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Weekly Newsletter Update – WEEK 34

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to Newsletter 34.

Another positive week at CHPA, the first week of the last half-term of the academic year – how did we get to this point so quickly?!?

Covid Updates

Although no particular Covid updates this week, I am so pleased that through your own vigilance, there continues to be very few issues around Covid and its effects on pupil and staff absences – to this point. Obviously that can very quickly change if we do not all continue to be careful in our own daily lives.

As we look to next week, there should be an update from Government in regards to the removal of restrictions from 21st June. I have exactly the same information as you, but the increasing rumours are that this will be postponed. Unfortunately, any delay to restriction removal, will significantly affect plans for the Summer Term, in regards to us being able to invite you on to sire for events such as Sports Days and the Summer Fair. It will also effect the possibilities of holding the planned end of year disco's and Y6 leavers' events.

However, I will see what the announcements are and then, based upon completed Risk Assessments, will be able to inform you of what we will be doing before CHPA breaks up for the summer holidays on Friday 16th July 2021.

What we're learning this half term

YR – Class 1 & 2

In Reception, we are starting our new topic 'What can you see in Summer?' We will be planting sunflower and cress seeds, thinking carefully about what they need to be able to grow. We will also be going on a summer walk around school to look for signs of Summer- let's hope the weather continues to be kind to us and supports what we expect to see! In English we are going to be reading a book called 'Splash' by Anna Hibiscus and reading the traditional tale 'Jack and the Beanstalk', with both books linking beautifully with our learning about the summer and growing. We will be studying 'sunflower' pictures by various artists and recreating our own artwork in our own styles. In Maths, we will continue to embed our understanding of addition and subtraction and will be doing lots of practical activities linked to capacity and shape.

As we draw towards the end of our Reception year, we have Sports day to look forward to on the 28th June and so we will be practising races ready for the day. We will be focussing lots on independence in class and in out in provision, ensuring the children are as prepared for Year 1 as possible. It has been a pleasure to teach all the children this year and watch them all grow. Each and every one of them should feel very proud of their achievements so far. We look forward to the final weeks of school with them and wish you a wonderful summer when it comes.

Y1 – Class 3 & 4

This half term, Year 1 are looking at the topic 'Splendid Skies'. We have launched our theme with a wonderful nature walk in the sunshine around our grounds, looking for signs of nature and growth. We used iPads to capture some wonderful pictures, patterns, colours, and textures.

We will be investigating the weather, finding out about Sir Francis Beaufort – the man who caught the wind, as well as delving into the work of artist Georges Seurat and pointillism. We will be scientists and observing the effects of the sun on us and our planet, as well as investigating rain (although hopefully we will not be having much this half-term!)

In our English learning, we are looking at a weather themed book called Lila and the Secret of Rain, which is set in a Kenyan village. We will be writing our own versions, and then debating if water is an equally precious thing in England. We will also be undertaking the final Phonics Screen Check of the year to show how amazing the children are as they've worked incredibly hard through the year. Although the government have cancelled the national check for this year, it will allow us to support the children accurately moving forward into next year – as part of end of year reports; we will let you know your child's score.

In Maths, we are beginning to investigate fractions by looking at halves and quarters, we will be beginning to look at division by sharing equally as well as carrying on with our multiplication learning of counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

Y2 – Class 5 & 6

Year 2 have had a fantastic start to the half term. They have settled back in wonderfully and eager to learn. Our topic, this half term, is called 'Movers and Shakers'. We will be learning about significant people such as Christopher Columbus, Neil Armstrong and Rosa Parks. We will be using 'Dawson's model' to make judgements about the level of significance. In English, we will be studying a story called 'The Storm Whale'. We will be writing for a range of purposes such as narratives, writing in role and a play script. Our main focus is to include exciting vocabulary and complex sentences. In maths, we are learning about weight, volume and capacity. We will be using a range of equipment to measure, using standard metric units.



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Y3 – Class 7 & 8

Well done Year 3, after the half-term break, you have settled back into the rules and routines very quickly. This reflects your increasing independence and maturity as you prepare to move to Year 4.

We have lots to look forward in our final half-term. Our topic is 'Emperors and Empires'. This project will teach pupils about the history and structure of Ancient Rome and the Roman Empire, including a detailed exploration of the Romanisation of Britain. In English, our focus text is 'Arthur and the Golden Rope'. We join Arthur as he journeys through the land of the Vikings on an exciting adventure. We will focus on: using our inference skills to respond to illustrations, create a persuasive script, practise our presentation skills to perform this script and write a newspaper report. In maths, we will focus on measure and geometry. This will include telling the time, days and months of the year, weight and shape. In P.E. will be doing lots of practising for our upcoming Sports Day, which we are all looking forward to.

