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Weekly Newsletter Update – WEEK 9

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are all well and that Friday the 13th hasn't brought you any bad luck!

Covid updates

In the last week there have been no Government updates regarding Covid. We all just wanted to say a huge thanks and well done for your continued support of our procedures and the way you are supporting your children. Pupil attendance is very positive at the moment and long may this continue.

School funding information

Covid has created additional work and costs for everyone and schools are no different. Initially schools were told that they should keep clear accounts of additional costs incurred because of Covid and that these would be fully reimbursed by the Government. For a number of reasons, this promised funding has not materialised and as a result, we have incurred significant additional costs and have also lost substantial income streams.

Although we are working hard to address this issue by diverting funds within our budget, this isn't sustainable in the long term and as a result, this could have significant longer term implications for CHPA and schools across the country. As a result, I am asking for your help. The National Association of Headteachers (NAHT) have partnered with Educational Policy Institute (EPI) and Association of College & School Leaders (ASCL) to produce a cross sector report that can be shared with the government to demonstrate the scale of the additional costs schools are facing. A petition has also been launched, calling for the Government to fully fund schools for costs associated with Covid-19, including loss of income. A number of staff and I have completed this but would ask that you do this too, it only takes a few seconds to complete. As this petition is open to anyone, please share it with as many people as you can. I will post it on CHPA social media accounts, as this is a very important issue, that affects us all.

https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/555718?utm_campaign=2024108_Newsletter%20-%204%2F11%2F2020&utm_medium=email&utm_source=National%20Association%20of%20Head%20Teachers&dm_i=30T7,17DT8,1GAY4M,4B4TT,1

In addition to the promised funding, we were also promised 27 laptops that we could share with pupils who do not have access to such technology at home. Although this wouldn't affect most people, it does affect some. However, due to a change in approach, we have now been provided with only 5 laptops.

Furthermore, as you will be aware, due to Covid, we are currently unable to deliver any Breakfast or end of day clubs through CHOOSE. Other rentals and income streams we usually have, including karate club have been required to stop. As a result we are estimating a shortfall of projected income of around £45,000. If you add this income loss to the additional costs incurred of around £40,000 you will see that a loss of between £80,00-100,00 will be financially disastrous in the longer term.

Odd Socks Day – 16.11.2020



Following last weeks newsletter, a reminder next week is Anti-Bullying Week, a week that is observed across the country in order to highlight the message that bullying is not something to be tolerated and that needs to be called out in all areas of life. Here at CHPA, we hold our Friendship Week at the same time, in order for us to not only focus our minds on our non-sense approach to tackling any form of bullying, but to celebrate the friendships and community we have at CHPA.

To launch our Friendship Week this year, we will be taking part in Odd Socks Day on **Monday 16th November**, where we encourage everyone to come in odd socks so we can celebrate the wonderful

differences and diversity that we have here at CHPA, but also highlighting that we are all the same.

We will be discussing as one of the themes across the week, the part that we can play in making CHPA, our community and our planet the best it can be. What part will you play?

As we had pupil photos on Friday and did not dress up, we will be using the odd socks day as our opportunity to raise money for Children in Need 2020, so please, if you can afford it, send you child with a £1 donation for this worthy charity.



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Christmas 2020

With the ongoing restrictions surrounding Covid, the usual CHPA Christmas celebrations will be unable to take place. However, we have been creative and have a number of events that will still be happening.

Virtual Pantomime – On Wednesday 16th December, all pupils will be joining the virtual audience to watch the Pantomime of Rapunzel. They have been given a few songs they need to learn so they can take an active part in this panto. It will be different, but it will be lots of fun!

Virtual Year Group Christmas concerts – As Bubbles are unable to mix and we are unable to invite you in to celebrate and share the Christmas concerts in the usual way, we are moving these online. Every year group will be preparing and practising for their virtual concert- learning songs, reading poems and sharing readings. Usually, to attend a concert, there is a charge per person and the usual raffle. This will be similar for each concert this year. There will be a flat rate of £5 per pupil (if you have more than 1 pupil in the same year group, it is still the single cost), that will provide you with a link to the concert and will also provide you with a single raffle ticket to win the very special hamper (worth around £40). Please log into Schoolcomms and follow the link to pay for this. Each performance will be pre-recorded as we know that it is difficult for many people to attend due to work and care commitments. As a result, when you receive your link, you will be able to watch this as many times as you want, with whoever you want, including your child who will be in it! Links will be sent out by Wednesday 16th Decemeber 2020.

As explained earlier in the newsletter, school funding and income generation has been severely restricted due to Covid. Christmas concerts are usually an event you pay to attend and as a result we feel this remains a fair way to ensure we can maintain some income generation to support the purchase of the extras for pupils, but also ensure we retain some of the Christmas festivities.

Charnock's Got Talent – As pupils do not see other pupils apart from virtually, within CHPA daily life, we are tasking classes with the challenge of working together to create a short piece of entertainment and then perform this to the rest of the academy using our virtual platforms. This will be new and very different, but will be an opportunity for pupils and staff to spend time together having fun and celebrating the talents within each class.

Santa visit – Hopefully we will still be able to receive a visit from Santa, if not in person, I have asked his Chief Elf he could give us all a Zoom! The PTA have linked with Santa and as it has been such a tough year, all pupils will be receiving a gift, not just KS1 as usual.

It is sad that we are unable to hold the usual Christmas Fair or Carols in the Community event, but we feel that these will help everyone to maintain the Christmas spirit.

Parent Consultation meetings

Parent consultation meetings concluded last night and again, feedback has, on the whole, been positive. If you have not yet had the opportunity to speak with class teacher, please contact them via the class teacher email to arrange a telephone conversation.

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.

Poppy Appeal

The support you have shown for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal has been astounding! You will have seen from our social media posts that we undertook a virtual remembrance assembly and then Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputies, Mrs Johnston and I laid a wreath of remembrance at Hollinsend War Memorial on Wednesday afternoon. A huge thanks to Rev Peter Allen, who joined us for our assembly.

Water Bottles

Just a reminder, as with snacks, water bottles are to contain water only please. They should **not** contain juice of any kind. Water is key to hydration of the body and the brain, which helps pupils when they are learning.

Holiday requests

Although everyone is unable to take holidays at the moment, this is just a reminder that if you are booking a holiday, an Exceptional circumstances form needs to be completed and a meeting to discuss this needs to be booked with myself.

Parent Governor Positions

We have 2 available positions for a Parent Governor. A separate communication containing information has been sent to you via Schoolcomms.

Take care and stay safe!

Mr P M Burgess & all the staff at CHPA

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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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