



Dear parents/carers,

A very busy week at Chorlton CofE this week!

Nursery have been busy creating their own story maps inspired by 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' in Literacy. They loved retelling the story and using their imagination to change locations, thinking of new places for the family to travel through. They also added actions and performed our story. Well done Nursery!

In the Reception Class, the children have been exploring an information book about wolves, learning about the features of a non-fiction text and finding out interesting facts. In Maths, they have been using the flying saucer number rhyme as a starting point, the children have been finding out about 'five and a bit' numbers by distributing aliens between two flying saucers, to explore the composition of these numbers.

In Year 1 this week, the children found a lost penguin in their classroom! They think it's trying to get back to the South Pole, and it made them think of the story 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers which they have started reading and using as an inspiration for writing activities. In Science, they learnt about the characteristics of mammals, and in Geography they started to consider the difference between 'human' geographical features (manmade) and 'physical' features (natural). The children thoroughly enjoyed printing using the polystyrene relief tiles that they had created themselves.

Year 2 would like to thank the parents who came in for the parents' morning on Thursday! It was such a joy to see the children sharing their work with their adults. The children's enthusiasm for learning came through and they were able to articulate the things they have enjoyed since parents were in class last. This week in PE, they have started invasion games with basic netball skills, which the children really enjoyed. In Science and PSHE, they have been looking at how humans can harm the planet and the consequences of this. The children's environmental knowledge is really improving and they are starting to make links between subjects.

This week, Year 3 began their new English unit on The Last Garden. In Maths, they explored strategies for mental addition, including partitioning and adjusting. In Science, they used torches to investigate how shadows are made and change depending on the distance of a light source. Well done Year 3!

This week in Year 4, the children have been stretching their mathematical thinking by diving into square numbers. In English, they've been using comparative conjunctions to support their writing as they explore a powerful new text about a girl growing up in a world overwhelmed by pollution. In Art, the children have loved experimenting with still life, taking inspiration from Paul Cézanne and exploring different media in their sketchbooks to build tone, texture and form.

Year 5 have had a busy week. In Maths the pupils have been calculating the area of regular and irregular shapes. In English, they have been writing brilliant poems about freedom and what it means. In P.E, they have been applying their skills to team work games. In Geography, they have been looking at volcanoes and how people are alerted when volcanoes become active. Great work Year 5!

Year 6 have worked hard on their new English text about women's suffrage; investigating the history and planning a formal letter. In Maths, the children consolidated their learning on dividing with remainders (as fractions and decimals) and the class held fantastic discussions in both RE and PSHE, with particular focus on applying learning to their lives. The children will be doing their half-termly practice SATs papers next week and have been doing additional revision in preparation for this. As ever, well done year 6!

It is with great sadness that I must inform you that Mrs Poppy Cornell will be leaving Chorlton CofE after the Easter holidays. Mrs Cornell has expressed her sadness at making this decision; however, an unexpected job opportunity has arisen for her, which she feels she must pursue to gain a better balance for her family. Mrs Cornell has been an invaluable and loyal member of our school community for 6 years and will be very much missed by everyone, especially myself. Her dedication and kindness have left a lasting impression on pupils, staff and parents. We wish her all the very best in her new role and thank her sincerely for her commitment to our school. The role is advertised on the school web-site at <https://www.chorltonce.co.uk/staff-vacancies/>

Thank you for your continued cooperation with parking arrangements around the school. We have noticed a significant improvement in parking on Vicars Road, which is greatly appreciated. Please be aware that Marmion Drive will be coned off going forward, both before and after school. We ask that you do not park in this area to ensure the safety and smooth flow of traffic for the residents. As a reminder, parking is available in St John's RC Church car park and we encourage you to use this facility where possible. Thank you once again for your support.

Have a great weekend

Mr P Trohear

Headteacher

IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT
Tuesday 3 rd February	Nursery & Reception parent open morning 8.45-9.30am
Tuesday 3 rd February	No afternoon Treehouse session (staff training)
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



PTA News

How to get involved

Come to a meet up

Our next is on Wednesday 25th February from 8pm at Lloyds in Chorlton

Help at one of our events, or work behind the scenes

Keep an eye out for what is coming up and, if you can, come and help out. Whether it be manning a stall, tidying up, applying for grants, baking cakes, designing posters, or contacting businesses, the amount of time you can give is up to you and can ebb and flow, but it is always welcome.

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