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Dear Parent/Carer,

Weekly Newsletter Update – WEEK 21

Welcome to Newsletter 21, another busy week at CHPA and the end of Spring 1. This half term has brought many challenges but this is outweighed by the positives and this is due to every single person reading the newsletter. Well done – use next week as a chance to recharge your batteries without the pressures of schoolwork. Have fun and smile together!

Covid update

At this time there is no specific update regarding the Covid situation, either nationally or locally. Numbers continue to fall in Sheffield, although hospital beds remain full. It is my understanding that 1 in 5 Sheffield hospital beds contain a person with Covid-19. Please remain cautious and careful over the half-term break.

Over the half-term break, if you receive notification of having to isolate, particularly if you or your child tests positive for Covid-19, please contact covid@charnockhallacademy.co.uk as this will help us if we are required to support with any track and trace activities.

A Charnock Award Winner

I was recently contacted by a local teacher supply agency to nominate a Charnock Covid Hero. In my opinion, this is extremely hard to do as every single member of staff at CHPA has gone above and beyond expectations to ensure that we all remain safe, cared for and educated (be that at home or when attending CHPA). However, there was one person who I thought was deserving of an extra mention...

SCHOOL HERO 2020 - 2021

WINNER - ANDY TAYLOR

Caretaker of Charnock Hall Primary Academy

Nominated by Mr P Burgess, Headteacher of Charnock Hall Primary Academy. Here is why..

I am not sure how I could pick a single member of the CHPA team due to the ongoing hard work and dedication they have all shown since the first lockdown in March last year.

However, one person who does deserve special praise is Andy Taylor. He is the CHPA caretaker and even though he has his own health concerns, he has worked diligently and tirelessly to ensure that every staff member and pupil has a safe school to work and learn in every day.

Over the Christmas break, he received a positive Covid test outcome and was quite ill, however, he worked with me to organise and liaise a phased return to work that ensured no further burden was put onto me as Headteacher or other CHPA leaders.

Furthermore, with the snow of Thursday and Friday (14-15.1.2021) he, along with a number of other staff, came onto site on a Saturday morning (well outside of his working hours), to clear all the snow and ice ahead of pupil and staff return on Monday morning (18.1.2021). Andy is approachable and whenever a request is put to him by a member of the team, he acts upon it immediately to ensure that CHPA is 'the best it can be' for everyone.

Unique School Solutions



Well done Mr Taylor, it is great to have you as a member of the CHPA Team!



Congratulations and Good luck,

Over the last 2 weeks, Mr Gabbitas has been working from home leading the Y4 remote learning offer. This is because Mr Gabbitas and his wife are due to become parents again, which is wonderful news. Therefore, the first 2 weeks after the half-term break, Mr Gabbitas will be undertaking paternity leave to support his family.

For pupils in both Class 9 and 10, Miss Stringer will be coordinating your in school and remote learning offers at this time, with the support of Mrs Michie, Mrs Betson and 2 SHU students, Miss Bingham and Miss Batram.

For those undertaking remote learning in Y4, please contact Miss Stringer at this time using the class10teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk email address and also book a teacher/pupils video meeting too (more information about the video meetings follow later in this newsletter).

Critical Worker Requests

Any new Critical Worker requests received this week will be looked at for eligibility during the first week after half term. We will let you know as soon as possible if we can accommodate a place request. However, please be aware that the majority of year groups are now full.

NHS Nasal Flu Vaccinations

During the recent round of NHS nasal flu vaccinations, 78% of CHPA pupils accessed this vaccination, which is one of the highest uptakes in schools. Well done. When we receive notification from the team for the next round of vaccinations, we will let you know.

Teacher/pupil video meetings

Bookings are now open again for Teacher/pupil video meetings for the weeks beginning 22.2.21 and 1.3.21. These video meetings are pivotal in teachers being able to speak with your child and yourselves at home; as they allow us to provide live feedback on the learning, they have submitted and ensure that we are continuing to support their mental wellbeing. As before, you will be able to book in at times that suit you, rather than us phoning you at a random time.

For those classes that have job share teachers (Class 1, 3 & 7) you will only be able to book with one of the teachers in that class, although both of them will access this on the days they are working. For Class 1 – Mrs Nicholls, Class 3 – Mrs Duffy, Class 7 – Mrs Leversidge.

WB 22.2.21 the following teachers will be available to book in with

Class 1 – Mrs Nicholls

Class 3 – Mr Brown

Class 5 – Miss Hilton

Class 7 – Mrs Leversidge

Class 10 – 9/Miss Stringer (Class 9 can also book into this as Mr Gabbitas is on paternity leave).

