

Charnwood Primary School

Parents Newsletter

June-July 2022

As we come to the end of another academic year, I want to thank the children and staff for all their hard work, resilience and positive attitude this year. Children have had to work hard to catch up with their learning caused by the pandemic. We slowly but surely resumed our normal school routine with educational visits and events. Despite the intermittent outbreak of covid cases throughout the year staff have endeavoured to plan exciting and engaging learning experiences for our children.

Thank you to all parents/ carers for your continued support throughout the year.

Year Six

Our Year 6 pupils have had their very last school performance at Charnwood. It was wonderful to have parents in school again to watch this fantastic performance!

This cohort of Year 6 pupils have lost a significant portion of their primary years due to the pandemic. We have tried to make this a memorable year for them. Despite the lost years in school, I hope that they have fond memories of their time at Charnwood. The staff and I wish them all the best for the future as they venture out to secondary school and continue their educational journey.

End of Year Reports

You will receive your child's annual school report this week. Please sign the form enclosed with the report and return it to school as soon as possible.



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

Ramadhan 2022 Food Parcels



During the Month of Ramadhan the children learnt about the importance of charity for Muslims. The children collected food items and made hampers that were donated to the Highfields Food Pantry. Thank you, all parents and families, for your kind donations.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022 Celebrations



To mark Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee the children enjoyed an outdoor picnic lunch in the playground.

Fire Service Visit

On Friday, 29 April, the children in FS and Year 1 were fortunate enough to experience a visit from the Leicestershire Fire Service - they brought a fire truck in to show the children and demonstrated what equipment they use and how it works.

The children learnt about common fire hazards, and to never play with matches and lighters. The firefighters also talked about smoke alarms and how they keep homes safe from fire, what to do in an emergency if there is a fire, and how to call 999.

It was a very informative and enjoyable session, with the children asking lots of questions about a day in the life of a firefighter.



Sports Days

We had some fantastic sports days in the last few weeks! It was wonderful to welcome parents back in school and to have them join us at Abbey Park for these events. Great fun was had by all including the staff and parents who competed in some races too! Thank you for joining us and for your participation.



Drumming Workshop

This term we had a special visitor at Charnwood, Dan from DCP Drums.

Year 1 - Year 6 pupils took part in a drumming workshop. The children enjoyed playing and practising the different types of drumming techniques.



The World Reimagined

The Year 6 pupils took part in The World Reimagined Globe Program. The lessons focused on the theme of Mother Africa. Our pupils followed a series of lessons on African prints and patterns; later they created their versions of them. The globe will be launched on a trail around Leicester during Black History Month in October, later this year. The location of where our globe will be placed will be revealed to us in September.



Educational Visits

During the last few months our children have had some engaging learning experiences during their out of school visits:

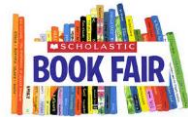
- ✚ Twycross Zoo
- ✚ Gorse Hill Farm
- ✚ Melbourne Road Church
- ✚ Local Walk around Highfields
- ✚ Spinney Hill Park
- ✚ Leicester Museum and Art Gallery
- ✚ Spinney Hill Park
- ✚ Roots Farm
- ✚ Bradgate Park
- ✚ Meera Motors
- ✚ Moat Community College – Science and Technology
- ✚ University of Leicester
- ✚ Botanic Gardens
- ✚ Belvoir Art Gallery
- ✚ Pheonix Cinema
- ✚ Newarke Houses Museum

Book Fair 2022

Dear parents and families, thank you all SO much for your very generous support of our late Summer Book Fair. Thanks to your support we have made **£634.15** which is EXCELLENT!!
There will be lots of new books in our School Library for all our children to enjoy.

Thank you again

Mrs A Haji and Ms C Thacker



Staff News!

Happy Baby News!

Congratulations to Mrs Kanabar (Teacher) on the birth of her baby boy and Mrs S Bholat (Admin Assistant) on the birth of her baby girl. Both members of staff will be spending time with their new born babies and will return to work later in the new academic year.

Farewell to Staff Leaving

Sadly, we say goodbye to the following staff members who will be leaving Charnwood at the end of this term.

Mrs P Patel (Year 1 Class teacher)

Miss R Habib (Year 6 Class teacher)

Mrs Z Mangera (Lunchtime Supervisor)

We wish them all the best for their future.

Welcome to New Staff

We welcome the following new teachers to our school:

Mr C Poli will be joining us as our new Phase leader and teacher. Mr Poli will be leading lower KS2 and will be teaching in Year 3 next year.

Mrs B Sood joins us as a trainee teacher. She will be teaching in Year 1 next academic year.

Miss A Parmar joins us as a trainee teacher. She will be teaching in FS2 next academic year.

We welcome the following new Teaching Assistants for the new academic year:

Mrs S Cassoojee

Mrs J Popat

Mrs T Begum

Holiday Activities and Food Programme Summer 2022

Children and young people who receive Free School Meals can take part in the Leicester City Council's free holiday activities and food programme over the summer holidays.

The sessions will include a variety of activities, such as art, sport and music and a healthy meal will be provided each day your child attends.

Please find their flyer with more details attached with this newsletter.

Attendance

The whole school attendance for this year to date is: **93.3%**

Our School attendance target figure is 95.2 %. **This is significantly below the nationally expected percentage.** This is very concerning for our school. The reasons for absence will be scrutinised by Ofsted as it was raised as a concern in our last inspection which was almost a decade ago! It is unfortunate that poor attendance has continued to be a trend for our school community with term time holidays as one of the main reasons.

The Government expects, 'Parents to perform their legal duty by ensuring their children of compulsory school age attend regularly' (DfE School Attendance Guidance for Maintained Schools, May 2022).

Well-done to 6 Olive for having the highest attendance in June of 96.3%

Please visit our school website for further information about attendance:

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

Cool Milk Scheme

Our school is providing a milk scheme that is available to all of our pupils. If you would like register your child to receive milk, please visit the Cool Milk website on www.coolmilk.com.

Data Collection

If there is a change to your contact details, you must inform the school office or via the SIMs Lite app. It is the responsibility of the parent to update the school of any changes to contact details.

We wish you all a restful summer holiday and look forward to seeing you all back on the first day of the Autumn term.

School closes on Friday, 08 July 2022

School re-opens on Tuesday, 30 August 2022