



# Charnock Hall Primary Academy

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Dear Parent/carer,

I hope you all had a fantastic half-term break and are enjoying, which is unbelievable to say, the last few weeks of the academic year – where has the time gone? I cannot believe I have nearly been here a whole year!

I hope you find the latest newsletter informative. Apologies for the late sending of this, there have been some changes that I wanted to make to staffing, that I have been awaiting the outcome of. However, this now allows me to give you all the information.

### Attendance

I am so pleased that the CHPA attendance percentage is gradually increasing. By the end of last term, we dropped slightly to 95.5%. This is disappointing and is moved us further away from our 96.5% target and national data of around 96%. I cannot stress enough the importance of pupil attendance, in ensuring that your child does not miss out on their education.

I am so proud of the 226 pupils who achieved 100% attendance last half-term and the 32 pupils who have achieved 100% for the whole academic year so far. Well done and keep it up, you should be very proud of yourselves.

**Absence** - If your child is absent on any day, please ensure you communicate this with the office. There is a facility to leave a message if you are unable to speak to a member of the admin team. If a pupil is not in school and you have not communicated with us, first day calling will be undertaken to ascertain reasons for this. Please note, that where we have concerns regarding pupil attendance, we will undertake home visits, as there have been instances where we have been informed of illness, but people have gone on holiday. On these occasions, we will take appropriate action and inform the Local Authority of this.

Please remember that you have a legal responsibility to ensure your child is educated!

Threshold Attendance	Actual Attendance	Whole Days Absent	Learning Hours Lost
100%	190 days	0	0
99%	189 days	2	10
98%	186 days	4	20
97%	184 days	6	30
96%	182.5 days	7.5	37.5
95%	180.5 days	9.5	47.5
94%	179 days	11	55
93%	177 days	13	65
92%	175 days	15	75
91%	173 days	17	85
90%	171 days	19	95
89%	169 days	21	105
88%	167 days	23	115
87%	165 days	25	125
86%	163 days	27	135
85%	161.5 days	28.5	142.5
84%	159.5 days	30.5	152.5
83%	158 days	32	160
82%	156 days	34	170
81%	154 days	36	180
80%	152 days	38	190

### Information from the PTA

Our PTA summer fayre was a great success last Friday and there were loads of fun things to do. Thank goodness the weather was excellent for us.

The PTA do a fantastic job, but are desperate for new members. Please, please, please support them, otherwise, events such as the Summer Fair are in danger of not being able to go ahead in future.

If you are interested in becoming part of the PTA, please let them know - ([PTA@charnockhallacademy.co.uk](mailto:PTA@charnockhallacademy.co.uk)).

### Building developments

During the half-term, the Library and adjoining group spaces were decorated. This continues the drive LEAD and CHPA has to ensure CHPA is the best it can be to support every pupil reach their potential! Over the summer break, plans are in place

to have the remaining classrooms decorated, complete refurbishment of the downstairs hall, new electric gates for the main entrance and other smaller tasks also.

## Staff updates

In my previous newsletter, I explained that there would be staffing changes ahead of the 2019-20 academic year and I am pleased to be able to share these with you now;

- Mrs Fotheringham will continue as Deputy Headteacher and will become the permanent Key Stage 2 Lead.
- Miss Johnson has been appointed Assistant Headteacher, which will include her becoming the EYFS and Key Stage 1 Lead.
- Following the departure of Mr Fletcher (Buildings Supervisor), we will shortly have a new premises team in place, which will consist of Mr Sharp as Site Manager and Mr Taylor as Assistant Caretaker.

Additionally, this time of year is always very busy and there are usually several staffing changes being made ahead of the following academic year. During the last half-term this has also been the case at CHPA as we get ready for September. Along with other CHPA leaders, I recently completed a recruitment campaign for 4 new teachers (2 permanents and 2 maternity cover). I am pleased to see we had an amazing response, with just under 50 applications for the roles.

After a grueling and thorough shortlisting session, we were able to offer interviews to 12 applicants, with interviews taking place over 2 days.

I am pleased to announce that Mr Stevens (made permanent following his 1 year fixed term contract this year), Miss Brooks (permanent), Miss Stringer and Miss Copley (maternity cover) will be joining the CHPA team from September.

All the pupils have now met the new teachers, and you may well see them at CHPA during Summer 2 as they begin their transition into their new roles. They will all be here for the full 4 days of CHPA transition in July.

Teacher placement for 2019-20 will be as follows –

Class 1 (EYFS) – Mrs Webster & Miss Johnson

Class 2 (EYFS) – Miss Hunt

Class 3 – (Y1) – Mr Brown

Class 4 (Y1) – Mrs Duffy & Mrs Whiteley

Class 5 (Y1) – Miss Brooks

Class 6 (Y2) – Miss Reid

Class 7 (Y3) – Mrs Ezard & Miss Enright

Class 8 (Y3) – Miss Copley

Class 9 (Y4) – Mr Gabbitas

Class 10 (Y4) – Miss Stringer

Class 11 (Y5) – Mr Silverton

Class 12 (Y5) – Miss Monger

Class 13 (Y6) – Mr Stevens

Class 14 (Y6) – Mr Stewart

As yet, placement of Teaching Assistant's has not yet been decided as this will be based upon 2018-19 data and pupils need.

