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All Different

All Equal

All Achieving

Message from the Headteacher - Mrs. Nanette Wragg



Dear Chilwell Families,

We've settled down to a more usual way of working this week, and the children are highly focused, along with staff, on making the most of their learning time.

Well done to those of our Year 6 pupils who attended the first Saturday school boosters for SATs. A big thank

you to staff who are giving their time on weekends. The children continue to impress us with their positive attitude and tenacity. This is an opportunity to remind Year 6 families that tests happen in May, writing assessments continue until 28th June and children must ensure 100% attendance at this important time. Please review Birmingham's road safety initiatives within this newsletter. It is good to see the local authorities placement of bollards at the opening of Chilwell Croft. However, parking at this junction remains an issue for our pupils crossing the busy Summer Lane. Please protect our pupils by parking thoughtfully. Finally, we regularly talk to pupils about internet safety. Our pastoral team have highlighted issues around the game Roblox which many children play. This game has an age limit of 13 years. Please ensure you understand the potential for requests and chatting online with strangers. Our pastoral team are happy to help you with this. Have a great weekend, let's hope the glimmers of sunshine continue.

Mrs. N Wragg
Headteacher
M.Ed, NPQH, EYPS

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Mon 22 nd - 26 th Apr	Science Week Experiments Across School
Tues 23 rd Apr	AVFC Girls Football Selected children from Year 4/5/6
Tues 23 rd Apr	Writing Workshop - EYFS/KSI Parents 9am till 10am
Wed 29 th Apr	Think Tank Museum Visit - Year 5
Thurs 30 th Apr	AVFC No Room For Racism Trip Selected children from Year 6
Thurs 2 nd May	Election Day
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
Wed 22 nd May	Parliament Trip Leadership Team + Competition Winners
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
Fri 28 th Jun	SATs Year 6 Writing Assessments End



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Weekly Attendance

Lucky Lions	88.00%
Terrific Tigers	89.00%
Dazzling Dolphins	94.00%
Fantastic Flamingos	90.00%
Legendary Leopards	89.00%
Pleasant Pandas	87.00%
Perfect Parrots	83.00%
Proud Penguins	85.00%
Fabulous Foxes	85.00%
Learning Lemurs	87.00%
Kind-hearted Kangaroos	88.00%
Shrewd Shrews	87.00%
Charming Cheetahs	88.00%
Powerful Panthers	91.00%



- 4 School days missed in an academic year
- 7 School days missed in an academic year
- 10 School days missed in an academic year
- 11 School days missed in an academic year
- 20 School days missed in an academic year
- 29 School days missed in an academic year

Attendance - Bike Winner

Will you win?



Top Class Attendance

- 1st Dazzling Dolphin - 94%
- 2nd Powerful Panthers - 91%
- 3rd Fantastic Flamingos - 90%

CONGRATULATIONS

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:
89.90%



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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	Moazz Ahmed
Fantastic Flamingos	Nura Hamdino
Legendary Leopards	Aayan Ahmed
Pleasant Pandas	Mohamed Alwaseela
Perfect Parrots	Maryam Duboow
Proud Penguins	Thurrayah Ismail
Fabulous Foxes	Zayyan Ahmed
Learning Lemurs	Kahara Seville- March
Kind-hearted Kangaroos	Merwa Mohamed
Shrewd Shrews	Selsemina Alija
Powerful Panthers	Zakariya Ahmed
Charming Cheetahs	Mohammed Ahmed

Reader of the Week

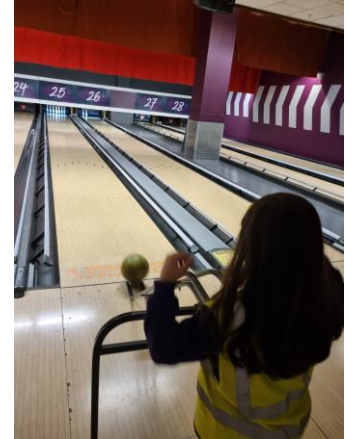
Dazzling Dolphins	Zakiya Duboow
Fantastic Flamingos	Hassina Nassor
Legendary Leopards	Wateen Belo
Pleasant Pandas	Mekseb Yohannes
Perfect Parrots	Ethar Zaim
Proud Penguins	Isra Hassan
Fabulous Foxes	Imaan Ali
Learning Lemurs	Darin Mahmood
Kind-hearted Kangaroos	Zakariya Adow
Shrewd Shrews	Noah Patterson
Powerful Panthers	Marwa Yusuf
Charming Cheetahs	Iussufo Noba



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Bowling - Attendance Rewards Trip

Selected children throughout the school were picked to go bowling as a reward for excellent or improved attendance for the spring term. The children had an amazing time competing with their schoolmates.



Year 6 - Activities

This week the children have had a packed week doing a variety of fun activities. An external visitor came in to do a workshop with the children, where they learned about drugs and medicine and the impacts they have on your body. The children also had a great time using watercolours to paint a picture of an alligator. Year 6 have been busy baking this week. They made bread, cupcakes and waffles. Hmmm delicious!



