	Mikail Thomas



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Spring Parent Workshops

Highlights from Spring workshops

- We hosted 7 workshops and 183 parents attended across the term.
- 35 parents attended phonics
- 52 parents attended the networking event
- We had 14 parents sign up for Level 2 NHS qualification that will lead to employment opportunities in the NHS.
- Parent feedback requested more sessions on internet safety/phonics/curriculum workshops.



Year 3 - Textiles

This week Year 3 have demonstrated excellent sewing skills to make pencil cases using felts sheets. Amazing work children!

Art - Year 1 and 2

Year 1 and 2 had an amazing time on Wednesday creating Marble art. The children used their artistic side to use different colours of paint to create wonderful pieces of art.





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Titan Award



Rio our Deputy Head Boy has won the Titan award in March for his outstanding efforts in everything that is asked of him. He always tries his best when attempting a task.
Well done Rio!



Bedtime Routine

Sleep is crucial to all of us, especially to children and young people whilst they are still growing. Children need sleep because:

- it is needed for physical and mental development
- it recharges their batteries so they have energy
- it is needed for memory, learning and growing
- it helps keep their immune system healthy so they can fight infection.

Children aged 4-6 tend to need 10½ to 11½ hours sleep. At this age sleep problems are very common and most children will resist going to bed and may wake in the night. They may also be afraid of the dark. A good bedtime routine and gentle reassurance should help.

Older children, aged 6-12 need around 10 hours each night. They may have similar problems to us in getting to sleep and may worry about school, friends or family.

Remember though, that all children are different and their sleep patterns will vary. Try not to worry, the more anxious you are the more problems you might have getting your child to sleep.

What can parents do?

- Consistent bedtime routine
- Cosy sleep environment
- Minimise distractions
- Eat better to sleep better
- Get active
- Teach children how to relax and fall asleep



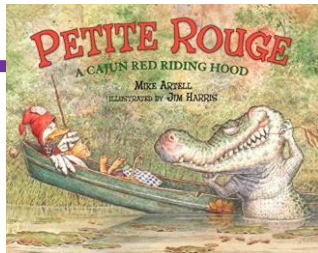


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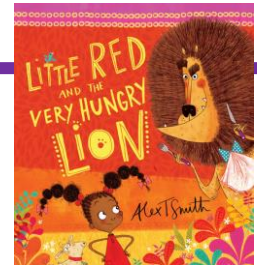
Little Red Riding Hood (Text of the week)

This week we have been exploring different versions of Little Red riding Hood. These are some the favourite one the children have explored.

Big Bad Gator Claude will do anything to have a taste of Petite Rouge...even if it means putting on a duck bill, flippers, and frilly underwear. He presents no match for the spunky heroine and her quick-thinking cat TeJean, though, as they use some strong Cajun hot sauce to teach Claude a lesson he will never forget! The combination of hilarious rhyme and exaggerated art creates a highly original retelling of the classic fairy tale. A pronunciation guide/glossary accompanies a tempting dialect that begs to be read aloud or acted out again and again. This is Little Red Riding Hood as she's never been seen Cajun and ducky.



Yum! The lovely Alex serves up a sweet treat fairy tale. A hungry lion. A little girl. A box of doughnuts...? Gorgeous proof that a perfect picture book can look even more tempting than a sweet shop window. Worried about wolves? Don't make Little Red laugh. She's not even scared of hungry lions. After all, why would this furry chap want to gobble her up? She's sure he'd rather have a doughnut. Right, Mr Lion? A sassy heroine, beautiful artwork, jungle animals, a funny twist on a tale you adore. Once again, the World Book Day artist gets us all eating from his hand.



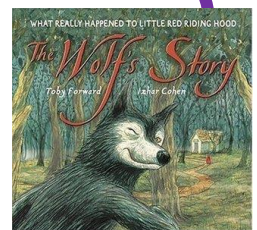
Little readers will love second-guessing this funny, fractured fairy tale that replays the story of Little Red Riding Hood from the poor maligned wolf's point of view.

No, please. Look at me.

Would I LIE to you?

It was the old woman who started it.

Everyone knows there are at least two sides to every story, and if you believe in the big-eared, sharp-toothed villain of Little Red Riding Hood, there's a logical explanation for everything. As our antihero tells it, it all starts with the helpful wolf doing odd jobs for Grandma (are you sure you don't want to sit a little closer?). How was he to know that he spoiled Little Red would come along and ruin a good working relationship? Zooming in dramatically from strategic angles, the amusing illustrations offer visual clues that this is a story to be taken with a grain of salt – and a lot of giggling.





Staff at Chronicle Croft

New Staff

I am very proud to be part of the Chilwell Croft Academy's community and look forward to developing a strong link between home and school. Your child's happiness is of paramount importance to me, and I endeavour to ensure that your child reaches their full potential in an encouraging supportive and enjoyable environment.

