



Charnock Hall Primary Academy

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Weekly Newsletter Update – WEEK 7

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to the Week 7 edition of the CHPA newsletter. We have all nearly made it to the half-term break.

Harvest

As this half-term has whizzed by, it is unbelievable to think that it is Harvest time already. Over the last 2 years we have worked with local food banks and Fare Share Yorkshire, providing donations to their very worthy causes. This year, are supporting Fare Share again and as a result, are asking for any dry food donations, such as tins, packets etc that we can send over to them. If you would like to donate, please send any goods you are able to spare with your child over the course of next week. As pupils enter the site, we will then quarantine everything safely, before contacting Fair Share to collect.

Fair Share will be leading a video assembly to all pupils at CHPA on Tuesday morning to inform pupils about the work they do and also, giving them some top cooking tips!

Thanks for your support.

Covid updates

Earlier this week the Prime Minister announced the Tiered approach to the handling of Covid-19, which then came into force on Wednesday. Although there are clear implications for Sheffield, this does not affect CHPA and our daily running in any way.

On Monday evening I shared with you the news that Sunflowers was closing due to Covid-19. As soon as they can, it is their intention to reopen. Again, although this does not directly affect the daily running of CHPA, I think it serves as a clear reminder just how this virus can affect an area, so with this in mind, I once again urge you to redouble your efforts to maintain safe social distancing and regular handwashing to help us to continue the brilliant start we have had and how we are managing Covid-19.

In the event of a family member, within your house, developing symptoms, please follow the guidelines we have already shared to ensure you, your family and everyone at CHPA remains as safe as possible.

As always, should we be required to change or update any of our procedures, I will always provide you with as much notice as possible.

I hope you have all managed to see the report on CHPA in The Sheffield Star. The success we have had so far in managing Covid-19 at CHPA would not have been as effective if it hadn't been for you – so thank you! If you have not seen it, here is the link <https://www.thestar.co.uk/education/split-corridors-and-small-social-bubbles-how-sheffield-school-minimising-risk-covid-19-outbreak-3003258>

Pupil Learning Platform

To support everyone getting used to the Pupil Learning Platform, all home learning tasks will be shared through this from this point. If you are having any log in issues, please contact the admin team – enquiries@charnockhallacademy.co.uk

Catch up classes

As explained last week, catch up classes, to address the lost learning time due to Covid-19 start for Y1 and Y6 the first week back after half-term. Before half-term, (if this applies to your child), you will receive a letter with the days and times of the classes on them. It is an expectation, that to support the catch up of their education, that when invited to attend, pupils do so. Non-attendance would not support us in supporting your child to address lost learning during the Covid-19 period.

What is really pleasing from data gathered via assessments at the start of term and within this week, is that pupils are already demonstrating significant increases in their knowledge, as they have redeveloped their learning behaviours and become more used to being back at school.

Thanks in advance for your support with this.

Internet Safety

Each week Mrs Fotheringham receives a newsletter via email from Alan Mackenzie who is an e-safety advisor. He provides online safety training both nationally and internationally and he is an associate member of the UK Council for Internet Safety (UKCIS). This week he has written about a new initiative aimed at children and parents of those with Special Educational Needs (SEND) - The Inclusive Digital Safety Hub. Alan explains that it is a collaboration between Internet Matters and South West Grid for Learning, which we use to deliver online safety lessons in school. For those children on the SEND register, please have a look!

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A quick update for parents of children with Special Educational Needs & Disabilities.

Teachers and Teaching Assistants have been very busy this half term assessing all pupils in terms of their academic achievements and 'plugging gaps' from missed learning due to Covid-19. In addition, they have also been busy reviewing Provision Maps from last year (where additional support is required to help children access their learning, e.g. a key word mat, sitting near the front of the class, a 'now and next' card etc). All Provision Maps have been completed by teachers and have taken into account any issues which have arisen.

Pupils have also worked with either their Teacher or a Teaching Assistant to complete a One Page Profile (OPP). Each year we ask pupils to complete these as it is their 'voice' and they then have a say in how they think they are doing here at CHPA, what they think is needed to help them further and also to capture their aspirations for the future. The OPP will be shared with you at Parent's Evening (3rd or 10th November) and a copy sent home.

Teachers will also share your child's support plan. This is the document with outcomes for the end of the year. The outcomes are specific to your child and it is essential that you are involved in this process. Again, at Parent's Evening your child's class teacher will discuss this with you and will add your contributions to it. Teachers will have already used the OPP to include the child's voice.

Dates for your diaries:

Reviews for support plans will take place between parents, teachers and where appropriate the child. If your child has a My Plan, I will be involved in the review too.

Autumn term review: weeks beginning 7 & 14 December 2020

Spring term review: weeks beginning 22 & 29 March 2021

Summer term review: weeks beginning 5 & 12 July 2021

Appointments will be sent out/booked on the Parent's evening system. If you have any questions or concerns about SEND please contact me - Mrs Fotheringham.

Break time Snacks

Thanks for your support with break-time snacks. There has been a significant improvement in the healthiness of these over the last week. Although there is still some way to go, it is a real improvement. Thanks for your continued support.

Parent Consultation meetings

Next week, you will receive information of how to access the booking system for the upcoming Parent Consultation meetings, which are due to take place on Tuesday 3.11.2020 and Tuesday 10.11.2020. These meetings will take place over a video link this year. Please look out for the letter next week, so you can book your meeting slot.

Pupil Photos

Individual pupil photographs will take place on 13.11.2020. Unfortunately, due to Covid, family group shots that include anyone who isn't a pupil at CHPA, will not be able to be taken this year. Pleasingly, these photos will be back in time for Christmas, so for those of you who usually give them as gifts, this is still possible.

Flu Vaccinations

Last you received a communication via SchoolComms regarding the upcoming flu vaccinations. Please remember to complete the required forms if you would like your child to receive a vaccination. If you have not had this email, please contact the main office.

Social Media

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](#). If you do request to make friends with CHPA on social media, please also send a message stating who your child is. With us all wearing masks, it is difficult to recognise faces and this will then make accepting friend requests easier and quicker.

Year 2 Shoelace Challenge

Can you loop the loop on a shoelace? Year 2 teachers are setting you the challenge to learn to tie your shoelaces by yourself. You have until Wednesday 4th November. If you can show us your success, you will receive a certificate and team points! Good luck!



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In the lead up to Armistice Day on 11th November, pupils are able to purchase a poppy and other in support of the British Legion Poppy Appeal. These will be brought round to classes for pupils to purchase at play and lunchtimes. We have a very good record at supporting this charity, which does so much to support those who have given so much for us to be able to enjoy the lives and freedoms we have in this country today.

Christmas Concerts

A number of you have enquired about plans for Christmas. Obviously, due to Covid-19 restrictions, the usual Christmas Fair, Carol Concerts and Nativity will be unable to take place, as will the Carols in the Community event, which is very sad.

However, we are looking into different options in order to be able to provide some sort of Christmas extravaganza, however this is still in the early stages of planning. I will share more information with you after half-term.

Have a lovely weekend.

Take care and stay safe!

Mr P M Burgess & all the staff at CHPA

Zip pull - **Suggested** Donation: 50p

Reflector - **Suggested** Donation: 50p

Silicon wristband - **Suggested** Donation: £1.00

Snap band - **Suggested** Donation: £1.50

Please Support The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal



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TIME TO START SCHOOL?

Reception place applications being taken for next September

Come and join the fun to 'be the best you can be'!

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