



NEWSLETTER – Monday 10th October 2016

Important News (reminder)

We have recently been visited by some Forest Constables who control the Corporation of London grounds around the school and they have informed us that Parents are **not permitted** to use the rough ground car park immediately outside the school at any time.

This car park is for golfers and forest users only. They will apparently be noting all cars parked in the car park and will be issuing penalty notices – **which will be costly at £200!! Please be aware.**

Mornings

All parents/carers should remain outside the main gates each morning until they open at 8.50am. The small side gate is open earlier to allow Nursery parents access but parents who do not have nursery children are asked to remain outside the main gates until the correct time. The same applies to the afternoons when collecting.

School Nurse Drop In Sessions

One of the school nursing team from the Borough will be holding Drop In sessions at school on the following dates:

- Thur 13th October 8.30-9.30am
- Thur 17th November 3-4pm
- Tuesday 13th December 8.30-9.30am

Please feel free to drop in to see the School Nurse to discuss any issues/concerns you may have regarding your child.

Attendance

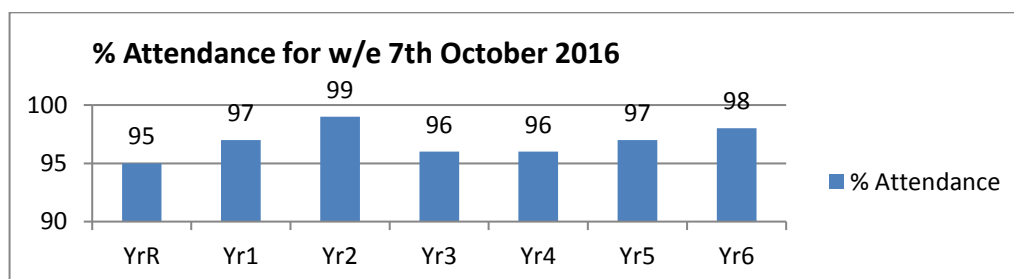
The school is updating its Attendance Policy in line with current Borough and Government guidelines. To help us improve the schools attendance we now have an Education Welfare Officer, Marilyn Dennis, from the Borough who will be visiting weekly to discuss pupils with poor attendance and help us to improve this. We will introduce the new school policy very soon.

In the meantime you should remember that if your child is absent from school, you must call the school office on the first morning they are off. You must call every day your child is off school and explain fully what is wrong with your child or any other reason why they are not present. If we do not hear from you by the time the registers are closing we will start telephoning to find out why. All children have to be accounted for each day at school to ensure there are no child protection issues. If we are unable to contact you we may have no option but to report to the child protection department at Waltham Forest that a child is missing/unaccounted for.

Please ensure that if your child is off school for more than 2 days you must supply evidence for their absence.

Appointments for medical/dental treatment should be made for outside school hours, if possible, and evidence of the appointment must be shown/given to the school office.

No time off will be authorised in the weeks immediately before or after any school holidays.





DIARY DATES

Mon 10 th Oct	Individual Photos AM
Tues 11 th Oct	Individual Photos AM
Thur 13 th Oct	Y3 Class Assembly – parents invited to watch 9.15 am
Thur 20 th Oct	Y1 Class Assembly – parents invited to watch 9.15am
Fri 21 st Oct	Break up for half term holiday at usual time
Half term Mon 24th – Fri 28th Oct	
Return to school Mon 31st Oct	
Wed 2 nd Nov	Parent consultation meetings
Thur 3 rd Nov	Parent consultation meetings
Thur 10 th Nov	Reception Class Assembly – parents invited to watch 9.15am
Wed 7 th Dec	Yr1-Yr3 Flu vaccines (Nasal Spray) to take place at school – t.b.c.



Well done to our
Stars of the Week



General Interest:

The Choir of Chingford Parish Church
A traditional cathedral-style choir of boy choristers and men

Boys and men at Ely Cathedral, August 2016

Be a Chingford Chorister!

Benefits of being a chorister include:

- Singing in cathedrals in England and abroad
- Achieving accredited awards
- Learning to sing well and read music
- Being broadcast on radio and TV
- Recording CDs
- Playing games in our Choristers' Club
- Having lots of fun on our annual choir week
- Making lots of new friends
- Earning money singing at weddings

We invite boys aged 7 and over, who enjoy singing, to consider joining our excellent and famous choir. Membership infers no cost and offers tremendous educational opportunities and can help with university entrance through gaining choral scholarships.

See our video on our website at www.parishofchingford.org.uk which explains more about what the choir is about, what the boys can achieve and the fun and friendships they can make.

Due in large part to our excellent reputation, we occasionally make radio and TV programmes – the boys and girls have recorded a TV programme about the history of the "Oranges and Lemons" nursery rhyme. We have made professional recordings and make regular visits to national and international cathedrals.

Reverend Canon Andrew Piper, the Precentor at Hereford cathedral, said in a letter to our Musical Director "your choir is without doubt one of the best parish church choirs that we have hosted in the 95 years that I have served here; indeed, the standard of music that you delivered was higher than could be achieved by quite a few English cathedral choirs".

The boys rehearse on Wednesday and Friday evenings, then usually sing at one of the Sunday services at the parish church. All adult assistance has been DBS checked.

A small payment, based on attendance, is paid to each chorister, rewarding the seriousness of commitment to the choir. This can grow to a significant sum by the time they leave the choir. Choristers can earn money singing at professional engagements such as weddings and corporate functions.

Our director-of-music has been a secondary school music teacher for many years and is able to help choristers develop important life skills such as improving concentration, behaviour and social skills that are beneficial in assisting with their academic progress at school.

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