



Dear parents/carers, great first week back after the Easter holidays at Chorlton C.E Primary!

The Nursery children have enjoyed a wonderful first week back following their Easter break. They have started their new topic, focusing on the wonders of growing and planting. Throughout the week, the group has loved reading the classic tale of The Enormous Turnip and has had a fantastic time exploring and identifying various types of vegetables.

Our Reception Class has hit the ground running this term with a fantastic start to their new term. The children have been diving into the season with various spring-themed learning challenge activities, bringing a real sense of growth to the classroom. In literacy, they've turned their attention to the deep blue, with the children sharing some brilliant insights during their knowledge about oceans and the fascinating creatures that inhabit them. Meanwhile, their young mathematicians have been busy refining their skills, practicing new strategies to accurately count and manage larger sets of objects.

Year 1 enjoyed a brilliant return to school this week, kicking off their learning with a spark of imagination. After finding their own sticks on Monday, the children explored creative possibilities inspired by John Hegley's Stanley's Stick. The week continued with focused work in Maths on addition facts to 10, while in Science, the pupils began identifying the various parts of plants. Artistic talents were also on display as the class created wonderful bird drawings, and Geography lessons saw the children successfully distinguishing between rural and urban environments.

Year 2 have been busy exploring the fascinating world of botany in their science lessons, where they investigated the life cycle of plants and the intricate ways they reproduce. In PSHE, the focus shifted to social emotional learning as the class examined the concepts of kindness and unkindness; students actively engaged with the topic by acting out various scenarios and identifying positive actions for both. Meanwhile, the launch of a new Geography topic has sparked great curiosity, with the children comparing the bustling city of Manchester to the village of Munguramento in Zambia.

It has been a productive week for Year 3, with the children making the most of the glorious sunshine in their outdoor learning spaces. In Science, the children have been busily exploring the various effects of forces, while their English lessons saw them bringing the playground soundscape to life by crafting personification sentences enhanced with onomatopoeia. To top off a wonderful week, Year 3 also enjoyed their very first Forest School session of the year on Wednesday afternoon.

It has been a glorious start to the Summer Term for Year 4, with bright sunshine providing the perfect backdrop for a fantastic first week back. In Science, the pupils have embarked on an exciting new unit exploring sound, specifically investigating how sound waves travel and the intricate workings of the human ear. P.E sessions have seen the children trialling various athletics events with impressive enthusiasm and teamwork. Meanwhile, the Year 4 Art curriculum has shifted focus to the natural world, as students begin investigating the structure and design of nests to inspire their own upcoming creative projects.

It has been a brilliant first week back for Year 5, who have all demonstrated incredibly positive attitudes toward their learning. In maths, the class began exploring fractions, specifically focusing on multiplying them by whole numbers. Their new English topic features the book Children of the Benin Kingdom, which saw the pupils making insightful predictions and writing expressive short letters in character. Physical activity was also a highlight, with the children practicing steady-pace running in athletics and mastering overarm throws in handball. Finally, the group dived into the world of set design in art, drawing inspiration from Rae Smith's renowned work on the production of War Horse.

Progress the Year 6 pupils have made since the start of the year is brilliant to see. In English, the class has been mastering the art of setting descriptions, focusing specifically on building tension. Beyond the classroom, the children have been exploring Geography by researching the various resources found within their local area. The week ended on

a high note as everyone got stuck into their new PE topics, showing great enthusiasm for both Tennis and Athletics. It has been a fabulous first week back!

A reminder to save the date! The school will be celebrating its 125th anniversary on the afternoon of Thursday, 21st May. It promises to be a wonderful celebration featuring: Maypole dancing by Year 5; a performance from the Chorlton C.E. Primary Brass Band and a festive community picnic. Keep an eye out for further details heading your way next week!

On 22nd April, the school community marked Earth Day with a dedicated effort to improve the local environment. Mrs Foreman and Mr Solomon, supported by a group of hardworking pupil volunteers, conducted a thorough litter pick across the grounds, successfully collecting four large bags of rubbish. In addition to cleaning the site, the team worked to clear and organise the area behind Playground 2 near the Nursery. The school would like to say thank you to all the pupils who spent their lunchtime making such a positive impact on the surroundings. Please see photographs of the team attached!

Have a great weekend!

Mr P Trohear

Headteacher

## IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 4 Parent Open Morning
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>No PM Treehouse</b> due to Staff Twilight INSET
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Y2 – DT Stem Day
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday – no school
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Nursery Parent Tour
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Reception parent open morning
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Reception Hearing and Vision Checks
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	EYFS trip to Smithills Farm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	The 125 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	School closes for Half Term at 3:15pm

## St. Clement's Parish Church

Hello everyone,

I hope you all had a good Easter break. We have a few things coming up this term which may be of interest.

**Community Board Game Night: Tonight! - Friday 24th April, 7-9pm.**

Bring your friends, all ages welcome. There will be tea and squash available, bring any drinks and snacks you'd like. All welcome to bring board games to share on the night.

**Chorlton Fun Run - Monday 4th May, 10.30am**

This is a fantastic community event which lots of local families take part in. This year it will be on the 4th May 2026. Tickets are available to buy online for the early bird discount. More information and tickets are found here: [www.stclement-chorlton.org.uk/our-gatherings/funrun](http://www.stclement-chorlton.org.uk/our-gatherings/funrun). Or register on the day from 9.30am with the run starting at 10.30am. 6km and 1.5km (push-chair friendly) routes. We hope to see you there.



**Emergency Briefing - Thursday 21st May at St Clements** (Please note: not really a child event - one for parents and carers)

St Clements is working with People and Planet Didsbury to host a showing of the film "People's Emergency Briefing." What's happening with climate and nature, and what does it mean for everyday life in the UK? The People's Emergency Briefing is an eye-opening film bringing together nine leading UK scientists and experts with the latest evidence and why it matters for things like Flooding, our Health, Pollution and Cost of Living. It is a free event. You can book a place here: [www.pppdidsbury.org/nebfilm](http://www.pppdidsbury.org/nebfilm). All welcome.

**Chorlton Beer and Cider Festival 2nd to 4th July.**

Save the Date - Early bird (discount tickets available soon!)