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All Different

All Equal

All Achieving

Message from the Headteacher - Mrs. Nanette Wragg

Dear Chilwell Families,

Welcome to this week's edition of our Newsletter, with the sunshine well and truly bursting onto the scene this week do take some time to read about how to stay safe in the sun. Please ensure all children have sun cream applied before coming to school daily and bring a sun hat to wear.



We have begun our coffee and chat sessions this week at school. These will run each fortnight, the next one being on May 23rd, from 2.30 pm to 3.30 pm. Do come along and have a cuppa, meet together for a chat and we may develop some creative ideas to help the school and each other. All are very welcome.

Can we ask Reception parents to encourage children to walk carefully to their school entrance. Too many children are running in between cars, this isn't a good message for them regarding personal safety and would ask that care is taken.

I am sure that you will join me in wishing all of our Year 6 pupils lots of luck for next week. You have been superb in your revision weeks and should already be proud of your achievements!

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

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Wed 15 th May	F2D Competition for five Year 5 Children
Mon 13 th - Thurs 16 th May	Year 6 SATs Week Breakfast Daily in the Gym Hall
Mon 20 th May	Year 5 Visit to Birmingham Open Media Headquarters
Tues 21 st May	Holiday Learning/Holiday Club - Parent Workshop
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)
Wed 5 th June	Birmingham Wildlife Conservation Park - Proud Penguins
Thurs 6 th June	Birmingham Wildlife Conservation Park - Perfect Parrots
Mon 17 th June	Birmingham Open Media - One Year 5 Class
Tues 18 th June	Aston Olympics - Selected Year 5 Children
Wed 19 th June	Reception - Cannon Hill Park (Group 1)
Mon 24 th June	Reception - Cannon Hill Park (Group 2)
Wed 26 th - Fri 28 th June	Year 6 Residential
Fri 28 th June	SATs Year 6 Writing Assessments End



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Weekly Attendance

Lucky Lions	98.30%	
Terrific Tigers	97.30%	
Dazzling Dolphins	91.30%	
Fantastic Flamingos	88.50%	
Legendary Leopards	92.00%	
Pleasant Pandas	94.00%	
Perfect Parrots	90.20%	
Proud Penguins	91.00%	
Fabulous Foxes	100%	
Learning Lemurs	98.80%	
Kind-hearted Kangaroos	96.00%	
Shrewd Shrews	100%	
Charming Cheetahs	100%	
Powerful Panthers	97.50%	



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:
92.70%

Attendance Competition!

Will you win?



Top Class Attendance

1st Fabulous Foxes & Shrewd Shrews & Charming Cheetahs - 100%
2nd Learning Lemurs - 98.80%
3rd Lucky Lions - 98.30%

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	Abdulbasit Bankole
Fantastic Flamingos	Zahrah Belal
Legendary Leopards	Yahya Dirshe
Pleasant Pandas	Jelani Weekes
Perfect Parrots	Malakai Cameron
Proud Penguins	Ahlan Jama
Fabulous Foxes	Enzo Robinson
Learning Lemurs	Eliane Morgado-Joae
Kind-hearted Kangaroos	Danilson Camara
Shrewd Shrews	Lucas Swann
Powerful Panthers	Rabia Mahamed
Charming Cheetahs	Whole Class

Reader of the Week

Dazzling Dolphins	Almahi Ishak
Fantastic Flamingos	Karma Mohamed
Legendary Leopards	Ifrah Omer-Hunneh
Pleasant Pandas	Aamina Adris
Perfect Parrots	Fabricia Caquema
Proud Penguins	Saanah Ali
Fabulous Foxes	Musab Mohamed
Learning Lemurs	Ethan Cane
Kind-hearted Kangaroos	Fatima Melkash
Shrewd Shrews	Mowhib Adam
Powerful Panthers	Sadan Mohamed
Charming Cheetahs	Lawi Mohamad



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Year 6 – SATs

Year 6 have been working extremely hard for the past couple of weeks working towards their SATs. The children have shown great determination and resilience coming into breakfast learning sessions, afterschool booster sessions and Saturday school. Well done Year 6, and hopefully all your hard work will pay off.



RESP – Debating Competition

Two of our Year 6 pupils made it through to the second stage of Kind Edwards Debating Competition this Friday after winning in the preliminary heats on Friday 1st March 2024. Chaima and Jowhara had a great time competing with other schools and representing Chilwell Croft. Well done both!



Reception – Planting

The sun is shining brightly and weather has been amazing for the past couple of days. Reception took the opportunity to plant some vegetables in their garden area. Children got some soil and poured it into the tyres and then planted their seeds.



Year 4 – Vikings

Year 4 have been learning all about Vikings. The children learn how the Vikings expanded their territory across the United Kingdom and when the Viking period began.





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Staying Safe in the Sun

The summer is on its way and we are all looking forward to spending lots of time outside - both during lessons and play times.

On very sunny days, we are not in a position to offer the protection of shade to every child so it is incredibly important that children bring their sun hats in every day. We also ask that all children wear sun cream to school which is applied before they leave home in the morning - this will offer them protection during the school day.

Our main aim is to educate the children about sun safety and the importance of re-applying it during the day. We will also look at promoting other ways to stay safe, for example: wearing sun hats, drinking water (carrying water bottles) and staying in the shade.

Our children's safety is very important to us and working together we can make sure they are all protected when out in the sunny weather.





