



# Charnock Hall Primary Academy

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**Headteacher:** Mr P M Burgess - NPQH

Dear Parent/Carer,

## Weekly Newsletter Update – WEEK 26

Welcome to Newsletter 26.

This week has seen the continuation of pupil reintegration into CHPA life, as end of term assessments have taken place. Pupils continue to work incredibly hard and I am proud of how they have returned. The information we gather this week, will support teachers with feedback as part of the parent consultation meeting scheduled for next week.

### Week 25 Newsletter

Due to an admin error (my fault), the Week 25 Newsletter was never sent via Schoolcomms or onto Social Media. You'll find this on the website.

### Covid advice from parents from Sheffield City Council Director of Public Health

Greg Fell, Sheffield's Director of Public Health, has urged parents and their children to keep following Covid guidance. Following the return to school, we have received reports of:

- children having sleepovers and playdates at friends' houses
- children with symptoms not getting tests and being sent to school
- a lack of social distancing

The above could cause an increase in cases and stop our roadmap out of lockdown.

Please click below to watch the full video from Greg (it is only 8 minutes long) - <https://youtu.be/BZwdQzvk3II>

Furthermore, school bubbles are only safe in school because of all the other protective measures in place like ventilation, extra cleaning, face coverings, etc. It is unlikely that the same level of protection is taken elsewhere, and therefore children should not mix with their school bubble outside of school.

One in three people don't have symptoms and can spread Coronavirus without realising. And most cases (70%) are caught in the home as the virus spreads much more easily indoors when people are in close contact for longer.

We know most people are being responsible - thank you for everything you're doing to keep yourself and others safe. For anyone else who needs a reminder of what you are and are not currently allowed to do, please click the link -

[https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/coronavirus?utm\\_content=&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_name=&utm\\_source=govdelivery&utm\\_term=](https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/coronavirus?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=)

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To echo what Greg has said, please continue to be vigilant and maintain social distancing at all times, particularly from a CHPA perspective, at drop-off and pick-up times. If you are dropping-off or picking-up a child, please remember your mask, even if you are waiting just outside the CHPA gates. Due to the large numbers of parents we have waiting outside, particularly for KS2 pupils, this soon gets very cramped.

### Breakfast & End of Day provision

Earlier today, I sent out an information letter and short questionnaire to all parents as we put in place plans to open Breakfast and End of Day provision. As part of the future approach, we are keen to gauge interest and your opinions on timings and the possibility of opening CHPA Holiday Clubs, to support parental childcare need during school holiday periods.

If you have not seen the email or social media link to the questionnaire, please follow the link to complete it - <https://youtu.be/BZwdQzvk3II>

Although Government has said wrap around provision is ok to begin again, we have refrained from this so far, due to the need to maintain bubble integrity. Over the last few weeks, we have evidence of a number of settings that have reintroduced wrap around care and due to Covid, larger numbers of children (and as a result families) that have had to isolate. Therefore, a date of Monday 7.6.2021 will be the earliest date that CHPA extended provision could resume.

Please click this embedded document to read the letter that was sent out earlier today.



Parent wrap  
around care needs I



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Reminder that Parent Consultation meetings will take place on Tuesday and Thursday next week – please follow the link to book an appointment.

This event will be held through the Parents Evening system that we have used for home contacts during Lockdown 3, so you have the log in details. For those who are unsure, please follow this link - <https://charnockhall.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

The booking system is now open for both days, so book early to get the time you want. Both evenings will take place between 3:30-6pm.

## Comic Relief 2021

Check out our amazingly funny CHPA Red Nose Day 2021 jokes compilation video! <https://charnockhallacademy.co.uk/red-nose-day-2021/> We raised a superb £248.60! Thank you to everyone who contributed.

## Pupil return and learning

### YR

Since returning to school on Monday 8th March all the reception children have settled in amazingly. We have loved learning about reptiles as part of our topic. We were all amazed to find out that reptiles lay eggs. This week the children have enjoyed finding evidence of these eggs and hunting for them in the foundation stage, we cannot wait to make a home for our egg and hopefully it will not hatch too soon!

Our PE lessons as well as our extra exercise as part of travelling to Tokyo have been greeted with great enthusiasm. Being aware of what keeps us healthy whether it is physical activity, healthy eating or good sleep have all been discussed over the past few weeks.

