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All Different

All Equal

All Achieving

Message from the Headteacher - Mrs. Nanette Wragg

Dear Chilwell Families,

May is upon us and with it our new value of the month is determination. Our Year 6 pupils are the value of determination personified at the moment! As are the staff supporting them. We were so impressed by the pupils who attended on Thursday, the election day. Not only were they in school, but they showed huge commitment to their learning, squeezing every opportunity and doing so with amazing positivity.



Thank you to Year 6 parents who attended our SATs workshop today. For those who were not able to make it, the key messages are to keep going! If invited, pupils should attend all booster sessions available. Get some rest! Going to bed is not the same as going to sleep. Year 6 pupils need at least 9 hours of sleep a night for physical and mental health. Finally, all Year 6 pupils are being well prepared, so enjoying some relaxation at home will ensure they approach these experiences positively. Please don't hesitate to contact staff if you have any queries or need to chat things through.

All Year 6 pupils are invited to breakfast session each morning of SATs week beginning May 13th.

Have a fabulous bank holiday Monday and see you on Tuesday 8th May 2024 at 8.40 am.

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

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Mon 6 th May	May Bank Holiday - (School closed)
Tues 7 th May	RWI Parent Workshop - KSI Parents
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
Mon 20 th May	Year 5 Visit to Birmingham Open Media Headquarters
Tues 21 st May	Holiday Learning/Holiday Club
Tues 21 st May	KS2 Football Tournament Mixed - Aston Villa
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	98.00%
Terrific Tigers	97.50%
Dazzling Dolphins	95.00%
Fantastic Flamingos	95.20%
Legendary Leopards	95.00%
Pleasant Pandas	97.00%
Perfect Parrots	95.30%
Proud Penguins	95.10%
Fabulous Foxes	97.40%
Learning Lemurs	100% 🎉
Kind-hearted Kangaroos	98.00%
Shrewd Shrews	95.70%
Charming Cheetahs	99.00%
Powerful Panthers	97.30%



100%	OUTSTANDING
98%	VERY GOOD
96%	GOOD
95%	ALMOST THERE
94%	IMPROVEMENT NEEDED
90%	CONCERNED ATTENDANCE OFFICE WILL BE IN TOUCH
85%	VERY CONCERNED

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

Thank you to all who are working hard to achieve our 97% target. We can only do this if we all work together.

Our grand total attendance this half term is:
93.40%

Attendance Competition!

Will you win?



Top Class Attendance

- 1st Learning Lemurs - 100%
- 2nd Charming Cheetahs - 99%
- 3rd Lucky Lions & Kind hearted Kangaroos - 98%

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 Determination.

Value Child

Dazzling Dolphins	Ibrahim Adam
Fantastic Flamingos	Anas Yusuf
Legendary Leopards	Amira Barre
Pleasant Pandas	Amira Amiin
Perfect Parrots	Firdeus Alija
Proud Penguins	Clayton Mayemba
Fabulous Foxes	Shahd Ali
Learning Lemurs	Oleymata Mane
Kind-hearted Kangaroos	Mohammed Aaban
Shrewd Shrews	Saba Adow
Powerful Panthers	Whole Class
Charming Cheetahs	Raphael Miah

Reader of the Week

Dazzling Dolphins	Fathima Ali
Fantastic Flamingos	Retal Beshir
Legendary Leopards	Resa Muhammed
Pleasant Pandas	Rawda Ibrahim
Perfect Parrots	Nefertari Williams
Proud Penguins	Serenitee Gayle Hicks
Fabulous Foxes	Sahar Esmail
Learning Lemurs	Mumino Matan
Kind-hearted Kangaroos	Kemar Marsh
Shrewd Shrews	Shayaan Mohammad
Powerful Panthers	Ridwan Sabriye
Charming Cheetahs	Ankan Atowebrhan



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May Bank Holiday

Just a gentle reminder, Monday 6th May 2024 is a Bank Holiday; school will be closed and children will be back on Tuesday 7th May at 8.40 am.



Reception

This week we have started our Growing topic by starting to read 'The Enormous Turnip'. Over the next couple of weeks the children will be looking at the story in depth and rewrite their own version.