Artist of Spring Term

Clayton from Year 3 has been picked as the artist of Spring term. Clayton has used his creative skills to choose different colours and material to create his worry doll. Clayton really persevered with his artwork despite finding it quite challenging at times. Well done Clayton!





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Titan – Teacher Training



Train to teach in Birmingham!

Titan Teacher Training offers an exceptional opportunity for those interested in a teaching career. Their programmes, tailored for both primary and secondary education, are designed to provide aspiring teachers with the necessary skills and knowledge for success. Working with over 30 local schools, Titan ensures a practical, hands-on approach to teacher training that is underpinned by research and is in partnership with Teach First. Learn all about their programmes, entry requirements, and how to apply for the September 2024 intake by visiting their website - www.titanteachertraining.co.uk or calling 0121 607 1930.

West Midlands Road Safety

WM are working towards Vision Zero, a long-term mission where nobody is killed or seriously injured on our roads.

By 2030 they aim to have halved the number of road deaths and serious injuries. In 2023 they refreshed their Road Safety Strategy. Their strategy sets out the principles they will follow to achieve their aim:

- **Work in partnership with local organisations and communities.** Together they will develop and deliver interventions to improve road safety.
- **Use a Safe Systems approach.** This is a well-researched approach to road safety. It involves implementing a variety of different interventions to help keep people safe.

To find out more information, please click on the link below:

<https://wmroadsafety.commonplace.is/>





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WEEKLY BOOK REVIEW – MR GIBLEN

Welcome to the mysterious seaside town of Eerie-on-Sea, a desolate place in the winter months where the sea mist hides a multitude of secrets!

This book sinks its fangs and claws into you and will not release you until the final page. It is populated by a cast of wonderfully inventive characters, the descriptions of the town alongside the perfect map mean that you can picture every wind-battered location and the story has more twists and turns than a racetrack!

The action begins in the Grand Nautilus Hotel where the town's adopted son, Herbert Lemon, found as a boy in a crate of lemons, works as the hotel's "Lost-and-Founder". He has a small cubbyhole in the hotel's Reception and a large basement room full of one hundred years' worth of lost property. He is a steady, honest, reliable twelve-year-old, in contrast, bedraggled Violet Parma, bursts through Herbie's basement window in the middle of a storm, swiftly pursued by the monstrous Boathook Man. She is on a quest to search for her lost parents who left her at the hotel twelve years previously and disappeared, leaving only their shoes on the pier and their luggage in the room with their infant. Fearless and determined in pursuit of clues to her past, Violet is reckless, spontaneous, and perceptive.

As the partnership of these two protagonists develops throughout the adventure Herbie's character exhibits hidden courage, he finds his inner strength and their loyalty to each other is heartwarming. On their mission they encounter Lady Kraken, the ancient hotel proprietor with her fantastic cameruluna; Jenny Hanniver owner of the Eerie Book Dispensary and a Mermonkey; Mrs Fossil of the Flotsamporium; Dr Thalassi who keeps his surgery in the ancient fort-museum; slimy Mr Mollusc; terrifying Boathook Man and famed local writer Sebastian Eels. As hints are dropped and confidences prised from the town's inhabitants it becomes increasingly difficult to know who can be trusted. It appears that each of the town's inhabitants has some connection to the legend of the Malamander, a mythical sea creature said to haunt the wreck of the HMS Leviathan, which reveals itself in the mouth of the bay at low tide. As secrets are uncovered the veil of suspicion as to who might have been responsible for the disappearance of Violet's parents shifts as unpredictably as the rolling sea mist. The tension is almost unbearable and drives the reader to pursue clues as intently as Violet and Herbie.

I cannot say any more about the plot as I fear I will give away spoilers, but I can honestly say that this is a hugely entertaining and gripping story which I highly recommend to anyone from 8 years-old and upwards. This is the first of a series of books set in Eerie-on-Sea - the follow up Gargantis is a worthy sequel!





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SEND
BIRMINGHAM



Birmingham Community
Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

Occupational Therapy

NEW and FREE

Transitions Through Education

Online Webinars for Families

Click on the dates to access booking link via Event Brite

Getting School Ready

[Wednesday 29th May](#)

Or

[Wednesday 19th June](#)

Both at 10 am – 11 am

For tips and strategies to support children who are moving from an Early Years setting to Primary School

Preparing for Secondary School

[Thursday 30th May](#) at 10 am – 11 am

Or

[Thursday 20th June](#) at 1pm – 2 pm

For tips and strategies to support young people who are moving from Primary School to Secondary School

Moving on from Secondary School

[Thursday 31st May](#) Or

[Thursday 20th June](#)

Both at 10 am – 11 am

For tips and strategies to support young people who are moving on from Secondary School


If you have any questions or problems with booking, please e-mail:
bchc.sendtherapy@nhs.net



SEND Therapy Team




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ROBLOX
Powering Imagination

According to the Roblox website, 'Roblox is the world's largest interactive social platform for play'. For those of you not so familiar with the game, it is a multi-player online gaming platform which allows children to play and create a variety of games in a 3D world. Roblox is free to play and available on all modern smartphones, tablets, desktops, Xbox One, Oculus Rift, and HTC Vive.



