



# Charnock Hall Primary Academy

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## Weekly Newsletter Update – WEEK 14

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are all well! This week the decorations went up and it is just starting to feel a little bit like Christmas time!

### Christmas Performances

Next week sees year groups perform their Christmas performances. For clarity, these will be recorded in the early part of the week and then links sent out to those of you who have placed an order to receive the secure link.

As this is pre-recorded, it means you can watch this at a time that is convenient to you and that you can watch it as many times as you want.

If you have not ordered a link yet, please visit SchoolComms. The monies raised through the performances will be put to providing extras for the pupils whilst at CHPA, to make their education even more engaging.

### Sheffield Children's Hospital Charity

As you may well have seen through our social media channels, last week saw the switch on of the Children's Hospital Snowflake Lights. Our snowflake has pride of place outside the hospital entrance and is wonderful to see. Thanks to all your donations so far. So far we are well on our way to raising our minimum target of £1000, but everything we raise will go to such a well deserving cause.



### Christmas Jumper Week

As 2020 has been a frustrating week for everyone, as you know, we are making next week Christmas Jumper Week. This will hopefully bring extra Christmas spirit and happiness into CHPA for everyone as we approach a very special time of year. Pupil should wear usual uniform, but with their Christmas Jumper on top (if they have one and want to take part). We are asking for a £2 donation for this, which we will add to the money raised so far for the Children's Hospital Snowflake appeal.

### Guess the Sweets

The guess the number of sweets competition is still running and I will be back outside next week for anyone who wants to have a go. This has been really well supported so far, and the money from all guesses goes towards the Children's Hospital Snowflake appeal. The final draw will take place next Thursday at the end of the day, LIVE through the CHPA Facebook page. The contents will then be ready for collection and devouring by the lucky winner on Friday!

### CHPA Christmas Dinner

Next Wednesday, we will be having our CHPA Christmas Dinner. This is always a lovely event and this year will be no different. If your child would like a Christmas Dinner, they simply have to choose this option on the day, there is no need to book ahead.

### COVID-19 Updates

As explained in the letter earlier in the week, if there you have a positive Covid-19 case during the Christmas break; please let

us know using the following email address – [covid@charnockhallacademy.co.uk](mailto:covid@charnockhallacademy.co.uk). This is the only medium that will be monitored by CHPA over the Christmas break.



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## PE Next Week (and the curriculum)

As next week is a very busy week, with performances, pantomimes, the in class CHPA's Got Talent event and the usual festivities, pupils will not be doing PE next week and as such, do not need to come in their PE kit. As we put all the Christmas activities into the final week, the wider curriculum and development of skills in areas such as art, music and performance, in addition to maths and English work, focuses upon the theme of Christmas. PE and the wider curriculum then returns back to normal in January.

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## Times Table Rockstars Local Leader Boards

Since September, I have seen massive developments across CHPA in regards to the focus and engagement of pupils and their Times Table knowledge development through TT Rockstars. The benefits are finally starting to show.

Looking at the TTR local leader board, in September, we sat in 18th place on the nearby schools leader board, which is out of 30 schools. At the end of November, we were in 6th place, but due to few Battle of the Bands competitions that are ongoing in Y5 & Y6, we now sit in 5<sup>th</sup> place! The current time is currently 0.80 seconds (mean studio speed) behind 1st place, so with the huge progress we have made so far there is no reason why we cannot claim 1st place by the end of the academic year - a great accolade for the every pupil at CHPA!

Rank	Name	Mean Studio Speed
1	St Theresa's Catholic Primary School, Sheffield	3.85
2	Stradbroke Primary School, Sheffield	4.14
3	Lower Meadow Primary School	4.44
4	Charnock Hall Primary Academy	4.51
5	Gleadless Primary School	4.57
6	St John Fisher Primary CV Academy, Sheffield	4.59
7	Newfield School, Sheffield	4.81

### Current Studio Speed Analysis (X table's questions up to 12 X 12)

- 12 children are answering X tables questions in under 1 second.
- 68 children are answering X tables questions in under 2 seconds.
- 108 children are answering X tables questions in under 3 seconds.
- 146 children are answering X tables questions in under 4 seconds.

Clearly, most of the very fast times are pupils in Y6, Y5 and Y4 as they should have a much deeper times tables knowledge up to 12 X 12, but it is also great to see some pupils in Y3 and Y2 up and amongst it too.



### Thank you to Sheffield Lasers

Last week we were contacted by a company called Sheffield lasers – Machines and Products, who brought us a number of specially cut plastic stencils, which we have used as part of our Christmas decorations. These are of high quality and have made CHPA look much more festive.

As a result of this, I spoke again with the company who have provided us with the stencils for the CHPA hashtag, #LOVECHPA. This will allow us to celebrate and promote CHPA in and around the site and in the community.

Huge thanks to Dr Jonathan Frost and his team for making and providing these for us, completely free of charge.

Sheffield Lasers make a whole range of products, including Covid-19 defences, so if you are interested in finding out more information, please visit <https://shlasers.com>.

### Parent Mental Health Training Qualification

I hope that those of you have signed up to the free Mental Health training are finding it informative and helpful. I have recently completed both sections and am pleased to say that I have passed the course. If you are working on it, but having any problems or have questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

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.

Take care and stay safe!

Mr P M Burgess & all the staff at CHPA