Before taking up my appointment at Chilwell Croft Academy I worked in another Birmingham school, located in Ladywood and have gained a wealth of knowledge and experience working with the children and families in the community.

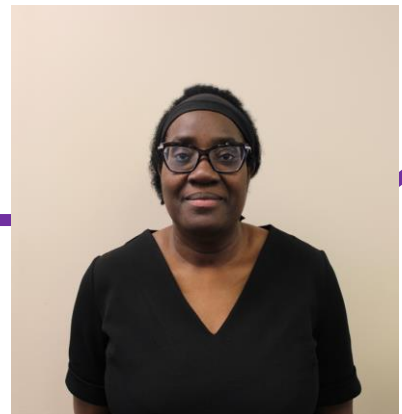
Teaching has been a vocation for me. I am extremely passionate about education and improving the life chances of all children in my care.

In my spare time I enjoy walking, reading and volunteering at a local Foodbank and Soup Kitchen.

I look forward meeting you all in the near future, at school events or even a quick chat on the school yard!

Kind Regards,

Miss Hayles
Assistant Head Teacher

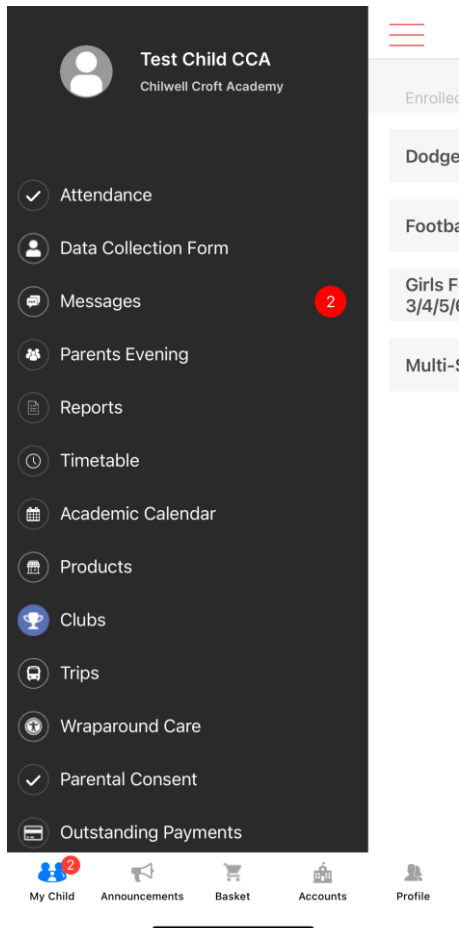




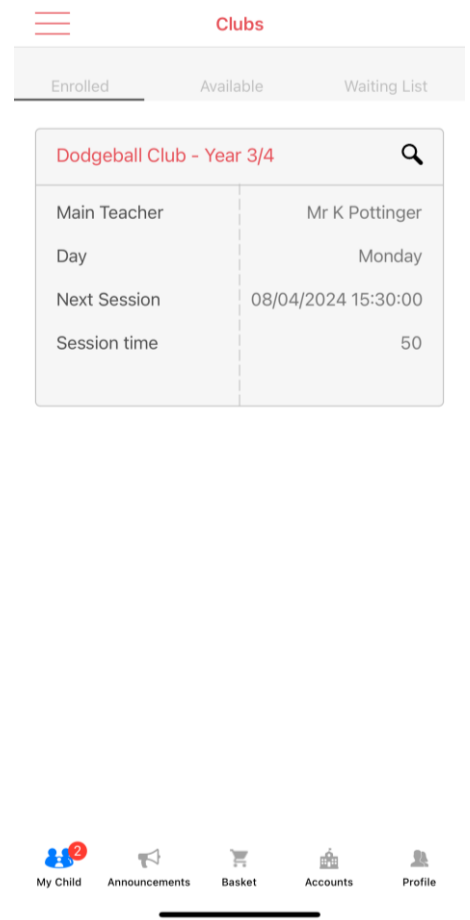
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MCAS

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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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>

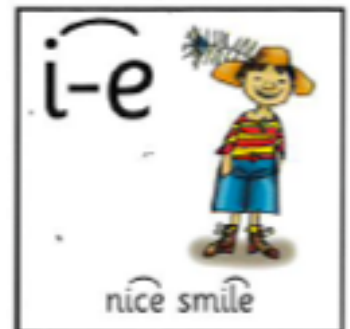
Free e-books for home reading:

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

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

Phonics

Here is the sound of the week:





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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

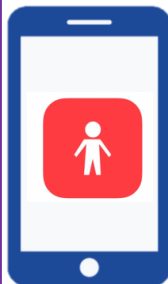
Afterschool Clubs

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