Friday 20th September 2024

Cherrywood News

Message from Mrs Lewis

Welcome to another very full newsletter. We have included information about chicken pox as we have had cases recently in a few classes. Please read this so you know what to look out for and what you should do if you suspect your child may have it.

Please also take time to look at the updated attendance information. We have firm guidance from the local authority of what we are allowed to authorise and a build up of unauthorised absences can lead to a penalty notice.

We have made great use of the better weather this week with children spending lots of time learning outside, including in PE lessons with Mr Brown. Mr Brown does still have some availability for after school clubs so please do let us know if your child is interested in attending.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- **10th October—Ash Class Exhibition 9.30am**
- **21st October—Parents Evening this week, more details to follow**
- **22nd October—Individual School Photos**
- **6th November—Larch Class Assembly 2.45pm**
- **14th November—Oak Class Exhibition 9.30am**
- **18th November—Cultural Week, more details to follow**
- **21st November—Sycamore Class Exhibition 9.30am**
- **26th November—Elm Class Computing Workshop 2.45pm**
- **29th November—Paediatric Nurses Coffee Morning**
- **4th December—Pine Class Assembly 2.45pm**
- **12th December—Chestnut Class Exhibition 9.30am**
- **17th December Cherrywood's Christmas Day of Fun:-**
  - ⇒ **Wear Christmas Jumpers**
  - ⇒ **Carol Concert**
  - ⇒ **Christmas Lunch**
  - ⇒ **Christmas Market**

Parents are invited to attend these dates.

INSET Days—these are days that children do not attend school and are used to complete staff training.

- **Monday 4th November**
- **Monday 6th January**
- **Monday 23rd June**

SAFEGUARDING

We know that one of the trickiest areas to keep your child safe in when they are online. Children access the internet in so many ways. Each half term we have an immersion day where we focus on online safety this term these sessions will be on 21st October and the 16th November.

We will be inviting parents to join their child at school for these sessions to learn together about how to keep safe.

These sessions will run from 2.45pm until 3.15pm.

In the meantime we have a lot of advice and information on our website.



https://cherrywood-community-primary-school.secure-primarysite.net/online-safety-parent-guidance/

Celebrations —

We are pleased to announce this week's -

	Value Ambassadors	Stars of the Week
Chestnut Class	Kelyn	Vinny
Elm Class	Thalia	Mia
Larch Class	Vinnie	Teagan
Oak Class	Krishon	Ruby
Pine Class	Isla	Robert
Sycamore Class	Mailee	Aevan

Stars of the Week —

recognised for their efforts this week



Our Value Ambassadors — recognised for showing great teamwork



Welcome to Ash Class





The garden is a very popular place to play









Exploring the outside area









Racing about and sharing with friends











Helping to tidy



Enjoying stories





Larch Class hunted for a woolly mammoth









And gave him a good wash when they found him







Is Your Child Eligible For Free School Meals?

Please inform us if you think your child is eligible for Free School Meals. We are able to claim extra funding to support your child's learning if this is the case, even if you decide not to actually take the meals. You are able to claim Free School Meals if you are in receipt of any of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers' Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on—paid for 4 weeks after not being qualified for Working Tax Credit
- All Universal Credit Claimants, provided you have an annual income of no more than £7,400.

To check your child's eligibility for pupil premium or continued free school meals (from Key Stage 2), use the online checking facility which you can find here:

https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants



Details for Free School Meals can be found at:

https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals

From 19th August there have been some changes to Penalty Notices for non-attendance at school. Below is some information on how it will affect parents / carers:-

ATTENDANCE WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

1 **I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.**

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything.
Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine.
The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

£160



2 **FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN.**



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

4 children & 1 parent = £640

Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

5 **IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE**

10 IN 10

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised. The school will consider prosecution.

1 Day = 2 Sessions

3 **FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS**



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

4 children & 2 parents = £1280

Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

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2ND TIME

2 parents and
1 child = £320
2 children = 640
3 children = 960
4 children = 1280

No discount for early payment



3RD TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court.
A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child

1 parent & 4 children = £10,000
2 parents & 4 children = £20,000

Health—Chickenpox

We have had a few cases of chickenpox within the school. Please see some information and advice below:

Chickenpox Advice

Healthier Together

NHS

Chickenpox

Chickenpox is a very common childhood illness, caused by a virus called varicella.

It starts with red bumps that become small, yellowish blisters affecting the whole body including the mouth and genitals (which can be very painful). They then open before scabbing over. These are very itchy and can make your child miserable. They may have a temperature, a cough and a runny nose.

