

Choppington Primary School



Newsletter

May 2019

Headteacher Comment

So it is official, Choppington Primary School is a GOOD school again. Ofsted visited us just before Easter for a couple of days and gave the school a good judgement.

I would like to thank all the parents/carers and children for their support since I have been at Choppington, because without you this would not have been possible.

As you will have read there are some areas to focus on, which we will be addressing in time to ensure that the education for the children improves and standards follow.

This is only the start of the journey, we still have many ideas and developments to implement, that we believe will improve Choppington Primary School further.

Over the next couple of weeks we are in to exam weeks for Year 6 and Year 2, as they sit the SATs tests. We wish the children luck for these exams.

Thanks

Mr D. Nelson
Headteacher

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Car Park

Please can I ask that we don't use the school car park for dropping children off or as a pathway. Please park on the road when dropping children off and use the appropriate paths when walking into school.

Book People Bus

Thank you to all the people who helped support the Book People Bus fund raiser. It was lovely to see so many children buying books to read at home.

We made **£90** for school to spend on books for the children thanks to you purchasing £599 worth of books collectively.



School Lunches

Unfortunately we are having to increase the cost you will have to pay for school lunches. This is because of the rise in food costs from 3rd June.

The new cost for a paid school dinner is £2.30, per meal.



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Upcoming Dates

Here are some dates for your diary for this half-term. They are as follows:

Thursday 9th May

KS2 Parents Lunch

Monday 13th May - Thursday 16th May

Year 6 SATs

Monday 20th May—Wednesday 22nd May

Y5/6 Residential to Hawkhurst

Tuesday 21st May

Y3/4 Tri Golf Festival

Thursday 23rd May

Early Years Assembly—10.30

Last Day of Term - finish 3.30

After School Clubs

Monday

Bushcraft with Miss Brown

3.30—4.30 KS1

Science Club with Miss Railton

3.30—4.30 KS1

Tuesday

Athletics with Mr Nelson

8.20—8.50 KS2

Multi-Skills with NUFC Foundation

3.30—4.30 KS1

Wednesday

Singing Club with All-Star Productions

12.30—1.00 KS1 & KS2

Drama Club with All-Star Productions

3.15—4.15 KS 2

Thursday

Dance with All-Star Productions

3.30—4.30 KS1 & 2

Athletics with Mr Nelson

8.20—8.50 KS2

Safeguarding

Along with the rising appeal of social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Youtube, there unfortunately is also an increase in the dangers that children are being exposed to.

Many social media sites have default privacy settings which are set to “public” which means that anyone can view the content that your child posts online. This has resulted in recent media cases where children have been placed in harm’s way because offenders have either accessed their information, their whereabouts, or have been able to join in with online conversations/chats which is part of the grooming process. Many offenders use fake profile IDs and target children by claiming to share the same interests as them.

Top Tips for Parents to keep your child safe online:

- Talk to your child about what they like to use online
- Know who your child’s friends are, both in the real and virtual world
- Control what your child shares online
- Have the “never meet” rule – never meet anyone in real life who you have met online
- Monitor your child’s usage
- Set your child’s passwords and regularly check in to make sure they haven’t been changed
- Set parental controls / Filter what they can access
- Educate yourself – keep up with new technology and internet language
- Talk to your child about risk
- Teach your child about who can help e.g. CEOP

Attendance

We are having a big push on attendance during Summer term and are looking to get it above 98%. If we manage this for the Summer term we are going to hire a large bouncy castle for the children to enjoy during the day.

Please help us to achieve this by only keeping your child off if they are seriously sick. A cough or cold is not a legitimate excuse for being off school. If you are not sure bring them to school and if they are not coping we will let you know.