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Weekly Newsletter Update – WEEK 7

Dear Parent/Carer,

Wow, and in a flash, the half-term was over. I cannot believe that we are already 8 weeks into the new academic year. It has flown by!

On behalf of everyone at CHPA, I cannot thank you enough for the way you have worked with us during the last 8 weeks, as without you and your support, it would have been much harder for everyone.

However, I think with the pressures we have all faced since pupils wider return in September, everyone is ready for a break.

As a reminder, we return on **Monday 2nd November 2020**, using the same start and end times that we are using now.

Covid updates

Earlier this week the Prime Minister announced that Sheffield and South Yorkshire would enter Tier 3 at 12:01am tomorrow morning. This is clearly going to have an impact on everyone's half-term and everyone at CHPA wishes you a safe and enjoyably distanced holiday. As with the move into Tier 2, although there are clear implication for Sheffield and the Charnock community, this does not affect CHPA and our daily running in any way.

With the information available at this moment in time, it is the intention for pupils and staff to return as normal on Monday 2nd November 2020, at the usual staggered start times.

Clearly, in the event of individual family circumstances becoming affected by Covid, please ensure you liaise and inform us at the earliest opportunity, in order for us to ensure you are fully aware of any implications and next steps regarding schooling.

In the event of any wider government announcement regarding schools, I will keep you fully informed.

Free School Meals over half-term

As I was about to send this newsletter out, we received information from Sheffield Council regarding their decision to provide those eligible for FSM with food/vouchers over the half-term period. As more information becomes available, we will send it to those eligible. If you feel you may be eligible, please contact the Admin team.

Sheffield Council Covid support

Yesterday we received the following information from Sheffield Council – you may well find this information useful –

Test and Trace support payment - If you are on a low income and will lose income because you are self-isolating you can apply for a payment of £500.

Covid-19 Emergency Assistance Grant

Covid-19 Emergency Assistance Grants are provided to support Sheffield residents who are having difficulties paying for food and other essentials due to Covid-19.

For information on how to apply for the above funds and for other support such as bereavement, domestic abuse, homelessness, foodbanks, prescriptions, please visit:

<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/your-city-council/coronavirus-hub/support-for-people#supportpayment>

PE Days alteration

Following the return after the half-term break, there will be a slight change to the PE days for classes. They will now be as follows, so please remember to wear PE kit on that day –

YEAR GROUP	DAY
YR	Friday
Y1	Wednesday
Y2	Wednesday
Y3	Monday
Y4	Thursday
Y5	Tuesday
Y6	Friday

Year groups half-term reviews

All year groups decided that they wanted to share some of their amazing learning from this half-term with you –

EYFS

Wow! What a fantastic first half-term we have had at CHPA! Classes 1 and 2 have settled in beautifully! Our first topic, 'What is Sound?' has had us performing on our role-play stage, making our own shakers and samba-ing around the playground. Tying in with this, we have dived-in to our Phase 1 Phonics; this has cemented the key skills of listening and segmenting simple words.

In our English this term, we have focussed on the stories 'Everywhere Bear' and 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. A great time was had by all and this week as we 'splashed' through the river and 'squelched' through the mud of our very own Bear Hunt.



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Using the 'Maths Mastery' approach, we have explored in depth the numbers 0,1,2,3 and 4. We looked closely at each numeral, visual representations, counting with one-to-one correspondence and learning rhymes to form each numeral.

We have introduced pupils to our 3 PGCE students, who will be learning from the EYFS team next term. Welcome Miss Francis, Miss Clarke and Miss Pratt.

Overall, a super start to life at CHPA. Thanks to you all for making the transition so seamless. Have a well-earned break, Miss Johnson, Mrs Nicholls and Miss Hunt.

Y1

What a brilliant half term! We would like to say a huge well done to the Year 1s. They have really impressed us with their eagerness to learn and how well they have settled into the new school routines so quickly. They have been real Superheroes!

In English, we have been learning about the adventures of Traction Man. The children have used their phonic knowledge to spell and have written simple sentences. We have been really pleased with the care and attention they have put into their writing. In maths, we have started Power Maths lessons whilst using equipment to help the children secure a good understanding of the concepts. We have worked with numbers to 10 and the part whole model to solve number problems. Our topic, Superheroes, has thoroughly engaged the children. We have drawn, built and moulded our own Superheroes and vehicles, looked at Superhero senses and learnt about real life Superheroes and their qualities through a range of activities during Continuous Provision.

Thank you for all your support. Your children are a real credit to you. We wish you all a restful and healthy half term break and look forward to seeing you all at the start of November. Mr Brown, Mrs Duffy and Mrs Whiteley.

Y2

We have had a fantastic first term learning about minibeasts! This week we have learnt how honey is made and to celebrate the end of our topic, we made honey flapjack. Following this, we wrote a recipe and ate our flapjack. It was yummy!

Pupil Diaries have been sent home and in there are the new spellings for 2nd November. Please continue to read on Bug Club and practise your times tables on TT Rockstars. On the learning platform, we have provided you with some half-term home learning in preparation for our next topic, which is called Muck, Mess and Mixtures. Take photos of what you achieve and send them to your class teacher. Have a great break! Miss Reid and Miss Brookes.

Y3

Year 3 have had a great first half term! In Maths, we have secured our knowledge of Place Value within 1000 and have now moved on to addition and subtraction. We have recapped the column method used in Year 2 and are now applying it to 3-digit numbers. In English, we have enjoyed learning about the Iron Man, we have created a diary entry and written a letter with inspiration from the Iron Man. Year 3 have thoroughly enjoyed finding out who the mysterious Iron Man was and what he was doing on Earth! Our topic of Mighty Metals has allowed for many Science experiments. We had lots of fun seeing which liquids would change the colour of a tarnished penny. We have also created some fabulous artwork. Well done Year 3, have a lovely break, Miss Copley, Mrs Leversidge and Mrs Ezard.