As we extend our phonics knowledge we are recognising, reading and recording tricky digraphs e.g. sh, ch, th, ng, ai, ee, oo. We hope that the children enjoy sharing this with you in their yellow book.

### Y1

Year 1 have settled back into CHPA brilliantly! They have shown resilience and perseverance through such a difficult time. It has been great to have us all back together as a year group. We have really enjoyed starting our new topic, Bright Lights, Big City this half term. We have looked at the physical and human features of the United Kingdom, and we have looked at the features of London and compared this to Sheffield. In English, we have written about the famous landmarks in London and Sheffield. We have ordered the events of the Great Fire of London and painted Tudor houses and flames. Next week, we will write facts about the Great Fire of London on the flames. In maths, we have looked at the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. This week we have started to look at addition and subtraction within numbers to 20. Well done for being superstars Year 1! You will already have met the SHU students we have working with us in Y1, they are doing a fine job and are developing their skills and knowledge as they work to become future teachers.

### Y2

This half-term Year 2 have been learning about 'The Scented Garden'. Throughout this topic, we have had first-hand experience of planting, studying real flowers and how to keep them healthy. We have also carried out experiments to test different elements of what a plant needs to grow. Using our 5 senses, we have explored different smells and tastes and collated class findings into a Venn diagram and a bar chart. In English, we have been studying a story called 'Pattan's Pumpkin' by Chitra Soundar. We have studied this story carefully through discussions, freeze frames and broadened our vocabulary. This has enabled us to write for a range of different purposes such poems, a letter to advise and a script. In Maths, we have developed our knowledge on 2D and 3D shapes by learning about the properties and using the correct mathematical vocabulary. We have also investigated lines of symmetry of 2D shapes. It has been a pleasure to see our Sheffield Hallam students settle into life at CHPA and we look forward to working with them during the Summer Term.

### Y3

We are incredibly proud of all pupils in Year 3. They have returned to CHPA with an increased maturity and an eagerness to learn. This half-term we have learned about a whole range of different predators and their prey! Through our topic learning we have found out about: carnivorous plants, parasitic plants, ferocious insect predators and birds of prey. In science we looked at the human skeleton and found out about the different bones in our bodies. Unfortunately, due to Covid, we weren't able to source any owl pellets this year for dissection. Instead, we watched a video of owl pellet dissection and found out about the different prey they eat by looking at pictures of the bones found in their pellets. In computing we have programmed a peregrine falcon to follow a flight path around a range of physical and natural obstacles. In art we have drawn and shaded a bird of prey. In English we have explored the characters in our focus text: Fox. We have created an acrostic poem and written a letter. In maths we have focused on measuring skills. As we move towards the end of term, we will be sad to say goodbye to the 2 SHU students who have been working with us, good luck in your future careers, you have been a pleasure to have at CHPA.

### Y4

Well done to all the Y4 children for their attitude and commitment to their learning since CHPA fully reopened after lockdown. They have all worked incredibly hard on their English, writing superb persuasive letters, based on the book, 'I Was a Rat'. They have displayed determination and perseverance on a difficult unit in Maths (Fractions!), but have all progressed well, using a variety of representations and models. Goodbye and good luck to our SHU teaching students in Y4, Miss Bingham and Miss Batram. They have had a huge impact on the year group and will be missed by all of us



## Y5

Mr Silvertown and Miss Monger were delighted to see their Y5 pupils back in the classroom and ready to learn post-COVID 19 Lockdown. We also welcome Miss Siddaway to the team from Sheffield Hallam who is supporting the teaching and learning in Class 12.

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Our English and Book Study work has been based on *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell. This gripping story traces the adventures of four children who survive a plane crash in the Amazon Jungle and although Fred, one of the children, has always dreamed of becoming an explorer, the children realise that with no hope of being rescued, the chance of getting home appears impossibly small. Except, it seems, somebody has been there before them! We have written our own Non-Chronological Report, written in role and written a persuasive letter to Boris Johnson.

Maths work has seen us smash Fractions and decimals; we are currently halfway through percentages. Pupils can add, subtract and multiply fractions. They have ordered and compared decimals and used mathematical knowledge and language to support their reasoning and answers.

Our Curriculum topic 'Beast Creator' has had a strong science flavour. We have used the internet and atlas to identify tropical Rainforest regions around the world and explore where different minibeasts are found. We have designed and made our own 'Wormery' in class and used different information sources to see how organisms fit into Food Chains and depend on each other.

