



# Chilwell Chronicle



All Different

All Equal

All Achieving

Message from the Headteacher - Mrs. Nanette Wragg



Dear Chilwell Families,

We were recently visited by the Birmingham writing moderator reviewing our Year 6 pupils writing work. Following her day with us, we are pleased to share that she deemed our work to be 'best practice' noting particularly the children's high levels of vocabulary and independence. Well done Year 6!

Do take a look at Zain's strongly worded letter, which he has compiled based around testing to the potentially new Prime Minister. This exercise in persuasive writing has enabled our Year 6 pupils to compile an argument. I think you'll agree that Zain's hypothetical writing is mature and high level and a little bit cross! It is an example of a well put together argument.

Thank you to the families who supported the Aston Villa Seed to Feed project, an excellent example of the foundations community work. We hope to repeat the project with them next year.

Finally, I am delighted to share with you that the Pearson National Teaching Awards have recognised the school as an educational school of excellence. This is a wonderful achievement for us as a community. As a school, we are proud to serve the Chilwell Community and appreciate your ongoing support as we work in partnership.

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

## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Jul	KS2 Girls Football AVFC City Academy,
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jul	Writing Workshop - All Parents 9 am - 10 am
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Polling Day (School Closed to Pupils)
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Ninja Warrior Cheetahs
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Aston Manor Football Festival
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Year 6 SATs results to Parents
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Networking Event Workshop - All Parents 9am - 10 am
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Reading Reward Trip
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Dudley Zoo - Year 2
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Ninja Warrior Panthers
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Primary School Jewellery Workshop Cheetahs
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Primary School Jewellery Workshop Panthers
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Year 2 Visit to Birmingham Central Mosque
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jul	Start of Summer Holidays
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Sep	School Open at 8.40 am



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## Weekly Attendance

Lucky Lions	98.50%
Terrific Tigers	98.00%
Dazzling Dolphins	96.00%
Fantastic Flamingos	92.00%
Legendary Leopards	94.00%
Pleasant Pandas	96.00%
Perfect Parrots	91.50%
Proud Penguins	91.50%
Fabulous Foxes	99.00%
Learning Lemurs	99.00%
Kind-hearted Kangaroos	99.00%
Shrewd Shrews	95.00%
Charming Cheetahs	95.00%
Powerful Panthers	98.00%



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

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

1<sup>st</sup> Fabulous Foxes & Learning Lemurs & Kind hearted Kangaroos - 99.00%  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lucky Lions- 98.50%  
3<sup>rd</sup> Terrific Tigers & Powerful Panthers - 98.00%





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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 Teamwork

## Value Child

Dazzling Dolphins	Maitha Hussein
Fantastic Flamingos	Murat Drou
Legendary Leopards	Fatma Wamahoro
Pleasant Pandas	Ilhaam Meermohamnd Mohiddin
Perfect Parrots	Ethar Zaim
Proud Penguins	Taymia Jimale
Fabulous Foxes	Alaa Abdelghader
Learning Lemurs	Ridwan Sabriye
Kind-hearted Kangaroos	Destinee Zanzala / Melael Yohannes
Shrewd Shrews	Shrewd Shrews for their teamwork in sports day
Powerful Panthers	Chaima Azzi
Charming Cheetahs	Awwal Ogundimu

## Reader of the Week

Dazzling Dolphins	Almahi Ishaq
Fantastic Flamingos	Nura Hamdino
Legendary Leopards	Ibrahim Mohamed
Pleasant Pandas	Zaki Bakhit
Perfect Parrots	Fayad Isshak
Proud Penguins	Amen Endalkachew
Fabulous Foxes	Abdi Shafi Hamid
Learning Lemurs	Affan Sharif
Kind-hearted Kangaroos	Thamid Miah
Shrewd Shrews	Diara Diaw
Powerful Panthers	Rehanna Begum
Charming Cheetahs	Rayyan Nasser





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## KS2 Sports Day

Sports day at Chilwell is always a day the children look forward to. KS2 had the opportunity to have their sports day over at Aston Manor. The children took part in a variety of different sports activities, such as relay races, track, javelin, and many more.



## King Edwards Grammar School Visit

Selected children from Year 5 had the opportunity to visit King Edwards. Pupils got a tour of the school, some fun problem-solving activities, and familiarised themselves with a mock style set of paper and went through the answers.



## Summer Holiday Activities

Send HAF provisions - [SEND Provision - Bring it on Brum!](#)  
Carers support and activities - [Home - Birmingham Carers Hub](#)  
Holiday activities for all - [Bring it on Brum! - Holiday Activities and Food](#)

Some of the activities above need to be booked in advance. Activities are free for those on eligible benefits. Please have a look at the criteria on the websites.

