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All Different

All Equal

All Achieving

Message from the Headteacher - Mrs. Nanette Wragg



Dear Chilwell Families,

Thank you for supporting our pupil's improved attendance, do take a look at our classroom figures to check out some excellent percentages. Let's work at all of our classes increasing their attendance to meet the school's aim of minimum 96%. Ali Bakht was the proud recipient of his attendance bike in assembly today.

There will be another bike awarded at the end of this term. Everyone has a chance every day to receive an attendance ticket. We welcome our new year one class teacher Miss Hussain to Chilwell Croft, do take some time to read her introduction, she is thoroughly enjoying Dazzling Dolphins class! Pupils from school have enjoyed taking part in both Boccia at King Edwards and a KS2 foot festival this week. Sport is a key part of our educational offer and we are keen to take every opportunity for our pupils to engage with other schools. Aston Villa Football Club reached out to us this week with an offer of Aston Villa Womens tickets, well done to pupils who were chosen to receive these. Aston Villa have cited our pupils behaviour and sportsmanship as a reason that these were donated. We were really pleased to welcome back to school, Yr 7 pupils Faye and Sude Nazi, to talk to our current Yr 6 pupils. They were fantastic role models who shared their experiences of SATs, reassuring our current cohort that they are fully prepared and supported to work through the assessment week and the writing process that follows. We enjoyed seeing them in school! Have a great week ahead, remember Yr 5 trip leaves straight after registration on Monday, no late arrivals please!

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

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Mon 29 th Apr	Think Tank Museum Visit - Year 5
Tues 30 th Apr	Internet Safety Workshop 9am till 10am
Tues 30 th Apr	AVFC No Room For Racism Trip Selected children from Year 6
Thurs 2 nd May	Election Day School Closed Except for Year 6
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	94.00%
Terrific Tigers	92.00%
Dazzling Dolphins	95.00%
Fantastic Flamingos	96.00%
Legendary Leopards	97.00%
Pleasant Pandas	95.00%
Perfect Parrots	97.00%
Proud Penguins	94.00%
Fabulous Foxes	97.00%
Learning Lemurs	99.00%
Kind-hearted Kangaroos	99.00%
Shrewd Shrews	95.00%
Charming Cheetahs	98.00%
Powerful Panthers	98.00%



	100%	OUTSTANDING
4 School days missed in an academic year	98%	VERY GOOD
7 School days missed in an academic year	96%	GOOD
10 School days missed in an academic year	95%	ALMOST THERE
11 School days missed in an academic year	94%	IMPROVEMENT NEEDED
20 School days missed in an academic year	90%	CONCERNED ATTENDANCE OFFICE WILL BE IN TOUCH
29 School days missed in an academic year	85%	VERY CONCERNED

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:
91.60%

Attendance – Bike Winner

Well done to Ali Bakhit who won Spring term's attendance prize.



Top Class Attendance

1st Learning Lemurs & Kind-hearted Kangaroos- 99%
2nd Powerful Panthers & Charming Cheetahs - 98%
3rd Legendary Leopards & Perfect Parrots & Fabulous Foxes - 90%

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	Jaiwon Allen
Fantastic Flamingos	Karma Mohamed
Legendary Leopards	Romaisa Abdalla
Pleasant Pandas	Aamina Adris
Perfect Parrots	Javeria Sajid
Proud Penguins	Sulayman Burhani
Fabulous Foxes	Hanan Knight
Learning Lemurs	Ibtisam Ramadhan
Kind-hearted Kangaroos	Karly Eden
Shrewd Shrews	Kadiatou Balde
Powerful Panthers	Caia Patterson
Charming Cheetahs	Sara Aziz