Y4

Y4's have had a great first half-term back. We have been really impressed with their learning behaviours in class and their commitment to producing learning to the best of their abilities. We are so proud of how they have started back.

They have shown good mathematical understanding of place value and addition and subtraction, improving their reasoning of different concepts. In English, they have produced some superb pieces, focusing on using different types of sentences and using expanded noun phrases. We have focussed on skills in PE and as a result, the children can transfer these to a range of sports. We have concluded our Traders and Raiders topic by producing Viking Longboats. The children thoroughly enjoyed creating their unique designs. Have a restful break, Mr Gabbitas and Miss Stringer.

Y5

Ancient Egypt and the Pharaohs has been an exciting topic to kick-start the year for class 11 and 12. This continues to be an exciting topic for us to study, as archaeologists are still uncovering secrets from the past in 2020. Western Park Museum has a well-stocked and worthwhile display if anyone would like to look in during half term. A big well done to all the pupils who have made or studied Egyptian artefacts at home extending their learning beyond the classroom. We have all made an Egyptian headdress (Nemes) this week and ended our topic with an Egyptian quiz. Please remember to ensure you are reading and working on your X-tables over the break. Have a fun break! Miss Monger and Mr Silverton.

Y6

The children have had a challenging and demanding start to the academic year and have coped well with the expectations of Y6.

We have really enjoyed our WW2 topic – a massive thank you to yourselves for the contributions made towards this. One highlight of the topic was our Anne Frank work – pupils engaged really well during these sessions and gained a deep insight into the life of child during WW2. Mr Stewart shared his experiences of Anne Frank's House in Amsterdam, who strongly recommends a visit in the future when it is safe to do so and Mr Burgess shared a family WW2 artefact, which really engaged everyone.

We have also really enjoyed using Goodnight Mister Tom as our English focus, rounding this off by watching the film. We have also battled with the four operations in maths, especially division methods, which the children are beginning to master.

We hope you have a wonderful half-term – stay safe! Mrs Stewart and Mr Stevens.

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. For those invited to attend, parents you will have received your information letters yesterday. If there are any questions, please contact class teacher.

PTA Half-Term Pumpkin Trail

Please take a look at the PTA Facebook page to find some fun filled half-term activities. <https://www.facebook.com/SupportersofCHS>.



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Pupil equipment brought home

Your child/ren should have brought home a number of resources to support them in case of a positive test or school lockdowns for the start of next half-term. Please read the specific letter relating to this that has been sent out. This is a very important measure we have put into place, if needed, for the start of next half-term.

Break time Snacks

Thanks for your continued support with break-time snacks. The majority of snacks brought in by pupils are fantastic; however, we do still have some bringing cake or Pringles cans, which are really not appropriate as a healthy break-time snack. I have seen some beautifully mouth-watering, homemade healthy snacks, which looked delicious!

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 Thursday 12.11.2020. These meetings will take place over a video link this year.

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! We have run out of everything but are today having a new delivery, so after half-term we will be able to give you further opportunity to purchase items in support of this worthy cause, before Armistice Day on 11.11.2020.

Harvest & Fare Share competition

Many thanks for all your generous donations for Harvest as we work to support Fare Share Yorkshire, to provide food packages for those who really need it the most.

If you follow our social media accounts, you will have seen that we took part in a virtual assembly with Fare Share on Tuesday morning. As part of this, all classes were given the challenge of creating a new dish using the following ingredients –

- broccoli
- pak choi
- spinach
- sweet potato

Classes were then able to add 1 ingredient of their own. These new dishes have all been sent to Fare Share and their chef is going to choose the best one.

Here are the dishes (they all sound amazing!) –

Class 3

Extra ingredient – chicken.

We think we could make sweet potato chips with mango chutney to dip, and a broccoli, spinach, pak choi and chicken stir-fry.

Class 4

Extra ingredient – Sausages

Sweet potato mash with sausages drizzled in mango chutney and broccoli and pak choi cooked in butter to go with it.

Class 5

Extra ingredient – apple.

We have decided to put it into a puff pastry to make a sweet pie

Class 6

Extra ingredient – Milk

Mango smoothie with milk.

Class 7

Extra ingredient – rice

Stir-fry the broccoli, pak choi and spinach. Add cooked rice. Serve with roasted sweet potatoes.



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Class 8

Extra ingredient – spring onion

Sweet potato veggie cottage pie.

Class 9

Extra ingredient – Roast Chicken

Roast Chicken, Sweet Potato, Spinach and Broccoli.

Class 10

Extra ingredient – Spiced chicken

Spiced chicken, spinach and sweet potato stew.

Class 11

Extra ingredient - onion

Broccoli and sweet potato stir fry, with onion and spices and mango juice.

Class 12

Extra ingredient - Noodles

Vegetable stir-fry with patchouli, spinach, broccoli, and noodles please.

Class 13

Extra ingredient - Burger

Burger with sweet potato fries, steamed broccoli and a Mango Smoothie.

Class 14

Extra ingredient – duck

Duck Pancakes (using individual spinach leaves as pancakes). Sliced or Chopped pak choy. Mango Puree to serve as a condiment.

This selected dish is then going to be put into the upcoming Fare Share Cookery Book and we are hoping that the chef will do a virtual cooking class, where he will create this dish, on camera, so the pupils can watch!

Have a lovely half-term break. See you all on Monday 2nd November.

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

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