



Newsletter Friday 11th September 2020



Message from Mrs Grainger

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have continued to make a very positive start to term. They are working hard in their classrooms and enjoying starting all their exciting new topics and learning. This first week, across the whole school we looked at a book called: Here We Are by Oliver Jeffers. I believe it is also a beautiful animation film available on AppleTV.

Thank you, again, to parents and carers for the way you have engaged – and continue to engage – with the arrangements for our start and end of day routines. It is important to arrive as near as possible to the relevant drop off and collection times, to support social distancing. We need to avoid groups gathering on or around the school site. Thank you very much to all parents and carers for their ongoing support with this.

You should now be aware of the day your child's class is timetabled to do PE. This is also available on our website under the Our School tab, 'School Day Timetable'. Coming to school in appropriate sports kits with layers avoids the need for bringing additional clothing into and out of school.

Data Collection Sheets – Years 1 - 6

Forms will be coming home on Monday – please can you check all the information and amend where necessary. If there are NO changes, please sign the form and return to school to confirm this. Thank you.



Message from the Governing Body

Dear Children and School Families,

Welcome back to Chadsmead and welcome to our new children and their families!

We hope that you have been able to enjoy a break this summer and are able to find the flexibility and faith that we all need for this 'new normal'. With government guidelines released regularly and extensive requirements for our children's safety, I know you will join me in thanking the staff for all that they have done to prepare for and settle the children into their new routines and to keep them feeling happy and safe. Well done to the children for showing their usual resilience and positivity. Thank you too to all families for respecting the new school arrangements.

I will be attending a zoom meeting with the Community Academy Trust (CAT) next month to be informed about their Governance of the school during the pandemic and the first Local Governing Body meeting of Chadsmead Governors will take place just before October half term.

Hoping that, despite all the restrictions for our safety, you can enjoy safely reconnecting with the school community and we can work together, doing our best for our children.

Keep safe and well.
Warmest good wishes
Iona Chisholm
Chair of LGB

Years 1 & 2

We are so happy and proud of the children in KS1! Apple, Cherry and Elm class children have all settled in very well and are getting to grips with the new routines. They are all ready to carry on with their learning journeys.

Thank you to all parents and carers for sending your children in to school with all the equipment that they need.

Every day they will need to bring: a snack for break time, a drink bottle and a coat for outdoor play (in all weather). PE is on Tuesdays for Apple and Cherry and Thursdays for Elm and your child needs to come to school wearing their kit.

Thank you, children and families!

Years 3 & 4

Years 3 & 4 have made a brilliant start back to school. It has been so nice to welcome children who we haven't seen for 6 months!

The attitude of everyone has been absolutely amazing and all the staff have agreed at how well all have adapted to our new 'Covid procedures'.

I'm sure the children have told you some of the measures we are taking every day - even every hour!

All children are dealing with our new normal in a mature, sensible way.

They have also enjoyed learning about the world from our book 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers.

We have assessed the children so we can work out what we need to prioritise in their learning due to such a long school absence! Well done all, a great start.

Years 5 & 6

Years 5 and 6 have had a lovely first week and are settling back into school life really well. We are really proud of their resilience and their ability to come in with big smiles on their faces every morning. We have been focusing on 'Here We Are', by Oliver Jeffers and have discussed what we think is important in our lives and in the world. We have also started to read our class text, Wonder by R. J. Palacio, and talked about how Auggie's new life at school feels similar to our own return to school. It's been a brilliant week!

Workshops from the Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (MPFT):

MPFT are advertising some exciting new workshops for parents / carers / teachers.

There are three workshops that will be taking place covering the following themes:

- Anxiety - <https://tinyurl.com/y2qg3iq8>
- Low-mood - <https://tinyurl.com/y5tdqdfb>
- Building a stronger relationship with your child (aimed at parents of primary-school aged children) - parentingworkshop@mpft.nhs.uk

Free online mental health training:

MindEd has e-learning applicable across the health, social care, education, criminal justice and community settings. It is aimed at anyone from beginner through to specialist and are **FREE** (<https://www.minded.org.uk/>).

YouCan: Discover a wealth of practical, engaging online video courses empowering everyone who works with or cares for children to develop their skills – anywhere, anytime. **FREE** modules updated weekly and available for a week. Paid subscription (of £5 per month) opens up more options (<https://elearning.creativeeducation.co.uk/>)



PE DAYS

To allow for a more skilful PE lesson without the risk of spreading the virus when getting changed, children should come to school in their PE kit on their designated day. This will also avoid the need for bringing additional clothing into school.

PE will be taken outside as much as is reasonably possible, so please ensure your child has extra layers suitable for outdoor activity. Please wear:

- Trainers
- T-shirt
- Tracksuit
- Removable sweatshirt
- Gloves (as the weather becomes colder)



Tuesday	Thursday
Acorn - Miss Morton	Elm Class – Miss Hathaway
Apple Class – Miss Tullett	Elder Class – Mr Stevens
Cherry Class – Mrs Mullen	Birch Class – Mrs Chapman
Chestnut Class – Mrs Bishop	
Sycamore Class – Mr Budge	
Maple Class – Mrs Taylor/Miss Lemm	
Oak Class – Mrs Miles/Mrs Cadman	