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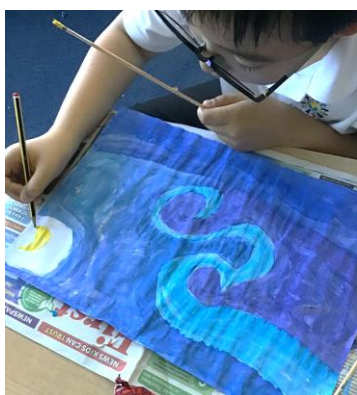




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## Year 6 Art

In Art, Year 6 have been looking at Vincent Van Gogh's famous oil painting - The Starry Night. The children used paint to recreate his artwork. Year 6 have also been looking at Charles Fazzino's art. They created a 3D cityscape inspired by his colourful and vibrant pop art style. Amazing work children!



## Year 6 Residential

Year 6 had an amazing time at PGL, Shropshire. The children took part in a variety of different fun activities such as archery, rock climbing, canoeing, and playing laser tag. How fun!



## Aston Villa Seed to Feed

We are very proud with our families who engaged with AVFC Seed to Feed project which focused on nutritional education, family engagement, personal development and life prospects.

We are pleased that the majority of families who attended were from Chilwell Croft Academy.

## TT Rockstars

A big well done to:

- 1<sup>st</sup> O2Pandas
- 2<sup>nd</sup> O5Kangaroos
- 3<sup>rd</sup> O2Leopards

For obtaining the highest scoring band.





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Please have a read of Zain's letter to Keir Starmer where he expressed his opinion on SATs.

Amazing work Zain!

Chilwell Croft Academy

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Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024

Dear Sir Keir Starmer,

I am personally addressing you regarding the fraudulent Standard Assessment Tests - known as SATS as you will no doubt be our Prime Minister after the next election. The increasingly undesirable conditions children experience is for whatever reason neglected. Furthermore, the education systems unreliable and ineffective criteria for the SATS is woefully unprepared for various scenarios leaving many things unaccounted for (such as a special-needs child). Another instance is the stress inducing environment the government encourages is proven to have a severe toll on a child's mental well-being.

A seemingly harmless but vital error commonly made is the unnecessary exaggeration of the mild, moderate difficulty. In my own recent personal experience, I found only minor differences in the tests prior. The overwhelming pressure placed upon me was highly unwarranted - this is admittedly the teacher's responsibility but nevertheless it should not be excused.

If my persuasive language and statements conveyed bias, I shall provide more factual evidence. The concern and misery caused by the thought of an unideal performance may lower self-esteem and likewise shatter confidence. The curriculum may be at instability due to individual time being repurposed for excess revision leaving less reserved for other subjects. It can also unintentionally make parents unusually frantic and urgent for their child/children to get successful results or decreasing their child's leisure time in addition, which may consequently affect their score negatively.

Though I have indicated the SAT as a blatant offender these points are applicable to other assessments and tests (especially those after primary school). However, the SATs in particular achieved exceeding criticisms and controversy. Ironically majority of teachers feel compelled to express their concern and even condemn these despicable matters.

In general, these impractical unsuitable and unsustainable methods are due for abolishment and replacement by more supportive dependent tactics. Allowing prodigious students opportunities for growth, thriving and to prosper is essential. Even including their less capable peers will benefit the improvement and development of the youth. There are numerous variables which can more accurately determine and improve the level they are at, while maintaining their mental well-being. Thank you for reading, hopefully you my subjective opinion into consideration, if you to succeed in your action

Yours sincerely,

Zain





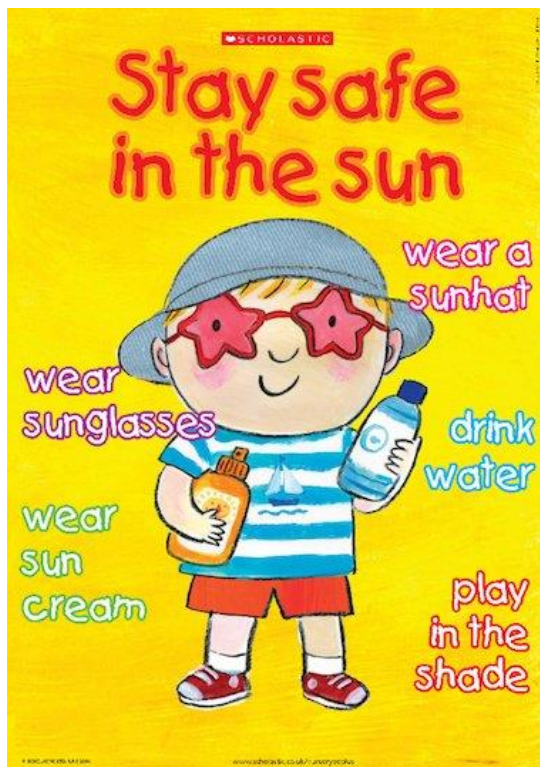
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Kimi has painted one of schools landscapes.  
Such a lovely painting Kimi!