Reader of the Week

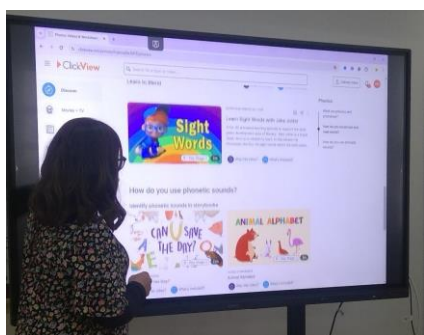
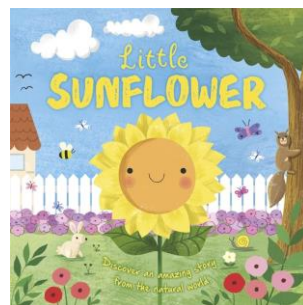
Dazzling Dolphins	Reneya Wilkins
Fantastic Flamingos	Zachary Rampaul
Legendary Leopards	Zunaira Zaman
Pleasant Pandas	Zaki Bakhit
Perfect Parrots	Ahile Poenaru
Proud Penguins	Abdul Badi Saad
Fabulous Foxes	Zayyan Ahmed
Learning Lemurs	Ramiz Rahman
Kind-hearted Kangaroos	Melael Yohannes
Shrewd Shrews	Ubaid Mohamed
Powerful Panthers	Chaima Azzi
Charming Cheetahs	Azam Abdalla



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Science Week

This week the children have taken part in a variety of different activities to celebrate Science Week. Reception have been reading Little Sunflower this week and learning all about plants. So that children can see how seeds develop into plants, they all had a go at planting seeds. We are so excited about monitoring their progress. Year 3 have been exploring time travel and which period of history they would like to travel back to. Working in groups, children designed some extraordinary time travel machines. What an amazing week!



ClickView

Staff were delighted to undertake ClickView training with Helen Morris, our ClickView Success Manager. Together we navigated the video content resource exploring the many curriculum based topics.

Year 2 - Frogs

This week Year 2 have been looking at a frog's lifecycle, reenacting the way frog's move and story mapping.





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How can parents help their children prepare for SATs

1. Talk about the SATs and tell them not worry about them. The school will also do this, too, but it makes a bigger impact if school and parents do this together. Children perform best when they are relaxed.
2. Reading is a key part of primary education so keep encouraging daily reading whether your child reads on their own or if you read together. Discuss the books, the characters, the storylines and encourage your child to express their own opinions on the book. This is important to their long term development as well as SATs test.
3. Try to keep everything else running normally. So whether it's sport, music lessons and sticking to your normal routine of out of school activities demonstrates to your child that SATs are not the be all end and all of year 6.
4. Try to avoid late nights, as children will find sitting the tests tiring.
5. Try to make sure your child has some fresh air when they come home from school on test days.
6. Stay positive. Many children enjoy taking the tests as they see it as a challenge and like the importance and the feeling of being special that SATs give year 6.
7. Start their day with a healthy breakfast. A nutritious, balanced diet does not have to be dull or expensive but can give them an amazing lift to get them through their day at school. Limit sugary snacks and avoid eating too late in the evening. Close to bedtime.

YEAR 6 SATS





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Centrestage

We are delighted to announce that Centrestage have been invited to provide lessons at Chilwell Croft Academy. Centrestage specialise in providing Speech, Drama and Acting training for pupils from Reception to 19 years old. We believe in instilling the belief into every child that they belong Centrestage.

Centrestage is an independent Speech and Drama School founded 22 years ago. It is now run by Co Principals, Ella McGrail and Beth Brown, alongside a wonderful team of highly trained staff. Beth Brown is the lead Speech teacher at Chilwell and has been teaching now for 8 years. She has a degree in Theatre and Performance from Leeds University and trained as a secondary English Teacher at Canterbury Christ Church University.

At Chilwell we have been working on Speech Lessons with pupils in Years 4 and 6. It is not easy to speak in public. It is a task that many adults dread, and for which they often feel under-prepared and untrained. In today's world, the ability to speak clearly, confidently and with appropriate expression is expected and valued more than ever, however as a subject, 'Speech' is rarely taught. Excellent speaking skills are needed throughout life, and our pupils will need them for a wide variety of situations, from interviews for jobs or higher education, to social and professional engagements. It takes time to develop such skills, but expression, clarity and presentation are all techniques which can be taught. The earlier we learn such skills, the easier they are to assimilate into everyday life.





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☀️ COFFEE & CHAT



COME ALONG AND MEET THE FRIENDLY
PASTORAL TEAM FOR A CHAT EVERY
FORTNIGHT ON A THURSDAY AT 2.30 PM.
THE NEXT SESSION WILL BE ON THE 9TH
MAY 2024

WHAT CAN YOUR PASTORAL TEAM OFFER?
SAFE AND COMFORTABLE ENVIRONMENT,
SHARE EXPERIENCES, DISCUSS ISSUES
RELEVANT TO YOU AND YOUR CHILD, AND
ACCESS TO INFORMATION.