Y4 – Class 9 & 10

This half-term is full of exciting and interesting learning for Year 4. Our new topic 'Blue Abyss' brings us plenty of engrossing topics about the wonders of the ocean. The children will be able to understand more about the ocean's layers, climate, animals, the importance of our oceans and how to take care of it. This leads us onto our specular one-night residential trip at The Deep. The children will embark on a sleepover full of exciting activities and their own guided private tour.

Throughout the half-term, we will be using the story 'Flotsam' by David Wiesner. We follow the story of a young boy who is collecting flotsam on the shore until he is stumbles across something rather exciting. The children will create persuasive adverts, adventure narratives and non-chronological reports about the text. In maths, we have our final units to cover and focus on. The children will try to make links and connections between their learning to apply different mathematical skills across the curriculum. We are very excited for our final half-term with Year 4.

Y5 – Class 11 & 12

This half term Year 5 are using our topic 'Scream Machine' to guide their learning. Throughout the topic, we will be learning about the mechanics of different rollercoaster rides, where different theme parks are located in the world and will be making our own 3D rollercoasters. We will also be learning how centripetal force works and why this is so important when you are on a vertical loop ride.

In English we will be doing projects in relation to our topic such as poetry, narrative writing and newspaper reports. We have begun this week by applying our senses to rollercoaster rides and looking at how to apply alliteration and onomatopoeia to poetry writing.

In Book Study we are reading a mystery story called The London Eye Mystery. We will be continuing to apply our retrieval, inference, prediction and vocabulary skills to this text.

In Maths this term we will be covering Geometry (Properties of Shape and Position and Direction) and Measure (Converting Units and Volume and Capacity).

Y6 – Class 13 & 14

Pupils are working towards their transition at the moment, after a successful and enjoyable Summer 1. We have really enjoyed our 'Blood Heart' topic and the children have created some wonderful two-page spreads to showcase their understanding.

One highlight of the Summer 1 was our Residential to Kingswood – children engaged really well during their activities and represented CHPA and themselves to the highest standard. Some children also stayed within school and worked on mini projects which they led on themselves – cooking, countries of interest and pieces of art were produced to showcase their high level of knowledge.

Over the next few weeks, staff from some secondary schools will be visiting us to meet the children. This will really help them to relax and enjoy their experience. We them all the very best of luck on their transition days.

As a reminder, Birley Academy have changed their Transition and Y6 pupils who are going to Birley will attend for a 1 day transition event on 5.7.2021.

Well done to all children in Y6 for a wonderful half term – we look forward to spending our final 6 weeks with you. Let's make it memorable!

Birley Secondary Y6-Y7 Transition

Parents of Y6 pupils transitioning to Birley in September, you will have received a SchoolComms communication earlier this week regarding Summer School provision they have arranged. If you have not received this, please contact the office. If you have and wish to enrol your child, please follow the instructions contained within the letter.

Social Media – Tik-Tok concern

As reported through our social media channels yesterday, we were made of a worrying trend that has appeared on Tik-Tok. It asks you to search "art of the zoo", which directs the user to graphic pornography.

Unfortunately, this has affected pupils, causing distress and upset, so please double check devices to ensure your children are safe and not exposed to this.



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Uniform, sun hats, sun cream and water

Although we only have 5 weeks of the academic year left, it is really important that we maintain high standards of appearance and attitude. Therefore, this is a simple reminder regarding CHPA uniform and what is/isn't acceptable.

In recent weeks, there seems to be an increasing number of girls that are attending wearing very short and tight skirts. These are not at all appropriate and where a pupil does attend in one of these, we will contact you to bring in replacement uniform. This is not simply about the 'look'; it is based upon the fact that such clothing is not part of uniform due to its lack of practicality and importantly is a safeguarding risk.

As a reminder, tight lycra style leggings, sportswear (unless it is PE day), hoodies, non-fastening sandals and multi-coloured footwear are not appropriate.

To reduce the chances of nits and any hair being caught, those with hair longer than shoulder length, should have this tied up in a bun, ponytail or plats.

Also, the only piece of jewellery that is allowed is a wrist watch. A fit-bit is fine, but anything that is able to take photo or video, such as an Apple watch is inappropriate. Earrings are not allowed at any time – if you are considering letting your child have their ears pierced, please do this at the very start of the summer holidays, so there is enough healing time for them to be removed for the CHPA day, when return on Monday 6th September. As we break up on Friday 16th July, there are 6 1/2 weeks between pupils breaking up and returning. Now summer is here, please ensure your child attends with a sun hat. Also, if you wish your child to wear sun cream, please ensure that this is applied before they attend in a morning, as under safeguarding rules, staff are unable to apply sun cream to any pupil.

