



All Different

All Equal

All Achieving

## Headteacher's Message

Mrs. Nanette Wragg



Dear Chilwell Families,

We have settled back into our school routines and learning fabulously as we begin our new Spring term. Despite Storm Goretti and our non-uniform day yesterday, it has been fantastic to see the children's positivity in class and focus in their lessons as I visited classes this week. The Spring term is a key element of the school year as we look to ensure good progress in all areas of learning.

We welcome trainee teachers into school today, as Mr. Gible, our Year 6 teacher, is leading sessions around the importance of reading. Trainees from the Titan Partnership will be seeing our pupils at work. We are always very pleased to host these sessions, as our pupils always shine so brightly.

Whilst the storm has passed, the weather remains very cold. Please ensure pupils are wearing our winter uniform and appropriate outerwear. Please do not hesitate to contact our pastoral team if we can help in any way with this. Coats are regularly popping up in our lost property area as they do not have names on. Please help us to help you by ensuring all items of uniform are labelled.

We welcome two new members of staff to Chilwell Croft this week. Mr. Nawaz will be teaching our Fabulous Foxes class, and Miss Ali will be predominantly working with our Key Stage 2 children. They look forward to meeting all our Chilwell families.



We have a number of parent assemblies and workshops over the next two weeks. Please do check the dates for your calendar - we really enjoy meeting you all in school. Have a lovely weekend and keep reading!

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



### DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Chinese New Year Assembly for Yr 1 Dolphins Parents at 2.50pm
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Design & Technology Workshop at 9am
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	AVFC Football Tournament - Selected Students from Year 5/6
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Year 5/6 Parent Celebration Assembly - Selected Students
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Year 1/2 Parent Celebration Assembly - Selected Students
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	AVFC Girls Football Tournament - Selected Students from Year 5/6
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Phonics Workshop at 9am
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Year 3/4 Parent Celebration Assembly - Selected Students
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Birmingham Open Media - Shrews
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Aston Villa Tournament - Selected Students from Year 5/6
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	EYFS Fine/Gross Motor Skills Workshop at 9am
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Safer Internet Day Assembly for Yr 2 Pandas Parents at 2.50 pm
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Boccia Tournament - Selected Students from Year 3/4/5/6
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Safer Internet Workshop at 9am
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Last Day of Half Term - 3.30pm Finish
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Children Back to School - 8.40am Start
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> - Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Year 6 Residential - Condon Hall
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Last day of Half Term - 12.30 pm Finish
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Inset Day - School Closed For All Children
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Children Back to School - 8.40 am Start
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Ash End Farm - Reception
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday - School Closed
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Local Elections - School Closed for All Children Apart from Year 6
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> - Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs Week
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Carding Mill Valley - Year 4
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Last day of Half Term - 3.30 pm Finish
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Jun	Inset Day - School Closed For All Children
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jun	Children Back to School - 8.40 am Start
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Inset Day - School Closed For All Children
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Last day of Half Term - 12.30 pm Finish



## Weekly Attendance

Tigers	Lions	Dolphins	Flamingos	Pandas	Leopards	Penguins
91%	95%	97%	97%	95%	100%	92%
Parrots	Lemurs	Foxes	Shrews	Kangaroos	Cheetahs	Panthers
91%	94%	96%	98%	94%	92%	100%

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 term is:  
95.80%

### Attendance Competition!

Will you win the scooter this term?



### Top Class Attendance

1<sup>st</sup> Leopards & Panthers 100%  
2<sup>nd</sup> Shrews- 98%  
3<sup>rd</sup> Dolphins & Flamingos - 97%

**CONGRATULATIONS**

## PARENT WORKSHOP

Tuesday 13th January - Compass Workshop (Visitor):  
supporting your child with worries

Tuesday 20th January  
Design & Technology - Miss Forrest

Tuesday 27th January Year 1  
Phonics Screening - Mrs Alexander

Tuesday 3rd February  
EYFS Fine / Gross Motor Skills - Mrs Preston

Tuesday 10th February - Safer Internet Day  
Mrs Fazil/Mrs Ahmed

9 am – 10 am

Main Hall - Please Enter Via the Pedestrian Gate





# Chilwell Chronicle

## Spanish Day

This Thursday, we celebrated Spanish Day, with the children proudly wearing colours representing the Spanish flag. Throughout the day, the children had the opportunity to practise their Spanish language skills and take part in a variety of fun and engaging activities. Everyone also enjoyed a delicious Spanish-themed lunch, which included a choice of chicken and spicy rice or roast vegetables with spicy rice.