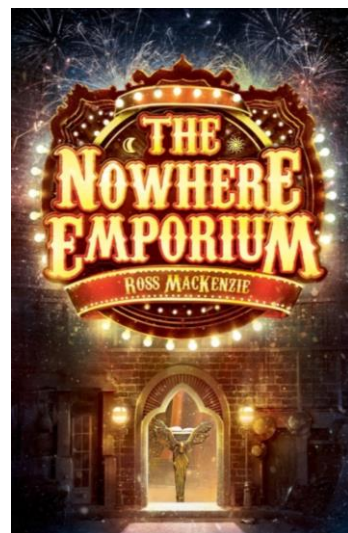


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THE NOWHERE EMPORIUM BY ROSS MACKENZIE WEEKLY BOOK REVIEW – MR GIBLEN

When the mysterious Nowhere Emporium arrives in Glasgow, orphan Daniel Holmes stumbles upon it quite by accident. Before long, the 'shop from nowhere' - and its owner, Mr. Silver - draw Daniel into a breathtaking world of magic and enchantment. Recruited as Mr. Silver's apprentice, Daniel learns the secrets of the Emporium's vast labyrinth of passageways and rooms; rooms that contain wonders beyond anything Daniel has ever imagined. But when Mr. Silver disappears, and a shadow from the past threatens everything, the Emporium and all its wonders begin to crumble. Can Daniel save his home, and his new friends, before the Nowhere Emporium is destroyed forever?

This story has a good mix of magic, mortal peril, fun and more serious subjects that kids may relate to, using orphan Daniel Holmes as our storyteller. Magic shows, a mysterious shop, a cruel villain, family secrets, mysterious and wonderful rooms with infinite possibilities, it's all explored here. It reminds me of a popular book from last year, *Starless Sea*, except aimed at a much younger audience of course. The sequel, which isn't currently attached to this one on Goodreads yet, is *The Elsewhere Emporium*. I'm intrigued to find out what Thomas gets up to next!





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2nd May 2024 – Local Elections

On Thursday 2nd May 2024, local elections for the Combined Authority Mayoral Election and Police and Crime Commissioner will take place, this means that school is being used as a polling station for the local community.

With this in mind, we are closing school for 1 day to all pupils apart from Year 6, Charming Cheetahs and Powerful Panthers.

Year 6 children will be in school from 8:40am until 12:30 pm for SATS preparation and lunch will be provided, we ask that all pupils are collected on time and if you require them to walk home, please contact the office for a form.

Year 6 pupils will be required to wear school uniform on that day. Access to and from school will be via the pedestrian gate by the carpark at the front of school.

As always, we thank you for your co-operation and support with this matter.

New Staff Member at Chilwell Croft



I would like to give a warm hello to all Parents and Carers of Chilwell Croft Academy. Allow me to introduce myself, my name is Miss A. Hussain and I am delighted to announce that I have joined as the newly appointed teacher for the Year 1 Dazzling Dolphins!

I am extremely excited to meet you all and aspire to build positive relationships with families and carers in the hopes to create a friendly, safe and supportive environment for all of our children. Let us use this opportunity successfully to get onboard as we help our children achieve their full potential academically and personally.

Feel free to come by and say hello or introduce yourselves at anytime. If you have any questions, I would be more than happy to address them.

May we all have an awesome start this summer!

Miss A. Hussain
(Dazzling Dolphins Year 1 Class Teacher)



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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.



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>

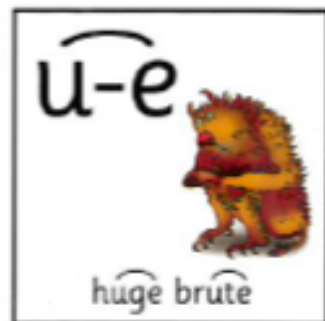
Free e-books for home reading:

<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

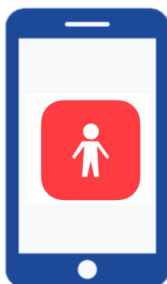
We also have afterschool clubs available which run from Monday to Thursday. Clubs are released before we break up for the term. Spaces are given on a first come first served basis.



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