Children are able to pass the virus to others from the day before the rash appears until the last spot has scabbed over.

Chickenpox rarely needs treatment, unless in a new-born baby, or in a child with a known weak immune system (for example due to weakened immune system due to anti-cancer treatment, immunosuppressive treatment or genetic immunodeficiency).

What can you do to help your child?

Seeing your child unwell with chickenpox can be very distressing for a parent and while there is usually no treatment for the virus itself, there are simple things you can do to make your child more comfortable:

- Regular Paracetamol for temperature/pain
- Antihistamines (eg piriton) can help with itching and aid sleep
- Drink plenty of fluid and try ice lollies if your child is not drinking much
- Calamine lotion/oat milk bath/Sodium bicarbonate bath for itch
- Pat dry after bath rather than rubbing for comfort
- Dress in loose clothes
- Don't give ibuprofen or aspirin unless advised to by a doctor
- Cut nails/apply hand mittens at night to reduce damage to skin and try to
- Avoid too much scratching if possible

How long does it last?

- Usually the last spot has crusted over by 5-7 days after the rash first appears
- It is highly contagious until spots have dried and scabbed over
- Avoid nursery or school for 5 days from rash onset or until all spots are fully scabbed over
- Avoid contact with new-born babies, people with a weakened immune system and pregnant women until all of their spots have scabbed over If concerned regarding this contact your GP

The chickenpox vaccine

The chickenpox vaccine is a vaccine used to prevent catching and spreading the disease. It has recently been recommended but is not yet part of the standard vaccine programme but is offered to children who are at increased risk of severe chickenpox infection and to those with a family member at risk of complications. It is also available privately through travel clinics and pharmacies and costs between £120-£200.

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Advice for parents

Healthier Together

NHS

When should you worry?



RED

If your child has any of the following:

- Breathing very fast, too breathless to talk, eat or drink
- Working hard to breathe, drawing in of the muscles below the ribs, or noisy breathing (grunting)
- Breathing that stops or pauses
- Is pale, blue, mottled or feels unusually cold to touch
- Difficult to wake up, very sleepy or confused
- Weak, high-pitched cry or can't be settled
- Has a fit (seizure)
- Has a rash that does not go away with pressure (the 'Glass Test')
- Is under 3 months old with temperature more than 38°C or under 36° (unless fever in the 48 hours following vaccinations and no other red features)

Your child needs urgent help

please phone 999 or go to the nearest hospital emergency (A+E) department



AMBER

If your child has any of the following:

- Increasing pain and redness between the spots:
- New blisters/spots appearing after 7 days
- Rash spreading to the eyes
- Baby less than 4 weeks old
- Breathing a bit faster than normal or working a bit harder to breathe
- Dry skin, lips or tongue
- Not had a wee or wet nappy in last 8 hours
- Poor feeding in babies (less than half of their usual amount)
- Irritable (Unable to settle them with toys, TV, food or hugs even after their fever has come down)
- Is 3-6 months old with temperature 39°C or above (unless fever in the 48hours following vaccinations and no other red or amber features)
- Temperature of 38°C or above for more than 3 days, shivering with fever (rigors) or if the temperature comes back after a few days
- Temperature less than 36°C in those over 3 months
- Getting worse or you are worried about them

You need to contact a doctor or nurse today

Please ring your GP surgery or contact NHS 111 - dial 111 or for children aged 5 years and above visit 111.nhs.uk



If none of the above features are present

- Watch them closely for any change and look out for any red or amber
- symptoms
- If your child has any other symptoms associated with their fever, you may want to look at the information on sore throat, cough, earache, diarrhoea and vomiting or tummy ache or our other pathways.

Self care

Continue providing your child's care at home. If you are still concerned about your child, call NHS 111 – dial 111

Outdoor Maths Games

Getting out in the Autumn can also be a fun and different way of learning and we have set out below a two fun activities that you can do with your children which will aid their maths learning.

Noughts and Crosses

- Draw a 3 x 3 grid on the ground with chalk. You could also use sticks instead of chalk to make the grid.
- Each player takes turns to put a stone (leaf, acorn, stick or anything else you can find) on the grid.
- The first player to make a line of stones in their colour wins.



Leaf Multiplication

Practice times tables with leaves! Horse chestnut leaves work really well to practice the five times table. Each leave has 5 leaflets—a natural group of 5. So



1 x 5 = 5 **3 x 5 = 15**

2 x 5 = 10 **4 x 5 = 20**

Different leaves will have different numbers of leaflets.