Also, please ensure that your child has a water bottle full of fresh water each day. This can be refilled if consumed whilst here, but it needs to be returned home for daily cleaning.

Bears of Sheffield update – a message from the Bear Team

I am happy to share the location of your bear on the Bears of Sheffield sculpture trail this summer. Your bear will be situated in the Sheffield Cathedral from the 12th July until the 29th September for all to see. But shhh, don't tell everyone as they need to search for it! Trail maps will be available to download from our website www.bearsofsheffield.com area the trail date and you will be able to purchase physical copies at several venues across the city. We will confirm all details over the next few weeks on the trail and the number of ways staff, students and families can get involved over the summer.

Thank you so much for your incredibear support and we can bearly contain our excitement for the bears to take over the city!

Beat the Street!

Getting CHPA Healthy & Active!

Beat the Street is a fun, free, active initiative that will see Sheffield transformed into a giant active game starting on Wednesday 16th June 2021 lasting until Wednesday 28th July 2021.

Pupils (and you as a family) will be able to earn points and have the chance of winning prizes for both themselves and CHPA. Every child at Charnock will receive a fob and you will be able to explore Sheffield, follow a map, find Beat Boxes and scan the fob to earn points. You can walk, run, scoot, jog, cycle or travel in any other active way to find the Beat Boxes.

More information will be sent via SchoolComms early next week but please have a look at their website for more information on discovering more about the Beat the Street Map in Sheffield: <https://www.beatthestreet.me/sheffield/>



2021-2022 Academic Year Term Dates

A reminder of the academic dates for 2021-2022 – please ensure you have these in your diaries.

CHPA is open to pupils on the following days –

- Autumn 1 – Monday 6th September – Friday 22nd October 2021
- Autumn 2 – Monday 1st November – Friday 17th December 2021
- Spring 1 – Tuesday 4th January – Thursday 10th February 2022
- Spring 2 – Monday 21st February – Friday 1st April 2022
- Summer 1 – Tuesday 19th April – Friday 27th May 2022
- Summer 2 – Tuesday 7th June – Friday 22nd July 2022



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Inset Days (when CHPA is closed to pupils)

Wednesday 1st September 2021
Thursday 2nd September 2021
Friday 3rd September 2021
Friday 11th February 2022
Monday 6th June 2022

CHPA is also closed on Monday 2nd May 2022 as this is May Day

The full calendar can be found here - <https://charnockhallacademy.co.uk/news/calendar/>

Wraparound provision

This week saw our Breakfast and end of day provision return and JPAC are reporting to us that it has been a positive first week. Everyone is getting to know each other and it is the start of a strong partnership between CHPA and JPAC.

I hope that we will be sharing some exciting information about holiday provision and clubs in the next couple of weeks. I will keep you posted.

Thanks and good luck Mrs Finch

Sadly for us, Mrs Finch left CHPA yesterday to start the next step on her journey to her new career. Mrs Finch will be a loss and greatly missed, but we are looking at options for her replacement for September. In the short term to the end of the academic year, we have put additional support in place to ensure that pupils have the best support for this time.

When I have more information about how we are replacing Mrs Finch, I will share this with you.

PTA update

Thank you to everyone that has taken part in the Walkathon! The walkathon finished on the 6th June and from the returned forms we have seen so far, it looks like there have been some significant distances walk and some significant money raised.

Can you please make sure that Sponsor forms are returned to CHPA, with the overall mileage, so we can pass these onto the PTA and they can start to collate all the information.

Also, can you please ensure that any monies raised are submitted via SchoolComms by 14th June and also put this in the comments box and we will track our overall journey around the world to see how far we've travelled.

Don't forget, every child that takes part will receive an award and prizes will be given in each year group for the furthest distance. A prize will also be awarded to the child that raises the most sponsorship.

Furhermore, Freezie Fridays are continuing to go well – Thank you to everyone who has stopped to buy a freezie! As a reminder, we will be there every Friday in June and July until the end of the school year.

Thanks again for all your support and we hope to see you soon at the Summer Fair, Disco's and Sports Day events (Government guidance allowing).

Keep in touch with your PTA:

EMAIL - pta@charnockhallacademy.co.uk

FACEBOOK - <https://www.facebook.com/SupportersofCHS>

TWITTER - https://twitter.com/CHPA_PTA

Take care, stay safe and have a great weekend.

Mr P M Burgess & all the staff at CHPA.

P.S. – Come on England!

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