



Charnock Hall Academy

A L.E.A.D. Academy

Friday September 6th 2019

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Dear Parent/carer,

Welcome to the start of a brand new school year! It has been lovely to be able to chat with some of you on the front gates.

As you read this, your child will have completed their first 3 days in their new classes and will no doubt be telling you about their new classmates and teachers. I sincerely hope and am confident, that every single one of them will have enjoyed the start to the year as much as the staff have.

Staffing updates

In my previous newsletter, I explained that there would be staffing changes ahead of the 2019-20 academic year. This is a reminder of the changes -

- Mrs Fotheringham continues as Deputy Headteacher and is the permanent Key Stage 2 Lead.
- Miss Johnson is now Assistant Headteacher, which will include her becoming the permanent EYFS and Key Stage 1 Lead.
- Following the teacher recruitment process, 5 teachers were appointed for the 2019-20 academic year, 3 of these are newly qualified and are new to CHPA.

Teacher placement for 2019-20 are as follows –

(EYFS) - Class 1– Mrs Webster & Miss Johnson, Class 2 – Miss Hunt

(Y1) - Class 3 – Mr Brown, Class 4 – Mrs Duffy & Mrs Whiteley

(Y2) - Class 5 – Miss Brooks, Class 6 – Miss Reid

(Y3) - Class 7 – Mrs Ezard & Miss Enright, Class 8 – Miss Copley

(Y4) - Class 9 – Mr Gabbitas, Class 10 – Miss Stringer

(Y5) - Class 11 – Mr Silverton, Class 12 – Miss Monger

(Y6) - Class 13 – Mr Stevens, Class 14 – Mr Stewart

- The placement of Teaching Assistant's has been completed and they will support as appropriate across CHPA, based upon pupil need.
- The premises team now consists of Mr Sharp as Site Manager and Mr Taylor as Assistant Caretaker.
- At the end of last term, a position for a permanent Midday Supervisor became available. More information regarding this and other employment opportunities at CHPA will be sent out soon.

School times & term dates

It is really important that your child attends school regularly and that they are here on time. Lost time due to absence or persistent lateness can have detrimental effects on your child's development and progress.

- **8:40am** – Gates onto playground unlocked.
- **8:50am** – Start of the school day.
- **3:10pm** – End of school day EYFS & KS1.
- **3:15pm** – End of school day KS2.

Term dates are as follows;

Autumn 1 – 2.9.19 – 25.10.19

Autumn 2 – 4.11.19 – 20.12.19

Spring 1 – 6.1.19 – 14.2.19

Spring 2 – 24.2.19 – 27.3.19

Summer 1 – 14.4.19 – 22.5.19

Summer 2 – 1.6.19 – 17.7.19

Inset days are planned as follows and CHPA will be closed to pupils on these dates;

Monday 2nd September 2019, Tuesday 3rd September 2019

Friday 14th February 2020

Monday 20th July 2020, Tuesday 22nd July 2020



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Also a reminder that May Day will be on Friday 8th May 2020 and CHPA will be closed this date. 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>

Roald Dahl Day

Next Friday (13.9.19) is International Roald Dahl Day. To celebrate this event, we will be undertaking various activities and would love everyone to come dressed as a character from one of his books.

Any donations received will support us in extending our provision of books in the library and classrooms.

Uniform

The vast majority of pupils are looking very smart in their uniform 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 remember that PE kit has changes and pupils should have a plain team colour t-shirt instead of the plain white t-shirt used previously.

Also, I have been really impressed that you've responded so well to the changes regarding jewellery to keep everyone safe.

Welcoming you into school

From Monday 9th September we will be continuing the weekly celebration assemblies first thing on a Monday morning, 9:00-9:30am. At this assembly, a child from each class will have been chosen for a Learning Award based upon their outstanding efforts and attitude. If your child has been chosen on any given week, you will be informed on the Friday afternoon. We hope you are able to join us to celebrate your child's achievement.

In addition to this, we would also like to invite you in on a Tuesday afternoon from 2:50pm until the end of the day and also a Wednesday morning from 8:40-9:10am. This is an opportunity for you to share your child's learning and undertake activities with them.

Morning drop-off and end of day pick-up

The safety and well-being of all pupils is absolutely paramount and as such I am hoping that together we can build on the improvements regarding safe parking at drop-off and pick up times this year. Unfortunately, I have already seen some people parking irresponsibly, which puts everyone, including your own child at risk – please, please, only drop-off/park in designated safe areas.