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## Roulette style video/chat apps

Chat roulette style apps work by pairing people together anonymously to chat (and video chat) to each other. Due to the anonymous nature of these apps, we would always recommend that that they are not suitable for under 18s.

There is often a lot of inappropriate content and behaviour on these apps and your child is at risk of grooming as a stranger may try to connect with your child initially on an anonymous app and then encourage them to continue chatting on another app.

It is also important that your child is aware that what they say and do whilst video chatting can be recorded and shared later without their knowledge.

You should talk to your child about who they chat with and what they are sharing when they do. As with all apps and websites that your child accesses, make sure they know how to use any reporting tools and they know how to block other users if necessary.

The NSPCC discuss chat apps in general as well as how to talk to your child about what they are sharing with others online here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/chat-apps/>





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THE **LIGHTHOUSE**  
YOUNG PEOPLE'S CENTRE



Communities Thrive Events



## Family Fun Afternoon

Sunday 21st July  
12.00 - 3.00



The Lighthouse

100 Alma Way B19 2LN

**TEXT 07879 775686** TO BOOK YOUR FREE PLACES. USE CODE **TLH** AND  
STATE YOUR NAME, NUMBER OF ADULTS AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN  
ATTENDING

COOKERY DEMO

SIT-DOWN MEAL

ARTS, CRAFTS & GAMES

FREE BOOKS

AND LOTS MORE!



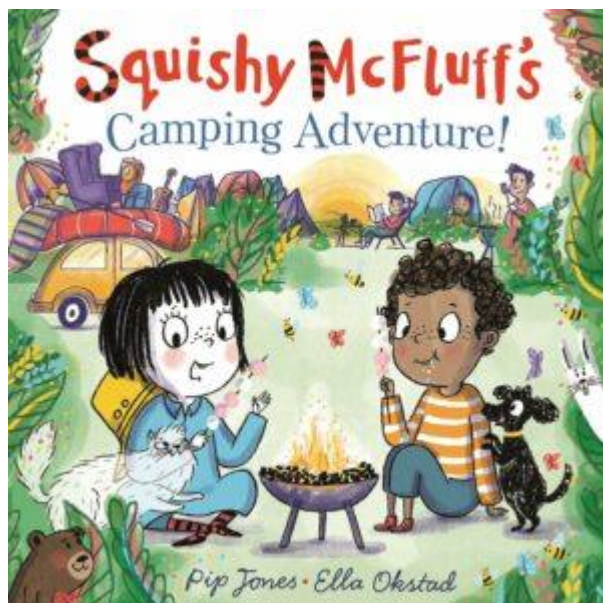


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## SQUISHY McFLUFFS 'S CAMPING ADVENTURE

PIP JONES & ELLA OKSTAD  
WEEKLY BOOK REVIEW – MR GIBLEN

Ava has a very special cat that no one else can see! His name is Squishy McFluff and he loves going on adventures. Ava and Dad are off on their first-ever camping holiday and, of course, Squishy McFluff is going too. Dad tells Ava about the serious business of camping and they spend quite some time getting everything packed and ready. When they arrive, Dad is shocked to discover that the tent isn't in the car. Ava and Squishy McFluff thought that building a den to sleep in would be much more fun! Told through rhymes and bright illustrations, younger readers will love reading about Ava and Squishy McFluff's camping adventures.







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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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## Summer 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 6<sup>th</sup> June  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July

Year 1 - Every Thursday

Year 2 - Every Monday

Year 3 - Every Wednesday

Year 4 - Every Wednesday

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July

### Year 5

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July

### Year 6

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July



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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

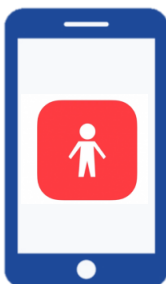
We also have afterschool clubs available which run from Monday to Thursday. Clubs are released before we break up for the term. Spaces are given on a first come first served basis.



## MCAS

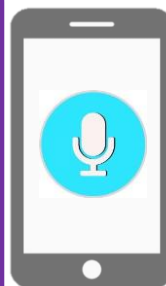
MCAS (My Child At School) is a new app which the school will be using to communicate with parents. The app can be used by parents to pay for school trips, pay for your child's school dinners or book your child in breakfast club/wraparound provision. It is important that all parents have signed up on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

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 parent 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**