



Dear parents/carers,

A very busy week at Chorlton CofE!

Nursery have had another great week! They have continued to read 'When We Grow Up' by Melanie Walsh and explored different occupations. They have focused on mechanics, hairdressers and teachers. In Maths, they have been learning about sorting objects in the classroom into different groups. Well done!

The highlight of the week for the children in Reception Class was a visit yesterday by police officers from the West Didsbury station. They learnt more about what the police do in the community and they even got to sit in a police car and to turn on the flashing lights! Following the visit the children made thank you cards to send to the police officers.

This week in Year 1, the children have really impressed us with their ability to count in 10s and talk about the 'decade numbers'. In English, they wrote some lovely letters to Beegu, the friendly alien and made her a new spaceship out of LEGO and blocks. In Science, they shared all that they have learnt about the senses with Miss Marsh. In Geography, they looked at the types of jobs that are affected by changes in the weather.

In forest school, Year 2 balanced on ropes, slid down trees and made God's eyes, they had a fabulous first week. They have finished their addition within 10 unit and developed their bar model skills, using them to write equations. They have begun assessing phase 5 phonics review and have designed fabulous Christmas cards - please look out for their wonderful work to buy soon.

This week, Year 3 have been hard at work writing a newspaper article about the stolen jar of tears in Nursery! In maths, they have explored ways to add and subtract through 100 using place value knowledge, and in Art, they have added final details to their multimedia collages inspired by Nixiwaka Yawanawa.

In our penultimate week before half term, Year 4 have been debating the effects of flooding on communities and exploring ways we can help prevent it in Geography. Meanwhile, in English, they have been using contrasting conjunctions to portray two sides of a character's journey. Finally, in Science, they have been exploring food webs in different ecosystems.

Year 5 have had a brilliant week and produced some fantastic work in Maths, focusing on money and change. In English, the children completed their reports on hidden figures and in P.E, they have been mastering handstands. Awesome!

Year 6 have worked brilliantly on their English writing for Windrush Child and in maths they have been focusing on numbers up to 1 million. In Art, the children added the final touches to their Brancusi inspired sculptures and in computing, they added more information to their online safety documents. Another lovely week year 6...well done and keep it up!

A big thank you to all the parents who came to the Community Tea this morning. During the event, plans were presented about what the school would like to do; adding toilets for the older children and a new playground. Please find attached the presentation for the development plans, we very much need your support!

At the end of the day on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October, Miss Brogan will be raising money for Breast Cancer Awareness Day. Miss Brogan and Mr Haslam will have a little stall if you would like to donate to the charity.

Have a great weekend!

Mr P Trohear

Headteacher

## IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	School closes for half term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	School reopens for Autumn 2
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Odd socks day
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Y4 parent open morning 8.45-9.30am
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception-Y6 flu vaccinations
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Y3 parent open morning 8.45-9.30am
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Community tea 9am
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual photographs
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Y5 class assembly, 9.15am
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	No afternoon Treehouse session (staff training)
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Y2 class assembly, 9.15am
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Y6 parent open morning 8.45-9.30am
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Y3 & Y4 performance, 6pm
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Y1 parent open morning 8.45-9.30am
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Community tea 9am

### PTA News

Thank you to all those who helped run the Book Fair during Parents' Evenings this week, and to everyone for supporting it. 40% of takings get gifted to school to purchase books for our children, and this week's fair raised £312 in books for our school!

We loved seeing lots of new faces at our PTA Annual General Meeting last night! Once your child joins the school, or you start work at the school, you automatically become a member of the PTA and we elect committee members to help manage it.

We're excited to introduce our elected PTA members for 2025-26:

Co-Chairs Abi Herron & Emily Heyworth, Treasurer Sarah Greenwood, and Co-Secretaries Louise Fisher & Cat Barrett were re-elected back into positions and we also have four newly elected Committee Members: Katy Sanders, Ludo Piot-Williams, Ben Mottershead & Rebecca Searl-Stevens.

We have children in Nursery, Reception, Years 1, 2, 4 and 5.

We have lots of exciting plans to further develop the outdoor playing space for our children, and will share more information in the coming weeks.

If you would like to make a regular or one-off donation to our charity PTA, GoodHub enables us to collect Gift aid on all donations. Anyone who set up when we launched may need to re-input their details as GoodHub's payment system had to change when Worldpay stopped allowing charities to use their system. (£2.50 monthly for every child in the school would give £7,200 annually!)

This is our school's GoodHub page: <https://app.goodhub.com/chorlton-c-of-e-school-pta>

Thank you!