## Basketball Tournament

A huge congratulations to our fantastic basketball teams, who secured an amazing 2nd and 3rd place in the KESSP Basketball League! Throughout the competition, the children played brilliantly, showing exceptional teamwork, sportsmanship, and determination. We are incredibly proud of their effort and achievement!



## Christmas Card Competition

Mohamed Ali from Fabulous Foxes did a fantastic job in the Home Secretary and local Member of Parliament - Shabana Mahmood Christmas Card Competition and was thrilled to be announced as the winner.

### Shabana's Christmas Card Template



## Attendance Prize

Here at Chilwell Croft Academy, we place great importance on excellent attendance and strive for all our children to achieve this. Regular attendance plays a vital role in supporting learning, wellbeing, and success in school.

We are delighted to congratulate Nicol from Foxes, who won our attendance prize – a brand-new scooter! Well done, Nicol, and thank you to all our pupils and families for continuing to support positive attendance.







# Chilwell Chronicle

## D&T Workshop

On Tuesday, 20th January, we will be hosting a Design & Technology workshop for parents, with a focus on healthy eating. During the workshop, parents will have the opportunity to sample a range of food items and explore practical, creative ways to prepare healthy and nutritious dinners at home.



## Staying Safe During Winter

During the winter months, we ask families to take extra care to keep children safe.

Please ensure children wear warm, waterproof clothing and suitable footwear, and consider high-visibility items during darker mornings and afternoons. Slippery surfaces and reduced daylight can increase risks, so extra care when travelling to and from school is appreciated.



## Year 5

This week in Year 5, we focused on retrieval in Reading, with children developing their comprehension by identifying key words and using evidence from the text. In Maths, the children learned to multiply three-digit numbers by single digits using a formal written method and will next apply this to reasoning. In Computing, the children enjoyed learning about microcontrollers and demonstrated a strong understanding of coding programs used to control outputs.



## AR Books

We are very lucky at Chilwell to have so many avid readers and it is lovely to see how keen our children are to read the books we have in school.

Each child takes home a reading book matched to their reading ability, this maybe an Accelerated Reader book or a phonics book. They are also able to take a free reader book, this is a book that is chosen by the child to share with you at home and they may not be able to read independently. We do this to encourage a love of reading. To ensure that every child has fair access to our books we ask that they do not have more than 2 books at a time. If you do have any extra books at home please do return them.



## Student of the Week

Eiojo from Legendary Leopards explored emotions through her Grand Hotel of Feelings piece, demonstrating empathy, emotional vocabulary, and self-regulation.



My Visit to the Grand Hotel of Feelings

Today I am visiting the grand hotel of feelings the first room I'm entering is... Gratitude! Gratitude is great! Gratitude has gentle laughter and love. Gratitude's gentle hands are soft and warm. She also likes to sing. The next room is... Sadness. She is loud and cries for everything. I felt a bit irritated of all her tears and she floods the bathroom everyday and her bed is very wet and stretched.

## CCA Planner

On page 74, have a read of Maths Symbols and Words.



## Scientist of the Week Thomas Edison

Inventor of electric power generation, mass communication, sound recording, and motion picture.

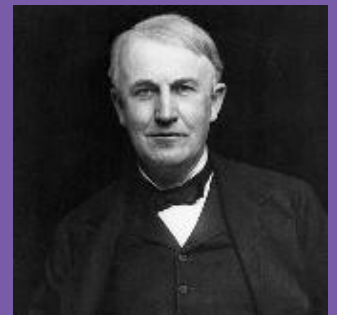
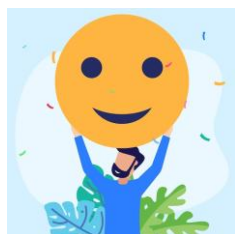
## Phonics

Here is the sound of the week:

air



## Value Of The Month: Positivity





# CCA Photo Gallery





## Spring 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.

**DISCLAIMER:** Dates may occasionally change, and while we will try to notify families in advance, this may not always be possible.

### Reception - Every Monday

### Year 2

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February

### Year 4

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February

### Year 6 -

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February

### Year 1

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February

### Year 3

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February

### Year 5 -

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February