



Dear parents/carers,

Another busy week here at Chorlton CofE!

In Nursery, the children continued to look at different jobs in the community including builders, dentists and police. They even had a special visit from a pilot! In Maths, they have started looking at number 1. They practised counting, identifying the numeral and writing it in the air.

This week, the children in the Reception Class have been learning about the festival of Diwali. They have been writing captions about a diya lamp and have made their own diya out of clay. In maths, the children have been learning about repeating patterns and talking about long and short.

In Year 1 this week, the children have made fabulous sock puppets and then written descriptions of them using amazing adjectives. In maths, they have been looking at number patterns on the 100 square. In Science, they shared all that we have learnt about the senses. They have also made Autumn wreaths and played some fun games of phonics bingo.

The children in Year 2 have been learning about human and physical features in Geography - they identified many famous landmarks and sorted them into the two categories. In PSHE, they have been focusing on the difference between bullying, teasing and joking using drama, visual pictures and deep conversations. The children have entered this topic with a mature attitude and have been able to explain these situations well.

This week, Year 3 have been busy finishing up their Autumn 1 units of learning! They recapped their knowledge of climate zones and lines of latitude in geography, applied their place value knowledge to reasoning questions in maths, and used their fantastic descriptive writing skills to create a character description that then became an AI cartoon!

What a busy first half term we've had in Year 4! The children have settled in brilliantly and learned so much. In their final week, they showcased all their learning by writing factual reports on the Windrush Generation, exploring the incredible contributions of those who came to Britain and discussing the challenges the first immigrants faced when arriving in London. They've also begun rehearsals for our Winter Production of *Beauty and the Beast*, with the children already showing fantastic enthusiasm, confidence, and teamwork. They can't wait to see their hard work come together over the next half term!

Year 5 have been putting their addition and subtraction skills to use when working with money, choosing the most efficient strategy to calculate change. They have also made their final clay coil pots, inspired by the work of Lucy Rie - it was great to see everyone use their own individual style when making them. In science they looked at how pulleys and gears can help produce a greater effect, and in computing they looked at the importance of copyright and how to search for free to use images.

Year 6 have blown us away this week! They perfected their pitch letters and typed them up for English. They have been brilliant at reviewing their sculptures in Art and have finished all end of unit assessments for each subject! They even played some fantastic Tag rugby in our PE lessons, modelling great skills and teamwork. So much packed into this last week of term...enjoy a well deserved rest over half term Year 6.

It is with great sadness that I have to announce that Mrs Jacquie Power will be retiring after the Christmas holidays. Mrs Power has been a fabulous staff member in our Nursery for 25 years and has worked in Manchester schools for 40 years. The positive impact that Jacquie has had on the development of so many children is incredible. As a member of the governing body said yesterday, Jacquie has brought up half of Chorlton! She will be dearly missed by children, staff and parents. We will keep you updated on finding Mrs Power's replacement.

A reminder that Michelle Jolley's holiday provision is available from Monday to Thursday next week at The Longford Suite in Longford Park. For further information, please email michelle_jolley@hotmail.com

Have a great half term and see you on Monday 3rd November!

Mr P Trohear

Headteacher

IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT
Monday 3 rd November	School reopens for Autumn 2
Monday 10 th November	Odd socks day
Tuesday 11 th November	Y4 parent open morning 8.45-9.30am
Wednesday 12 th November	Reception-Y6 flu vaccinations
Thursday 13 th November	Y3 parent open morning 8.45-9.30am
Friday 14 th November	Community tea 9am
Tuesday 18 th November	Individual photographs
Friday 21 st November	Y5 class assembly, 9.15am
Wednesday 26 th November	No afternoon Treehouse session (staff training)
Friday 28 th November	Y2 class assembly, 9.15am
Tuesday 2 nd December	Y6 parent open morning 8.45-9.30am
Wednesday 3 rd December	Y3 & Y4 performance, 6pm
Thursday 4 th December	Y1 parent open morning 8.45-9.30am
Friday 5 th December	Community tea 9am
Tuesday 9 th December	Y3 museum trip
Wednesday 10 th December	EYFS Nativity, St Clement's Church, 9.15am
Friday 12 th December	Whole school pantomime trip
Monday 15 th December	Reception & Y6 height and weight checks
Friday 19 th December	School closes for Christmas holidays **2pm**

Office reminders

- Link to a Halloween drawing workshop taking place in Manchester next week
<https://houseofbooksandfriends.com/event/spooky-kids-drawing-workshop-with-illustrator-catherine-booth>



PTA News

We have attached an October Newsletter from Cress, a brilliant organisation which sorts any donated school uniform items and uploads them for sale, from which 60% of revenue goes to PTA funds. Here is their website: <https://www.wearecress.com/store/chorlton-cofe-primary-school/>

If you are able to donate any old uniform items, please leave them in the school office.

You can also support our school by shopping via easyfundraising... If you shop from your favourite retailers via the app they will donate at no extra cost. Here is the link (we are Chorlton C of E School PTA - Vicars Road):

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/easyfundraising-app?utm_term=PKOBC

Get the app by 31st October and receive £2!

We also have a new PTA WhatsApp Community and all are welcome to join. There are ideas, volunteering & eco groups or just join the community for announcements about events & updates! Here is the

link: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/CHagxZWtLa8FrsRCxvtJVp?mode=wwt>

Thank you!