Mrs Nicholls, will soon be starting her maternity leave and as a result, Mrs Duffy will be working full-time up to the end of this academic year, when this begins.

Mr Padmore will be leaving CHPA at the end of the academic year. We all thank him for his hard work and commitment during his time at CHPA and wish him well in his next role and for the future.

## **Transition to new classes**

From Monday 8<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July, we will be undertaking our transition days to help prepare for the 2019-20 academic year. During these days, the Y6 pupils who are going to Birley, will visit there.

On the Monday, pupils will come into classes as normal. Once registered, they will all come into assembly, where they will be placed into their new classes with new teachers. As each class is announced they will go with their new teacher and begin their transition activities. At the end of the day and for the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday – they will stay in these classes, being collected and dismissed at the start and end of days from them.

The classes from this year will be mixed by teachers (who know them best at CHPA). All classes will be split to ensure there is a healthy balance of abilities and gender within them. Please note, that siblings within the same year group will be separated.

Once pupils have been made aware, you will then be notified via text message/Schoolcoms, so you are aware of the new class and teacher. As the classes affect your child most, I feel it is important that they are the first to know as they are able to settle into their new classes without being worried beforehand.

Any Y6 pupils who are not going to Birley will be working with Mr Padmore for the transition days. Pupils in Y1-Y5, who will not be at CHPA in 2019-20, will be integrated into the new classes for the transition events and will then attend their own events, as organised by the individual settings.

## **Uniform**

The majority of pupils are looking very smart and should be really proud of their appearance. Please ensure your child has **their name in all items of clothing**, in order for us to return it to the right person if it should become lost. Uniform without a name is very difficult to return.

Please ensure any uniform orders for the 2019-20 academic year are made early to ensure you have them in place before the start of the academic year. The summer holidays are always very busy, so being proactive and ordering now, will ensure you have them for September.

## **Communication & Social Media**

I am glad to see that more of you are beginning to follow us on social media and hope you are finding that communication useful. As always, feedback is really important in order for us to develop this further.

If you are not yet following us on social media, please follow us on Twitter using [@charnocklead](#) as the handle and via our Facebook page [Charnock Hall Academy](#).

**Also, please ensure you have the SchoolComms gateway app downloaded as information will go through this medium.**

## **KS1, KS2 SATs and Y1 Phonics Screening Check**

Pupils in Y2 and Y6 completed their end of Key Stage SATs tests last half-term. The hard work and commitment they have shown all year has been fantastic and I, along with all the staff, immensely proud of their hard work and efforts. There is still a lot of hard work to come in the final half-term, but keep it up!

From the week beginning Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June, Y1 pupils will be completing their end of Y1 Phonics Screening Check. Pupils have been working hard on their phonics all year and have already undertaken practice checks with Miss Reid. They have so far, shown a sound understanding and have increased their scores (out of 40) during each assessed check.

## **Pupil Reports**

You should all have received your child's mid-year report last half-term. I hope that you found these useful and give you ideas of how you can support your child moving forward. There are end of year Parents Evenings scheduled for the end of the year (see dates below), with the online booking system being open from 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019, for you to book your place.

## **Being Safe Online**

The number of children now accessing the internet, particularly social media sites, is huge. We regularly discuss being safe online with pupils – as part of assemblies, in class and on individual basis as need occurs.

What is becoming increasingly apparent, is that children are posting messages, videos, pictures or comments to others not only on a one-to-one basis, but in groups. In itself, this is understandable, however, there are increasing instances where the content of these groups is very worrying because of the content within them.

I implore you to ensure you are vigilant and keep a very close eye on your child's social media use to ensure that they are always safe from harm or not posting things to others that may do them harm – which unfortunately, have happened recently.

Although as an organisation we cannot police this use, we do have to support individuals due to the effect that this is having on them. If however, any issues because of social media to come into CHPA, I will then take action, not only speaking with parents of all affected, but, if needed, contacting the relevant authorities as I, and all staff, have a duty of care to every single person.

## **Term Dates for remainder of 18-19**

Summer 2 – Monday 3.6.19 – Friday 24.7.19

## **CHPA Events 2019**

**8.7.19 – 11.7.19** – Transition Days (Current Y6 will be at Birley Academy for these days. New YR-Y6 will be in new classes with new teachers).

**17.7.19** – End of year Disco (EYFS/KS1 – 4-5pm), (KS2 – 520-620pm)

**18.7.19** – Parents Evening (15:30 – 18:00).

**19.7.19** – Y6 end of CHPA Hollywood Bowl visit.

**22.7.19** – Parents Evening (15:30 – 18:00).

**23.7.19** – Y6 Graduation evening (18:00).

**24.7.19** – Y6 Leavers Assembly (14:00). Last day of academic year.

## **Change of MAY Day Bank Holiday in May 2020**

You may now be aware from recent press coverage that the Government has changed the date of the early May bank holiday (May Day) in 2020 which will move from Monday 4 May to Friday 8 May to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day.

Moving a bank holiday is achieved by a Royal Proclamation under the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971. This is only the second time that the early May bank holiday has been moved, the first time was in 1995 to mark the 50th anniversary of VE Day.

For further information please see the Government's website here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/2020-may-bank-holiday-will-be-moved-to-mark-75th-anniversary-of-ve-day>

I look forward to a positive future where we can continue to ensure we are '*Working Together To Be The Best We Can Be!*'

Regards

Mr P M Burgess - Headteacher