Year 5 Visit To Think Tank Museum

On Monday, Year 5 had a fun packed day full of adventure of curiosity. They had the opportunity to visit the Planetarium where they watched a 3d experience of journeying to the stars and learnt about how seasons take place, moon phases and the order of planets. The children then had the opportunity to explore the museum where they learnt about Birmingham's industrial past from how steam engines work, looked at cars/trains from the past and "real to life" models of Dinosaurs.



Drama with Elisha St Juste

Year 4 have been having an amazing time doing drama with Elisha. The children were put in groups and given a concept where they then had to make a script.





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New Staff Member at Chilwell Croft



Hi all,

I have only been at the school since the beginning of April, but already I have been impressed by the enthusiasm and attitude at all the pupils towards P.E

My passion for sport started at a very early age in Football, Cricket & Athletics. I left school to be an apprentice footballer, before becoming a sports coach and I have been involved in many sporting projects across the city. I am a fully experienced cycling coach and I have delivered the Bikeability programme for a number of years.

I bring a breadth of experience & knowledge-to Chilwell Croft Academy spanning over 15 years. I intend to give the children the opportunity to try out various sports, and a chance to compete against other schools.

My hobbies include cycling, visiting the theatre and playing my saxophone!

I look forward to helping the children of Chilwell Academy achieve a sporty and healthy lifestyle.

Mr Wright

Breakfast Club/Wraparound Care/School Dinners

Please can all parents/carers ensure that all outstanding balances for Breakfast Club/Wraparound Care/School Dinners are paid. Make sure you are booking your children in for dinner/clubs in advance.

All payments can be done via MCAS. If you require further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.





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Stranger Danger

Whilst the risk posed by strangers is rare, it's really important to make children aware of simple tips they can follow to keep themselves a little safer.

We would advise you to talk to your child about who their safe adults are and where there are safe places near you if help is needed. It's also important to think about safety on the internet and use of mobile phone apps and games that have 'chat' functions as this can be just as dangerous as a stranger in the street.

Stranger Danger Prevention Advice

Here are some simple steps you can take to make sure you stay safe on the street.

- Never go off on your own with a stranger, take things from them or get in a car with them
- Never approach a stranger sitting in a car
- Make sure you tell your parents where you are at all times
- Be alert to your surroundings
- Don't believe what strangers tell you - sometimes they will say things to make you go with them
- If someone scares you, or makes you feel uncomfortable go somewhere safe, which could be your home, your school or a police station
- If someone tries to grab you, shout loudly to get attention
- Always play where your parents can see you
- Do not answer the front door at home unless your mum or dad are there with you
- Never tell a stranger your name or address
- Do not make friends online with people you have never met and are friends with in real life (IRL) - they are strangers too
- If you are in Year 6 and walk home alone, phone your parents to tell them you have left school and then go straight home





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WEEKLY BOOK REVIEW – MR GIBLEN

An exciting, edge-of-your-seat adventure.

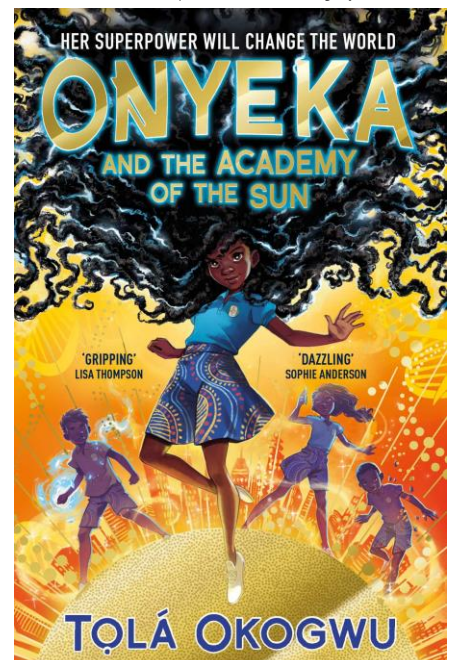
Onyeka and her best friend, Cheyenne, are both Nigerian living in London. Whilst Cheyenne is confident and not bothered what others think, Onyeka feels like she doesn't fit in. Her hair in particular causes others to stare. It has a mind of its own and no matter what her hairdresser mum does to it, it's out of control. Onyeka's mum doesn't talk about Nigeria or why they left and least of all, what happened to Onyeka's dad.