Our Music focus has been 'The Fresh Prince of Bel Air' and we have enjoyed improvising 4-bar measures using tuned percussion instruments. We have listened to MC Hammer and other artists in order to identify and compare different musical elements.

## Y6

Pupils have had a challenging and demanding return to CHPA. However, they have coped well after the disruptions of lockdown 3. We are really enjoying our Darwin's Delights topic and we are looking forward to spending one final week on this.

One highlight of the topic has been researching Charles Darwin himself – children engaged really well during these sessions and gained a deep insight into the life of an influential human. We have also really enjoyed creating some wonderful pieces of art and we have investigated classification flow charts – take a look at our art work on our social media channels! We have also battled with more mathematical concepts, especially on percentages which the children are beginning to master.

Today we say goodbye to the 3 SHU students that have been working with us this half-term. They have worked incredibly hard and we are sorry to see them go.

### Bears of Sheffield

We would like to introduce you to 'All-Star'! This is the Bear that we are going to be decorating in support of Sheffield Children's Hospital – Bears of Sheffield appeal.

All-Star was named by the Head Boy, Head Girl and Deputies yesterday. Early next week, you will be receiving a letter to let you know just how we can again work together to support this very worthy cause.

### Free School Meal Entitlement – UPDATED INFORMATION

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and for any number of reasons, there may be many of you, who in these difficult times are eligible to access Free School Meals. Even though for YR, Y1 & Y2 are eligible for Universal Infant Free School Meals, by completing the form, this not only ensures FSM are ongoing for yourselves, but also means that CHPA will receive essential additional funding.



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>

Sheffield CC have announced that for those eligible, they will be providing vouchers over the Easter holiday. More information will follow regarding this.

For families already receiving FSM, there will be a further communication sent out in regards to the availability of vouchers from Sheffield City Council over the Easter Break.



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## Keeping pupils safe

I have been contacted by a number of parents due to their concerns of having seen a number of children playing on bikes on and around the local roads, sometimes riding down the middle of the road and showing very little or no sense of how to stay safe. - There have been a number of occasions when drivers have narrowly missed children who have pulled out in front of them without looking. Please go through road safety and safe bike use with your children to cement the learning that is undertaken at CHPA.

Also, due to how busy roads and paths are, it is great to see so many children wearing helmets. However, it would be even better if everyone wore them.

Just a reminder about parking, it still astounds me to see the number of people who park dangerously, causing obstructions to junctions, driveways and the roads by parking on double yellow lines on a daily basis. Please think ahead and have thought for local residents and other CHPA users with your parking.

These points are made with the intention of keeping everyone as safe as possible!

## PTA Announcements

BIG NEWS from The CHPA PTA. The PTA have a new name and a new logo! We are now the CHPA PTA and this is our new logo (hope you like it!). We are also re-launching the Facebook page, so please check it out – [www.facebook.com/SupportersofCHS](http://www.facebook.com/SupportersofCHS), we are also in the process of developing a Twitter account, so will let you have those details as soon as possible.

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We currently have four exciting events planned for the Summer Term. Our first event is a sponsored walk-a-thon for kids – and grown-ups! This will run Monday 19 April to Friday 28 May – so get sponsored to get walking! Further information about this will be coming out separately next week. Secondly, starting on Friday 23 April, we will be starting selling ice pops at the end of the CHPA day. Look out for us outside the CHOOSE entrance for Reception/KS1 and under the big tree in the staff car park for KS2! Thirdly, on Wednesday 23 June (weather & Covid permitting) we are planning a year end, outside summer disco. Reception/KS1 will run 4-5pm and KS2 will run 5:15-6:15. Finally, we are also planning to finish the school year with a bang, with our Summer Fayre on Friday 2 July from 2:30pm (weather & Covid permitting). There will be activities, games, stalls, food and drink. Please send us an email if you would like to rent a stall or otherwise be involved. We will be circulating further information for all of our activities / events nearer the time, so look out for our updates on our Facebook page and in future newsletters. If you have ideas for any of our events or would like to get on board, please email us at [pta@charnockhallacademy.co.uk](mailto:pta@charnockhallacademy.co.uk)

Parent Teacher Association

Have a lovely weekend.

Take care and stay safe!

Mr P M Burgess & all the staff at CHPA