Every morning, pupils will be collected from the playground by the class teacher at 8:40am. Pupils should line up quietly and sensibly when the bell goes, so they are ready to begin their learning for the day.

Additionally, if collecting your child from EYFS (Class 1 & 2) – you will have been shown by staff where to collect your child from. Can I ask that you stand back from the gate to ensure teachers have a clear view of who is collecting – this will make the process much quicker.

If your child is in KS1 (Class 3, 4, 5, 6) – you will have been shown by staff where to stand at collection. Please stay behind the line to ensure teachers have a clear view of who is collecting – this will make the process much quicker.

If your child is in KS2 (Class 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14) and if you're collecting your child from the playground, please ensure you are not on the terrace, but again on the playground but well away from the steps. Pupils from all classes will be brought out onto the playground and dismissed by their teacher. To make the hand over as smooth as possible, please stand in the vicinity of your child's line up spot, but on the perimeter of the playground, this will make it much quicker. Until this is established, it may take a little time to get used to, so please work with us. Again, no pupil will be allowed to leave unless collected by a responsible person or with written permission, from yourselves, that they can walk home without being collected.

Building developments

During the summer break, continued substantial financial investment has supported considerable building developments, with a complete refurbishment of the downstairs hall, new flooring in the upstairs hall, classroom decoration across KS2, the introduction of a new kitchen area to support curriculum, learning and the installation of new fire doors across CHPA.



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Work will continue to be ongoing during the coming holiday periods as CHPA develops and builds upon the improvements already made as I aim to ensure CHPA becomes a 21st Century centre of learning excellence.

The holiday FLOOD!

Unfortunately, between last Friday (30.8.19) and the official return of staff on Monday morning (2.9.19), we had a burst water pipe in EYFS and KS1.

Upon arrival on Monday morning, we were greeted with most of EYFS, the newly updated kitchen area, a KS1 group room, a staff toilet, both Y1 classrooms, the Y1 corridor and a large section of the corridor between Y1 and Y2 being under around 1 inch of water!

At the time, I never believed we would be able to open on Wednesday. How wrong I was!!! The hard work, dedication and unbelievable attitude of the staff is something I am really, really proud of. Everyone 'mucked in' to clear the areas of all equipment, and ensure the water was cleared before dehumidifiers and heaters were brought in to try and dry everywhere out.

There were some who stayed overnight to ensure dehumidifiers and heaters were always working to maximum capacity and get things dry. Not until well into the early hours of Wednesday morning did the Caretaker finally lock-up.

The knock on effect from this meant that many other 'jobs' needed to be completed by others during Monday and Tuesday too. Without hesitation, everyone pulled together and got the job done!

Coming into CHPA for the first pupil day on Wednesday was a massive achievement compared to 48 hours earlier. This collaboration and team ethic embodies our vision for CHPA. For everyone to work together to be the best we can be!

As Headteacher, I cannot thank the staff enough for their efforts and am proud to be able to call myself the Headteacher of such a dedicated group of people!

Book Amnesty

If you have any school books at home, could you please return them to us as soon as possible. With the support of the PTA, we are ordering over £3000 of new books to enhance our current collection and foster a joy of reading.

Helpers

We are looking for any adults who could spare some time to help with reading at CHPA. Full training and support would be given to enable you to do this. To register your interest, please speak to your child's class teacher, who will pass this to Miss Reid and she'll then be in touch.

Social Media

If you are not yet following us on social media, please follow us on Twitter using [@charnocklead](https://twitter.com/charnocklead) as the handle and via our Facebook page [Charnock Hall Academy](https://www.facebook.com/CharnockHallAcademy).

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

Charnock Hall PTA

Our PTA do a fantastic job, but are desperate for new members. Please, please, please support them, otherwise, events such as the Summer Fair, Disco's and other events they have ideas for 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).

TEAM Charnock

At CHPA we want to be a team, with staff, pupils, Governors and parents working together to make CHPA the best it can be!

For this to happen, we all need to live and breathe the vision and values of both CHPA and LEAD Academy Trust.

Please speak to your child about what it takes to be a Charnock All-Star as if we all know, understand and subscribe to this, we will be really successful at ensuring your child is ready for life in a 21st Century world by the time they leave us!

