



Dear parents/carers,

Plenty going on this week at Chorlton CofE!

In Nursery, they have been learning about Valentine's Day. The children have enjoyed talking about the people they love and why. In Literacy, the children have started to read *The Gruffalo* by Julia Donaldson. They have been describing the Gruffalo and started to create their own terrible creatures!

The highlight of the week for the children in our Reception Class, was their walk to the shops to buy ingredients for baking. They used a map to help them find their way and took photos of interesting landmarks which they spotted en route. Back in the classroom, the children have been exploring the concept of more and fewer in maths and have been using the skill of counting-on, playing a Little Red Riding Hood track game.

In Year 1 this week, the children have created some wonderful fish-themed printing tiles which they are looking forward to using in Art next week. They had a wonderful forest school session involving music, games, hammocks and homemade soup on the fire...and the sun even came out for them! In Science, they learnt about the features of amphibians and in Geography, they started to look at the buildings and key features of the capital cities of the UK. In Maths, they are now learning about the composition of numbers 6-10. Fantastic work Year 1!

Year 2 have been researching their Geography topics through guided reading and trying to highlight key information. They have really enjoyed their new team ball games and have been learning strategies to help them catch and throw balls. In Science, they selected a habitat and created the habitat out of paper- the results were fantastic!

This week, Year 3 have worked on using command sentences and abstract noun phrases to create advertisement posters. In Maths, they have explored adjusting and redistributing to mentally add 3 digit numbers and in Science, they had a lot of fun exploring how mirrors can reflect and distort light.

This week in Year 4, we rediscovered the water cycle in Science, linking evaporation, condensation and precipitation to the different states of matter as part of our new unit. In English, the children wrote descriptive poems about different habitats, using similes to bring their ideas to life. In Maths, they deepened our understanding of multiplication by exploring the commutative law, discovering how numbers can be rearranged while the product stays the same.

Year 5 have been doing some fantastic work this week in English based on their core text, *Freedom Bird*. Everyone in class has shown great maturity as they have discussed the themes of the book and they have produced some writing that has absolutely astounded us! They have also been perfecting the final part of our 'Dance through the Ages' PE unit, and look forward to seeing it all come together next week.

Year 6 have worked incredibly hard on their practice SATs papers this week - we were very proud of how proactive the children were in tackling tricky questions and sustaining the effort required to complete all six papers. Alongside this, the class have completed all their usual afternoon learning: Sports adjectives in Spanish, circuit work in Science, trade routes in Geography and some mega handball matches in PE. Keep up the hard work Year 6!

Please be aware of ongoing roadworks on both sides of High Lane. This is causing significant congestion and disrupting traffic flow. We advise allowing extra time for journeys to and from school next week.

Also, please refer to the PTA flyer attached to this newsletter for further fundraising updates.

Have a great weekend

Mr P Trohear

Headteacher

IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT
Tuesday 10 th February	Front Row Music assembly, 2.40pm
Friday 13 th February	School closes for half term
Monday 23 rd February	School reopens for Spring 2
Tuesday 24 th February	Y5 parent open morning 8.45-9.30am
Thursday 26 th February	Y6 parent open morning 8.45-9.30am
Tuesday 3 rd March	Y4 parent open morning 8.45-9.30am
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Tuesday 10 th March	Y1 parent open morning 8.45-9.30am
Thursday 12 th March	Y2 parent open morning 8.45-9.30am
Friday 13 th March	Y3 class assembly, 9.15am
Tuesday 24 th March	Nursery parent open morning 8.45-9.30am
Tuesday 24 th March	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 25 th March	Parents' Evening
Friday 27 th March	Reception class assembly, 9.15am

Office reminders

- The deadline for nursery applications for September 2026 intake is Friday 20th March

St Clement's Church

Pancake Party - Tuesday 17th Feb, 5-7pm.

Lent will soon be upon us. Before our Ash Wednesday service at 8pm on 18th February we are holding our family-friendly pancake party. As with previous years, we are planning to offer a variety of homemade soups (so we can at least pretend we are offering our children a balanced meal and not just filling them with fat and sugar) as well as pancakes to follow. All are welcome - people of all faiths or none.



PTA News

This year we celebrate 125 years of Chorlton C of E. Our PTA's fundraising during this special year will go towards improving the outdoor spaces for another 125 years! Projects include building a new playground, installing new playground equipment, improving the drainage, further green space development, outdoor classrooms, gardens and more...

We thank you for all your fundraising support and are thrilled to have been successful with grants to support some of these projects. Work on the Rainwater Garden and Nature & Nurture Zone will start this spring!

We would love to raise enough money to support all the outdoor projects and will hold events and fundraisers throughout the year.

Today we are excited to launch our February Fundraiser!

In honour of our 125th year we are asking if you can give £1.25 per week to support school projects.

You can donate directly here <https://www.goodhub.com/go/chorlton-c-of-e-school-pta>

Head to GoodHub to donate £5 monthly (or any other amount) and we get Gift Aid too!

More information can be found on the attached document.

Thank you so much for your support!