One day, Onyeka's hair literally has a mind of its own when it glows blue and crackles with electricity when Cheyenne is in trouble. Onyeka's mum is forced to tell her that she is 'Solari' and has inherited this trait from her dad. When Onyeka struggles to control her power and it starts to make her sick, her mum decides it's finally time to return to Nigeria and try and locate Onyeka's dad and learn to control her powers. Despite being surrounded by other Solari, Onyeka still feels like she doesn't belong. The other children have lived with their powers for years, but Onyeka has only just discovered hers. If only her mum could find her dad and maybe she could get some answers!

'Onyeka and the Academy of the Sun' is an exciting edge-of-your-seat adventure with interesting and unique characters. I loved the development of the relationships between Onyeka and the other children as she got to know more about them. I became totally lost in Onyeka's world and couldn't wait to find out what would happen next.

This story would make a fantastic read for Upper Key Stage 2 children, particularly for those that are fans of superhero stories and films.

What a wonderful book!





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How To Support Your Child During SATs

- No electronic devices at least an hour before bed.
- Smartphones, tablets, televisions give off blue light. Blue light fools the brain into thinking it's daytime and the body stops releasing a sleep hormone called melatonin.
- Melatonin is nature's way of helping us wind down, prepare for bed and falling asleep naturally.
- Ensure your child has regular early nights.

★ How much sleep does my child need? ★

AGE GROUP

Infants 4 - 12 months old

Children 1 - 2 years old

Children 3 - 5 years old

Children 6 - 12 years old

Teens 13 - 18 years old

HOURS PER NIGHT

12 - 16 hours per 24 hour period

11 - 14 hours per 24 hour period

10 - 13 hours per 24 hour period

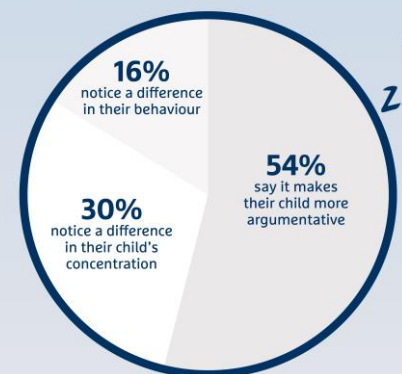
9 - 12 hours per 24 hour period

8 - 10 hours per 24 hours

Naps included, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics



How does lack of sleep affect your child?



Survey of 1001 parents

- Lack of sleep can lead to: a slower rate of brain development, which impacts on learning, more frequent negative emotion, growth issues and increased frequency of illnesses.
- Having a good breakfast fuels you up and gets you ready for the day.
- School also provides breakfast - please encourage and remind.



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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/miskin.education>

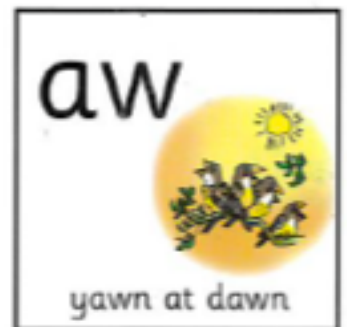
Free e-books for home reading:

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

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

Phonics

Here is the sound of the week:





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Summer 1 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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☀️ COFFEE & CHAT



Come along and meet our friendly pastoral team for a chat very fortnight on Thursday at 2.30 pm.

What can the pastoral team offer?

Safe and comfortable environment, share experience, discuss issues relevant to you and your child and access to information.

- Thursday 9th May 2024
- Thursday 23rd May 2024
- Thursday 6th June 2024
- Thursday 20th June 2024
- Thursday 4th July 2024



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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

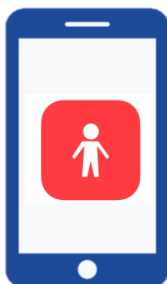
We also have afterschool clubs available which run from Monday to Thursday. Clubs are released before we break up for the term. Spaces are given on a first come first served basis.



MCAS

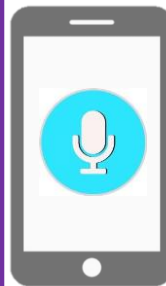
MCAS (My Child At School) is a new app which the school will be using to communicate with parents. The app can be used by parents to pay for school trips, pay for your child's school dinners or book your child in breakfast club/wraparound provision. It is important that all parents have signed up on 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