Class 11 – Mr Silverton

Class 13 – Mr Stevens

WB 1.3.21 the following teachers will be available to book with

Class 2 – Miss Hunt

Class 4 – Mr Brown

Class 6 – Miss Brooks

Class 8 – Miss Copley

Class 9/10 – Miss Stringer (Class 9 can also book into this as Mr Gabbitas is on paternity leave).

Class 12 – Miss Monger

Class 14 – Mr Stewart

Remote Education (Online Learning)

Remote learning has again developed this week and we have been trialling new short LIVE video intervention sessions. This is where your child has been invited to attend up to 2 live sessions to work on a specific area with a teacher or TA. These have had some success this week, but as with anything new there are teething issues and over the half-term break, we will send out information to share how we have rectified these, so you are all aware of the invites and your child can then attend.

If you need to contact class teacher, please use the email addresses that have been previously shared.

Additionally, for those parents who have children with Special Educational Needs (SEND), the senco@charnockhallacademy.co.uk is also available.

We also appreciate that pupil log in details remain an issue for some. A reminder to contact LEAD IT with queries - If issues continue, please contact ictsupport@leaditservices.co.uk



The class timetables for Monday 22.2.2021, will be posted through our social media accounts on Sunday (21.2.2021) evening.

Remote Learning Platform Security

There have been a couple of parents who have enquired about the security of our Learning Platform and the Business Team. Please see below a message from LEAD IT, who manage this platform for us –

Both pupil and teacher accounts within Charnock Hall Primary Academy's Microsoft Teams environment have strict restrictions applied to ensure the safety of any meeting participants. This includes the removal of the chat and call feature and any other unnecessary functions from pupil's accounts.

The restrictions are specifically designed so that pupils cannot schedule, join or create a meeting/event without a teacher overseeing this. Teachers choose attendees of each meeting, according to who is in the class and the teacher has to admit every single pupil to a meeting, to ensure there are only pupils who should be in the meeting present. Only a teacher can invite, start and admit pupils to a meeting, ensuring that a teacher is present at all times for the duration of a meeting. The teacher is the only attendee in control of the meeting and has the option to mute / remove any attendee if needed.

In short, this means that pupils are safe. In the unlikely event that an invite was intercepted by anyone outside of CHPA, then the lobbying feature means that they cannot get into a meeting unless given permission by a teacher – they cannot join automatically.

Learner of the Week

Learner of the Week Celebration Assemblies will take place at 9:30am every Monday next half term; I look forward to seeing you all there. A link has been sent out today for you to join this.

Half-term Readathon LIVE

Our volunteer libraries have organised a Readathon based on the theme of 'Our City Reads'. It features our writer in residence, Nik Perring's poem 'Mrs City' which will be read by children across the city. This will be followed by a free creative workshop by CHOL Theatre and Arts Company. This event exciting event is suitable for children aged 7-15 years. For more information, please click on the link:

<https://greenhill-library.org/readathon-live/>

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.

Active Challenges

We hope you have enjoyed the Active challenges that staff have been setting this week and have managed to have a go. There will be more to come next week.

You sharing your information with us

It is always of the highest importance that whenever you change any of your contact details that as a matter of importance you share these with us. The recent lockdown demonstrated just how many parents have not shared with us their updated details. This is really important, so in future; please do contact us with any changes.

If you are unsure if we have your correct details, due to a recent change, please contact the main office 0114 2396083 or enquiries@charnockhallacademy.co.uk

Free School Meal Entitlement

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, there may be many of you, who in these difficult times are eligible to access Free School Meals. If you have any questions, please contact us on 0114 2396083 and we will answer any questions in complete confidence.

This system is there to help anyone eligible in time of difficulty, and additionally, CHPA will receive further funding, which in times of tight budgets, is extremely valuable to us driving CHPA forward and provide further opportunities for your child. <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/schools-childcare/school-meals>

Thanks

Thank you to Billy & Archie Exell and family who very kindly donated lovely goodies for staff. These have kept us all going, your generosity is really appreciated.

There continue to be so very many kind words and messages, either in person or across social media. These really do mean an awful lot. On behalf of all the staff, thank you once again for all your support this half-term. It has been a challenge but we are all trying to be the best we can be! I wonder what next week will throw at us – hopefully lots of rest and time to recharge!

Take care and stay safe!

Mr P M Burgess & all the staff at CHPA