AGE RESTRICTION
7+



What parents need to know about **ROBLOX**



ROBLOX STUDIO

The Roblox Studio allows users to create their own games and 'worlds' for others to play on the platform. As the games are user generated, it gives users the freedom to potentially include things you do not want your child to be exposed to, for example, weapons, violence and even pornographic content. There are no age restrictions on the games created in the Roblox Studio and Roblox can only rely on people reporting negative/violent content in order to remove the games from the platform.



CHATTING AND FRIEND REQUESTS

Whilst the games in Roblox are aimed at 8 to 18-year-olds, there are currently no age restrictions for signing up. This means both adults and young people can play and communicate with each other and send friend requests through the platform. Once a friend request is accepted, this means that they can communicate with each other outside of gameplay.



ROBUX ONLINE PAYMENTS

When a user creates a game, they earn something called 'Robux', which works as a currency within the platform, allowing the purchase of upgrades and memberships. If the created game is of good quality and attracts multiple players and in-game adverts, children have the potential to earn a lot of 'Robux'. Once a user has earned a certain amount of Robux, they can convert this to real cash and withdraw it to a PayPal account. To withdraw money, users need to be over 13, have a PayPal account and have paid for the Roblox premium subscription.




Top Tips for Parents



UNLIST SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS

Make sure your child's social media accounts are not listed in the settings/account info. If they are, advise them to make them private or remove them in their account. This will ensure nobody can find and contact them on their social media platforms outside of Roblox.

CHECK SHARED INFORMATION

In the account settings, check that your child is not giving away any personal information in their bio/profile. For example, their full name, phone number or snapchat name. If you see that they have, explain why this is potentially dangerous and remove immediately.

2 STEP VERIFICATION

Roblox has a great 2-step verification security feature which we recommend you enable to add an extra layer of security to your child's account.

IS YOUR CHILD UNDER 13?

Unfortunately, there are hundreds of YouTube videos showing children how to change their age settings on Roblox, so firstly, you should talk to your child to set up some rules/an agreement. There are additional safety features for children under 13, for example having their posts and chats filtered for inappropriate content and behaviour, so it is worth checking that your child has set up their account with the correct age. You can find this in their account settings.

DISABLE IN-GAME CHAT

Roblox is great for children to play together and chat to each other. However, if you wanted to completely turn off in-game chat for your child (meaning they could not contact anyone including their friends) you can do so by following these steps: When logged in, go to the Account Settings page by clicking on the gear icon at the top right corner of the page, then click Settings. Next, click on the Privacy tab and under 'Who can chat with me in game?' select 'No one' and this will disable in-game chat.




HAVE A CHAT ABOUT 'GRIEFING'

Griefing is when someone purposely upsets another player in a game. This can be done by setting traps, damaging or stealing something from another player, intentionally killing them and just generally doing something in the game to spoil gameplay for them. Essentially, 'Griefing' is a form of cyberbullying and can be extremely frustrating and upsetting for players.

RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS

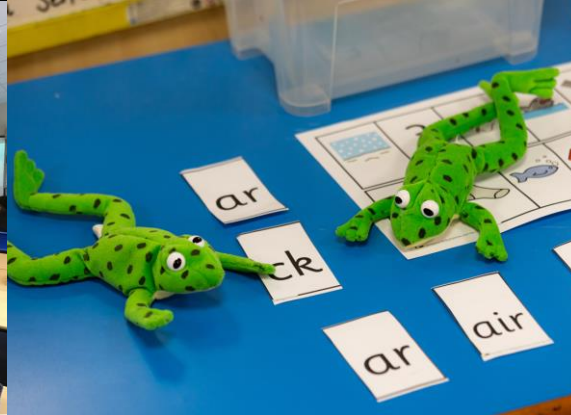
Roblox is a free to play game, but there are still options to make additional in-game purchases. If you do not want your child to make payments, ensure your card is not associated with their account. If you are happy for your child to make payments in the game, but want to limit spending, we suggest using a games console gift card. These can be purchased in specific amounts, which will allow you to limit how much your child spends and removes the need for a credit/debit card to be used with their account.




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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
Monday 22nd April
Monday 6th May
Monday 20th May

Year 5

Wednesday 10th April
Tuesday 16th April
Wednesday 24th April
Tuesday 30th April
Wednesday 8th May
Tuesday 14th May
Wednesday 22nd 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

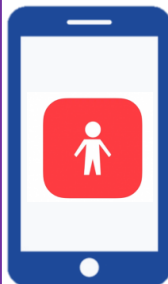
We also have afterschool clubs available which run from Monday to Thursday. Clubs are released before we break up for the term. Spaces are given on a first come first served basis.



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 STUDDED 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