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Value of the Month

Please have a read of Rabia's key phrases which she has written about our current school value Determination

"Believe In Yourself"

"Don't Give Up"



"Be Confident"

"Be Positive About Yourself"

"Don't Let Anyone Stop You From Dreaming"

"Be Joyful And Happy"

"Look Up At Your Dreams"

Rabia Mahamed (Powerful Panthers)

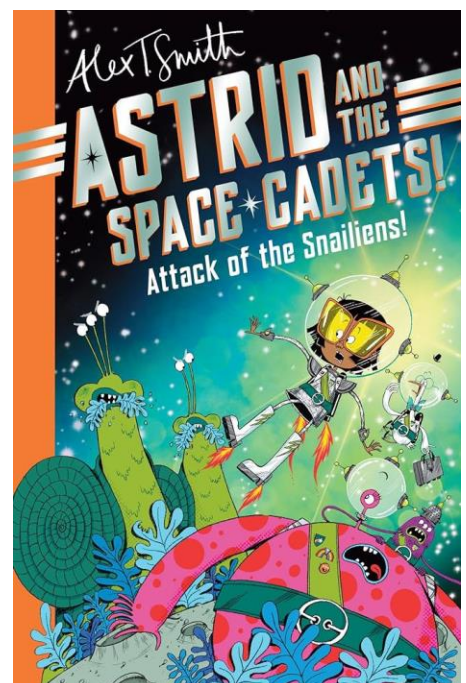


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ASTRID AND THE SPACE CADETS: ATTACK OF THE SNAILIENS!

WEEKLY BOOK REVIEW – MR GIBLEN

The Space Cadets, Astrid, Zoink, Beryl and Dr. Quackers must complete tasks assigned to them to earn gold stars to be in the running for the grand prize. It is the Space Cadet mission to help at all times, no matter what – so when they get a distress call from the Planet Hortensis while cleaning the Milky Way, they rush to help. Snailiens have invaded the garden of Flora Mulch and are headed for her prize-winning Astro Potatoes. The cadets must figure out how to save the day in their own unique way. This early chapter book is all about teamwork and helping people, which is a great message for young readers. The series contains easily accessible vocabulary and gorgeous illustrations to add to the appeal for young readers exploring short, illustrated chapter books. There is also a good deal of humour which also adds to the fun factor. I'm looking forward to more adventures from the crew!





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ACE

WARWICKSHIRE CRICKET FOUNDATION

COMMUNITY

FUN DAY

FRIDAY 31ST MAY

13.00 - 14.30
8 - 12 YEARS



15.00 - 16.30
13 - 18 YEARS

FREE TO ATTEND



Come to Birmingham's Community Hub Fun Day to participate in some games, cricket, and challenges. Food and music and good vibes for the whole family to enjoy.



Handsworth Cricket Club
Hinstock Road, Handsworth
Birmingham, B20 2EU



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Mental Health Awareness Week: 13-19 May 2024

Next week is Mental Health Awareness Week and the theme for this year is Movement. We are encouraging our school community, to incorporate more #MomentsforMovement into their daily routine.



Regular movement like The Daily Mile, can boost your self-esteem, improve the quality of your sleep and help reduce feelings of anxiety. Even just 10-15 minutes of being active can contribute to mental alertness, increased energy and positive mood.

As adults, there's lots we can do to support the children and young people in our lives. Place2Be and The Daily Mile have shared some tips on how to get children moving for their mental health.



Everyday movement counts

Engage children and young people in physical activities that are accessible in daily life.

Top tips

- Think about how children can incorporate movement into regular daily routines.
- Encourage children to walk, bike or scooter to school instead of taking the car or bus.
- What about turning the music up and dancing during study breaks or a sequence of yoga stretches before bed?

Tips for Daily Mile schools

Consider tracking the number of Daily Mile's each day to contribute to a journey across the globe. (Provided by Cardonald Primary School, Scotland)



Make it fun

Children and young people are going to be more eager to take part in physical activity if they are doing something they enjoy.

Top tips

- Reflect on their interests and strengths, ask them how movement could be woven into what they love doing.
- Put emphasis on enjoyment and skill development rather than focusing on competition to help them have a positive experience of physical activity.

Tips for Daily Mile schools

Introduce a 'Music Mile' from time to time, using a mobile speaker to enable the children to do their Daily Mile to some of their favourite songs. (Provided by Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School, Scotland)

More resources you may find useful

- 📄 Learn more about The Daily Mile
- 📄 Read more of Place2Be's tips for parents and carers
- 📄 Download more mental health resources for schools
- 📄 Your Stories | The Daily Mile UK



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Moving for mental health (continued)



Be the role model

While it's not always easy, young people are more likely to take up physical activity if they see adults around them involved in and enjoying exercise.

Top tips

- Do your best to join in and be active together with the children and young people in your care.
- Discuss the benefits of being active and the impact it can have on physical and mental health.

Tips for Daily Mile schools

Encourage all teachers and support staff to actively join in The Daily Mile (whether walking or running) to enhance the relationship between children and teachers. (Provided by Wells Hall Primary School, England)



Get into nature

Heading outdoors to exercise is a great way for children and young people to take a break from technology and connect with their environment.

Top tips

- Encourage a walk or play outside to explore in the green spaces nearby – whether that be an inner-city park, a forest or along your local river or canal.

Get into nature (cont)

- Follow the child's lead in how they want to play outside – encourage creativity and join in with activities if possible.

Tips for Daily Mile schools

Ask children to reflect on the sights and sounds that they experience as they complete their Daily Mile outside. (Provided by Clifton Primary School, England)



Moving together

Encouraging children and young people to get involved in physical activity that is social will not only help boost their self-esteem, it's also a great way to create a sense of community which can foster good mental wellbeing.

Top tips

- Encourage children and young people to be active together.
- Encourage them to try different sports both at school and through clubs with their friends, until they find one that they really love.

Tips for Daily Mile schools

Buddy-up children from different year groups to encourage side by side conversations as they move; forming new friendships and supporting each other. (Provided by Dalneigh Primary School, Scotland)



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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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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 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 eg. 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 eg. 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