

Cheam Fields Weekly

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Welcome back everyone! We hope you had a lovely summer break and are refreshed and the children are ready for some great learning.

It has been a very busy summer at Cheam Fields; Mr Parsons and his team have refurbished the swimming pool changing rooms, built fitted cupboards in the Year 3 classrooms and redecorated the Year 4 and Year 5 classrooms.

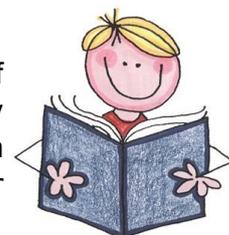
Look at what has grown in our vegetable garden while we were away...

We will enjoy these in our salads at lunchtime!



Reading at Cheam Fields

Reading is such a crucial skill for children to acquire. As well as the mechanics of reading, fostering a love of reading is also imperative. At Cheam Fields Primary Academy we are always trying to find new ways to raise the profile of reading within school and as such we have planned many exciting reading opportunities and events for this year. Look out in the newsletter for all of our wonderful reading related news.



Family Support

Mrs Greenaway is our qualified Family Support Liaison. She is able to help, support and give advice on any problems you or your family are experiencing and can refer you to other agencies if needed.

Mrs Greenaway is available every morning except Wednesdays. If you would like to make an appointment please email Mrs Greenaway (kgreenaway@suttonmail.org) or look out for her on the playground.



New Arrivals

We are pleased to let you know that Mrs Harris had a baby boy during the summer term and Mrs Clarke' baby, also a boy, was born towards the end of the holiday.

Congratulations to you both, we look forward to a visit soon!



Blue Peter Badge

Congratulations to Gemma Rivenell in 4W has been awarded the Silver Blue Peter badge for producing a beautiful moving rabbit Easter card. This is her second Blue Peter badge! Well done Gemma, this is a great achievement!



Raising Money for the Princess Trust

Amber Desmond in Year 6 decided in the summer to raise money for a charity called the Princess Trust who make wigs for children who have undergone chemotherapy. If you know Amber then you'll know she had very long curly hair. She decided to have a drastic hair cut and donate her hair to the charity so it can be made into a wig for a child and she is raising money for the charity as well.

We love to hear about the children's out of school achievements. If you would like to share your child's achievement in our newsletter, please email the details (with a photo if possible) to Mrs Horwood (dhorwood@suttonmail.org).

It's Rewarding to be at Cheam Fields...

Leaf Tokens

When children join Cheam Fields they are allocated to a house group Ash (red), Beech (blue), Elm (yellow) or Oak (green). Leaf tokens are issued to the children for good behaviour and good work and are posted in the token box for their house. At the end of each half term the house with the most leaf tokens is rewarded with a 'Mufti Day' where the children get to wear their own clothes to school. The children love having a Mufti Day as it makes them feel special.



Attendance

Each week at our Friday Star of the Week (Reception to Year 3) and Achiever Assembly (Years 4 to 6) we award the class with the best attendance the 'Be There Bear' or the 'Meerkat'. At the end of each half term we calculate the overall attendance rate for each class and the winning class will have a Mufti Day.

Lunch Time

At lunch time the Midday Supervisors give out green cards for co-operation, being helpful, making the right choices, being kind and being respectful. The cards are sent home for you to see and sign. Once signed they are returned to school and posted in the Cheam Champs boxes. There is a box for Reception to Year 3 and another box for Years 4 to 6. Each week during our Star of the Week and Achievers assemblies 3 green cards will be drawn from the boxes and the winning children receive a prize.

Silver star of the day



On Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays a 'Silver Star' is awarded in each class. This award recognises the children who always do the right thing. The children will be able to take the Silver Star home overnight and wear it at school the following day.

Star of the Week and Achievers Awards

Each week on a Friday during assembly we celebrate a Star of the Week in each class from Reception to Year 2 and an Achiever from each class in Years 3 to 6. The children receive a certificate and a badge.

144 Club



The 144 Club is designed to motivate children to learn their times tables. When children can prove that they know all their times tables they can join the 144 Club and receive their badge and certificate at the Achiever's Assembly.

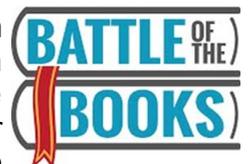
Mrs Chowdhury's Maths challenge

This is an optional weekly maths competition. If children would like to complete it they can take the challenge from the notice boards by Mrs Lester's office. The completed challenge is posted in the box on the notice board. A draw will be made from the correct entries and the winners will receive a prize at the Star of the Week and Achiever's assemblies.



Battle of the Books

This term we are relaunching our Battle of the Books reading competition at Cheam Fields. Each year group will have a list of books recommended for their age group. In order to enter the battle, children need to read a book from the list and when they have done this they need to complete a book review. When their teacher has seen their review they will record this on their 'Battle of the Book' chart which is kept in the classroom. At the end of each half term in the school newsletter we will share with you which classes have read the most books so far. The children have copies of each book in their classroom for them to borrow. Please can you encourage your child to return these when they have finished reading them. Each book has a special Battle of the Books sticker (designed by members of the 'Chatterbox' team). Each week in the newsletter we will share a book from one of the year groups showing you a short synopsis. Keep an eye out for these to see if your child has already read it or whether it will be a book they will be keen to read!



Excellent 8

The Excellent Eight is awarded at the end of each term to one child in each class who has been exceptional at showing one of the following qualities: respect, co-operation, resilience, morality, communication, adaptability, enquiry and thoughtfulness. Our Governors attend the Excellent Eight assembly and award the certificates and trophies.

