

Welcome back to all our families, it is good to see everyone back in school. Thank you to all those families who supported our Halloween Disco last night, everyone seemed to enjoy it and have fun. Well done to all those children who took part in our October Reading Challenge Month. We hope that you all enjoyed the books you read and will continue to take pleasure in reading throughout your lives. Please ensure you bring your completed reading sheets back in to school on Monday so prizes can be awarded. **Jayne Kennedy**

## Upper Key Stage 2

### Year 5 & Year 6

Upper Key Stage 2 started the year with a very successful half-term which centred around our topic all about the Vikings. This learning culminated in a visit from our Viking friend Njal who shared his wealth of knowledge and resources with us. We are very much looking forward to this half-term's learning based on the question 'What makes the Earth angry?' We will be looking at the causes and effects of natural disasters throughout the topic and will make lots of cross-curricular links to deepen and broaden our understanding of the subject.

### Outdoor activities



Despite the winter weather which will doubtlessly be with us for much of this half-term, there will be lots of outdoor activity for Upper Key Stage 2 over the next couple of months. 5V will be attending their forest school sessions up until Christmas. Along with this, the school's PE focus this half-term is 'Outdoor Adventurous Activities' where children will be learning lots of

different skills both on-site and in other locations around Chorlton. It is, therefore, essential that children have clothing which is appropriate for the weather with them in school each day.

### School Council



Ms Johnson has taken over the organization of our School council. Elections took place last week and our new Council members enjoyed their first meeting this week. School Council meetings will now extend into the classrooms via PHSCE sessions with the holding of class council meetings which will be minutes to record the children's views and ideas. This exciting new aspect to the School Council will ensure that all children know that their views are important and that they have the right to share their ideas and opinions.

### PE Kits must be in school every day!

Despite our continued reminders some children still do not have their PE kits in school. PE kits form a part of our school uniform and should be in school every day. If your child's kit is not in school please make sure you bring it in on Monday! Please also ensure that the kits contain appropriate sports footwear for playing sports on grass or concrete – school shoes are not suitable for this and may get wrecked.



## FRENCH DAY



French Day will take place next **Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> November**, and children are invited to come into school wearing red, white and blue for the day.

### Anti bullying Day



Our annual Anti Bullying Day will take place on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November**. The theme for this year's Anti-Bullying Week is to "choose respect" over bullying. We will be focusing on the definition of respect and the fact that bullying is a behavior choice. We will also look at the fact that children and adults can respectfully disagree with each other – we may not always have to be best friends or agree with each other but we do have to respect each other, both face to face and online.

### Parking Reminders



Please can we remind parents that the parking area through the gates is designated for staff only. Please do not use the area in front of school as a turning point as tis endangers our children.

**Please do not park in the disabled bay or use it to drop off unless you have a blue badge**

## Dates for the week ahead

Mon 5 Assessment week Y5+6

Tue 6 KS1 Parents Spelling Meeting – 9:05 am

Wed 7 Central Mini Tennis at William Hulme – Y3+4

Thurs 8 – French day – children come into school wearing red/white and

blue – (no charge)

Forest School – 5AV+1NA

Fri 9 – Swimming 3MJ/3/4AC

And beyond...

Mon 12 - Assessment Week – Y1,2,3,4

Finals Manchester Schools Cross Country – Wythenshawe Park

Thur 15 Anti-bullying Day

SENCO Surgery with Louisa Rees – book your appointment at the office

Fri 16 Children in Need Spotaacular – Come in to school wearing something spotty for a £1 donation

Reception Open Day for Prospective Parents 1 pm

Mon 19/11KS1 Reading Parents Meeting 2:15 pm

Tues 20 – Y3 to Chorlton Book Festival visit to Barlow Moor Library

Wed 21 Change for Life Festival

Y5/6 Christian Aid Workshop

Mon 26 – Athletics Y/56 – Loreto High School

Tues 27 – Communication Centre Ceramics Project Exhibition at the Lowry

Wed 28 School Photographs

Parents Evening



## child of the week

Well done to those children who have received certificates this week for demonstrating excellent behaviours that are supporting their learning and helping them to achieve well.

Elijah, Musa, Damario, Rukaya, Ciara  
Michaela, Finlay, Sharmakeh, Elliott, Nour, Jessica

If your child is to receive a certificate in our Celebration Assembly on Monday at 9:10 am we will send out a message on School Cal to let you know

## Attendance overview from 3/9/18 to 19/10/18

Attendance 96.2 % Unauthorised Absence 1.8% Lates: 171

Nur 97.7%	Nur R 94.1%	RSG 93.9%
1NA 96.5%	2SK 96.2%	1/2EH 94.1%
3MJ 96.3%	¾ AC 96.9 %	4AM 97.5 %
5AV 95.0 %	5/6SP 96.7%	6AB 97.1%

Please make sure that you get your things ready the night before



## FOSTER CARE

It's not just the child's life that changes

### Recruitment Event Children with additional needs Short break foster carers

Manchester Fostering Service needs more foster carers that could look after children with additional needs.

We are taking a new approach and have arranged a Saturday recruitment event so that people interested in finding out more about children with additional needs can come along and speak with the team, foster carers, parents who use short breaks, and children's social workers.

We are aiming the event at people who work in education and health care settings. They can come along and learn about our short break scheme of fostering from one night or two weekends a month.

Please pass on these details to **anyone** who may be interested or ask them to contact us on 0800 988 8931 to learn more.

### SATURDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

Leinster Room  
Irish Centre Cheetham Hill  
10am coffee for 10.30am start  
12 noon finish



### September 2018

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Oct Return to school  
Friday Dec 21<sup>st</sup> Break up-Christmas holidays  
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Mon 7 Jan Return to school  
Fri 15 Feb Break-up for half term  
Mon 25 Feb Return to school  
Fri 5 April Break up Easter

Tues 23 April Return to school  
Thurs 2 May School closed –  
Polling Day

Mon 6 May School closed May Day  
Bank Holiday

Fri 24 May Break-up for half term  
Mon 3 June Return to school  
Thurs 19 July Break-up

Being on time is so important –  
and this is why....

**LATENESS AT THE START OF THE DAY**

When a child arrives late at the start of the school day, it is very disruptive to their learning and the learning of their classmates.