Buttercups are arranged in threes.

1 x 3 = 3 **3 x 3 = 9**

2 x 3 = 6 **4 x 3 = 12**



Farnborough Hill—Open Days and Key Information—Year 7 Entry

The next Open Afternoon will take place on **Friday 4 October.** The open-house style format allows families to explore freely those areas of the school which interest them most. Families can book a place on our website.

The registration deadline for Year 7 entry in 2025 is **Monday 4 November 2024**, and entrance examinations will take place on **Monday 16 December 2024**. Please be aware that those looking to apply for a bursary must register by **Friday 11 October 2024.**

Applications are also welcomed for all scholarships (Art, Drama, Music and Sport) with the exception of their Academic Scholarship where potential scholars are shortlisted on the basis of their entrance examination. Scholarship assessments will take place in January 2025.

The core part of the entrance assessment is the CEM assessment. This year, in addition, the girls will be asked to complete a 45-minute handwritten Creative Writing paper before they come together in small groups to enjoy a team building activity and a short group interview with one of the Senior Leadership team. The day is rounded off with some festive fun in the Grand Salon. The team building activity and interview will be facilitated by our staff and will give us the opportunity to observe the girls working together and assess their collaboration and team working skills. No preparation will be needed for these activities: we just hope the girls enjoy them.

All Year 6 pupils who are registered with will be invited along to our FHill Fridays Taster Sessions, which run from 4.15 pm – 5.15 pm each Friday afternoon throughout November and, looking ahead, our Busy Bees Taster Days for Year 5 girls will be held on **Thursday 19** and **Monday 23 June 2025.** We will open booking for Busy Bees in the Spring Term.

If you have any questions about Farnborough Hill or the admissions process or would like to arrange an individual family tour, then please be in touch. There is more detailed information for prospective on their website here

Parent / Carer Courses

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SKILLS FOR LIFE MULTIPLY

Struggling with Fractions, Decimals, and Percentages?

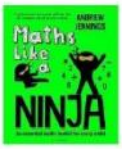


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Multiply is here to help! Join our **FREE online session** designed to boost your skills and confidence. Whether you want to assist with your child's homework or apply these skills in everyday life, we've got you covered.

Course Highlights

- Understand the language of fractions, explore equivalent and mixed number fractions, and learn to find fractions of whole amounts.
- Discover how fractions relate to percentages and master finding percentages of a whole amount.
- Learn to relate decimals to place value with ease
- Receive a FREE Maths like Ninja book for attending the session online



Date & time: 27th September 2024, 10:00-12:00hrs
Location: Online via a Teams Link

Eligibility
Adults over 19 who lack numeracy confidence.

How to Book
Refresh your knowledge and make math simple and fun.
Sign up today using the QR code or link below.
https://forms.office.com/e/C2Pfqv2QmT

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ADULT Learning IN LIBRARIES

Hampshire County Council Library Service

Free* Courses for Parents this Autumn Term

Course	Location	Date	Time
Raising Resilient Children	Online	Mondays 16 Sept - 14 Oct	7pm - 8:30pm
Introduction to Paediatric First Aid	Online	Tuesdays 24 Sept - 15 Oct, or Tuesdays 12 Nov - 3 Dec	6:45pm - 9:15pm
Time Out for Parents	Alton Library	Saturdays 5 Oct - 19 Oct	10am - 2pm
Emergency Paediatric First Aid	Havant Library	Monday 21 Oct, or Friday 22 Nov or Friday 6 Dec	9:15am - 4:30pm
Makaton Signing with Babies and Families	Gosport Discovery Centre	Thursdays 7 Nov - 12 Dec	10am - 11am
Listen Chatter and Learn	Petersfield Library	Mondays 11 Nov - 2 Dec	10am - 11:30am
Positive Parenting	Online	Mondays 11 Nov - 9 Dec	7pm - 8:30pm
Emergency Paediatric First Aid	Bridgemary Library	Friday 29 Nov	9:15am - 4:30pm

*Free tuition, some courses may have a certification or materials fee



Hampshire Libraries are offering some free courses for parents. Whilst many of these may not be local to Fleet there are two courses which are online. Details of these courses can be found at https://shop.hants.gov.uk/collections/learning-in-libraries

If a course you are interested in is full, please e-mail learninginlibraries@hants.gov.uk to be added to the waiting list.

Weekend & Half Term Activities



