



Dear parents/carers,

Lots happening at Chorlton CE this week!

Nursery have had another great, busy week. They have continued reading 'It's Okay to be Different' by Todd Parr. They focused on feeling proud and acts of kindness. In Maths, they have continued their learning on matching. Nursery had a wonderful, first visit to St Clement's Church to watch Year 1's harvest assembly. They also enjoyed welcoming their parents to their open morning.

It was "Stay and Play" in the Reception Class this week. The children took great pleasure in showing their grown-ups around the classroom and in engaging in activities with them. In their learning, the Reception children have been talking about their homes and have been finding out about different types of houses. They have been learning to use the iPads to take photographs in preparation for taking photos of houses that can be seen near school.

The big event in Year 1 this week was the Harvest Service; we were all so proud of how confidently the children spoke and sang. They have been looking at the self-portraits of Frida Kahlo in art, and using their sense of taste in science. In maths, they have been learning to compare and order numbers - smallest to largest.

Year 2 have been learning about the oceans and produced some fantastic work. In Maths, they have been mastering operations using 3 digit numbers, keep up the good work, we are so proud of you!

This week, Year 3 started their new English unit on The Tear Thief, using their knowledge of colour and emotion to write figurative phrases. In Maths, they have used place value and number bonds to add numbers bridging 100. In Geography, they have analysed graphs showing the climate of Temperate zones.

This week, Year 4 set off on their very first adventure of the year with an exciting visit to the beautiful Quarry Bank Mill! Down by the River Bollin. They explored the journey of a river through hands-on experiments, discovering meanders, testing the inner and outer curves to see which had the fastest current, and learning about deposition and how it changes the river's path. They then pulled on their wellies for some river dipping, where they discovered a variety of fascinating minibeasts and learned about the different micro-habitats they live in – from the flowing river itself to the trees, undergrowth, and grassy areas all around the site. It was amazing to see just how many creatures and habitats there are working together in one place. The day was full of discovery, adventure, and plenty of muddy fun.

Year 5 have become recruits in the NASA Induction Program as part of their next writing unit, related to the amazing true story of the Hidden Figures during America's space race. In their tag rugby lesson, they practised passing backwards in a line, running until someone tagged their belt, and then what to do once they had been tagged. In Science, they wrote their explanations following the parachute investigation, before looking at water resistance.

Year 6 have written some brilliant Ode's to Play for National poetry day and started writing letters and diary entries for our new class text "Windrush Child". In Geography, the children investigated human features in the UK and were brilliant at sharing their loved experiences. The class also translated some paragraphs from Spanish to English and were brilliant at decoding unfamiliar words!

Pupils from year 6 took part in the Manchester Central cross-country competition a couple of weeks ago and put in some fantastic performances. Competing against a range of other schools, the girls and boys both showed great determination to complete the course. Following this, several children have qualified for the citywide finals in November. Well done everybody!

A reminder that it is the PTA Hi-Tea on Sunday from 2-4pm. There will be cakes, drinks and fun activities, all families welcome!

Have a great weekend!

Mr P Trohear

Headteacher

## IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	PTA Hi-Tea 2-4pm
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Y1 parent open morning 8.45-9.30am
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Y6 class assembly
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' evening
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' evening
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Community tea 9am
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	School closes for half term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	School reopens for Autumn 2
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Community tea 9am
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	No afternoon Treehouse session (staff training)
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Community tea 9am

### Office reminders

- We still have a place available in our Nursery – if you know anyone who is interested please ask them to make contact with the office
- Footlights Old Trafford are having a free open day on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October at Stretford Grammar School. They offer classes in acting, singing, and dancing for children aged 3-18