

Charnwood Primary School

Parents Newsletter

August - September 2021

Welcome Back!

After two years of disruptions to our school routines, it has been wonderful to get back to some sort of normality during the school day. Normal school routines have resumed in line with government guidance. It has been fantastic to have our children back in the school hall for assemblies as well as parents in school for meetings. Children are also having lunch in the hall and can now play with their friends in other classes too.

Democracy Day - School Council Elections

The values of freedom, respect for human rights and the principle of holding elections are essential elements of democracy. The core British Values flow through the very fabric of our school ethos. This term we used our school councillor elections as an opportunity to teach our children about the value of democracy. The children engaged in a free and fair election process and have now elected their school councillors for the academic year 2021-2022. Many congratulations to the following elected councillors:

Name	Class
Shahzayn	1 Oak
Abdul Aziz	1 Maple
Sarah	2 Magnolia
Adam	2 Ash
Ahmed	3 Palm
Haleema	3 Chestnut
Asad	4 Pine
Hamza	4 Cherry
Rayhaan	5 Willow
Ahmad	5 Sycamore
Idris	6 Olive
Hassan	6 Redwood



This newsletter can be provided in large print format on request.

Charnwood Gardening Club

Our Charnwood gardeners have been doing a fantastic job growing and looking after our school grounds. This term we have some amazing gardening teams who help to look after our green areas. Thank you to the Pine Rangers, Sycamore Growers and Cherry Blossom teams who have been working hard to look after our school grounds.

We would really appreciate donations of seeds, indoor and outdoor plants, and gardening tools for our gardening teams to use.



Educational Visits

We have started to plan educational visits to support and enhance our children's learning outside of the classroom. We will soon be asking parents via a survey if they would like to be added to our **'Educational Visits Volunteer List'**. We want to ensure visits are not cancelled due to limited number of adults available to accompany the children out of school. Please complete the survey indicating which days you would be available when it is sent out. We understand that this may not always be the case throughout the day but we hope it will provide us with a bank of parents we can call upon when needed.

We will continue to monitor Covid cases and follow government guidance to ensure we remain Covid safe on all visits.

Reading Support

Thank you to all parents/carers who have volunteered to hear children read in school. We hope to start these sessions very soon.

Self-Care and Toileting

There is a lot that parents and children may worry about at the start of a new school year, from whether children will make friends to how they will cope with school routines, especially after the difficult year we have just had. Another big concern for many parents is how their child will manage their own toileting during the school day. For some reason, this term we have had more than the usual mishaps with using toilets in school, ranging from not knowing how to dispose of toilet tissue to not knowing how to use a toilet. This may sound absurd but sadly our cleaners are having to spend a lot of time cleaning mess off the floor that should really be inside a toilet. This is also making it very unpleasant for children using the toilets. I would like to plea for support from parents to help us to train our children on the etiquettes of using toilets.

Unreasonable and Unacceptable Behaviour

Establishing supportive and respectful relationships between parents, staff and the school community are key to ensuring we give our children the very best education and care. Unfortunately, in recent weeks there have been numerous incidents where parents have behaved in an unacceptable manner towards staff and, at times, this has been in the presence of children. We understand that there may be times when parents feel matters could have been handled in a different way. However, if emotions escalate into aggression towards our staff, this is unacceptable.

The school takes matters of this nature extremely seriously. Any person who is abusive or aggressive to a member of staff, or another person on school premises, may be denied further access to the premises under Section 547 of the Education Act 1996. In severe circumstances we may report this to the police.

Abuse or Aggressive behaviour includes:

- Language (whether verbal or written) that may cause staff to feel afraid, threatened or abused
 - Verbal abuse; i.e. being shouted at
 - Derogatory remarks and rudeness
 - Inflammatory statements
- Remarks of a racial or discriminatory nature
 - Any type of physical violence

We believe in the importance of a strong partnership between home and school. Our staff work extremely hard to ensure that the school operates smoothly and put the welfare of all our children first. Please treat all our staff with the respect they deserve.

Homework help at Highfields Library

Highfields Library are running free homework help sessions for pupils.

For more information about their service, please see their flyer attached with this newsletter.

Parent Curriculum meetings

Thank you for attending these meetings. I hope they provided useful insights into what we are doing in school to support our children with their learning and development. The Education Welfare Officer also visited some of the sessions to provide information about attendance.

Attendance

The whole school attendance for this year to date is: 92.2%

Our School attendance target figure is 95.2 %, so as you can see so far we have not met our target.

Well done to 6 Olive for having the highest attendance this month of 94.4%

Please visit our school website for further information about attendance:

<http://charnwood.leicester.sch.uk>

Please could parents inform the office before 9.00am if your child has an appointment and will be absent or is arriving late by calling the school office on **0116 251 6574**

If your child is going to be absent for any other reason, please contact the school office and provide sufficient information about their absence.

If your child is going to be absent for reasons relating to coronavirus, please inform the school office.

Teachers 2 Parents Texting Service

If you wish to send a text message to the school please use the following number:-

07786 208 889

Special Time

At Charnwood we aim **to promote the spiritual, moral and cultural development** of our pupils through our curriculum. In addition to this, children are given a daily opportunity through moments of quiet reflection, known as 'Special Time', based on weekly themes. Our Special Time themes this term have been as follows:

- New Beginnings
 - Together
 - Making Choices
- Respecting the Environment
 - Determination
 - Inspiration
 - Giving

My School Fund

We're pleased to announce that Charnwood Primary School is part of the My School Fund initiative. This innovative scheme allows us to boost our school's budget with your help.

Parents, guardians and carers can sign up to the scheme for free and start earning cashback on the things they buy in participating retail stores, including Sainsburys and Argos. A letter was sent out earlier this week with more details about this.



Vacancy

We have a temporary Senior Lunchtime Supervisor (Level 2) vacancy available at our school.

Please visit the Eteach website for more information on <https://www.eteach.com>

Free School Meals

If you would like to apply for Free School Meals for your child/ren. Please visit the Leicester City Council website using the following link:

<https://freeschoolmeals.leicester.gov.uk/>

Future Trips/Events

Date	Trip/Event
Tuesday, 12 October 2021	Y5/Y6 (Pollination Project pupils) Melbourne Street Community Gardens Trip
Wednesday, 13 October 2021	Y5 Shree Hindu Temple and Community Centre Trip

