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Weekly Newsletter Update – WEEK 35

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to Newsletter 35.

Another positive week at CHPA and it was great to be back on site on Thursday and Friday as I worked with other leaders to undertake a number of tasks including recruitment of new Curriculum Leaders and Lunchtime staff.

Covid Updates

Although the news from Government regarding the extension of current restrictions until 19.7.2021 is disappointing, it was not unexpected. As explained in the letter last week (which was sent via SchoolComms), this does affect a number of events that were due to take place over the next few weeks, which is unfortunately unavoidable if we are to continue to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Transition events for 2021-2022

To ensure that we maintain bubble integrity, the internal transition events scheduled for week beginning 5.7.2021, will work slightly differently to previous years.

This year, pupils will go into their new classes for a full week, rather than just 4 days – this is to avoid the crossing of bubbles.

On the Monday morning, pupils will come in at the usual time, but instead of going into classrooms, will instead go to the hall (EYFS/KS1 – Upstairs Hall. KS2 – Downstairs Hall), where they will be able to be better distanced for the attendance register and then told which classes they will be going into and with which teacher.

The way we are informing pupils, is in essence the same as we have done it previously, as it takes away the worry and anguish for pupils. Once pupils have been informed and are in their new classes, you, as parents will then be contacted to let you know which class your child/ren are in. As usual, siblings will be split (unless there are 3 in the same year group then 2 will be together). The decision for class placements have been made by current class teachers and discussed with leaders taking into account a number of factors, including, boy/girl split in each class, even split and mixture abilities, including those with identified special educational needs across the 2 classes, friendships/fall outs during this year or previously.

Due to the ever-growing popularity of CHPA, pupil numbers continue to grow and as a result, many year groups are now full – which is excellent news.

Beat the Street!

We have made an excellent start to Beat the Street, with many of you already posting your adventures on Social Media. This is fabulous, so please keep it up. Here is our current position, but I will be regularly updating via Social Media.

We are currently 2nd in our locality with 28,120 points and we have an amazing 295 children signed up and getting points. If we, as a school, finish in 1st, 2nd or 3rd for average and total points we will receive money vouchers to spend on either books or sports equipment so keep going and hopefully we can finish top!



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 Froggatt

Sadly, for us, Mrs Froggatt left CHPA today to begin her retirement. Mrs Froggatt will be a loss and greatly missed after many years of service at CHPA as part of CHOOSE and more recently as a Lunchtime Supervisor and Cleaner.

Earlier today, Mrs Lee and I undertook interviews for the 2 available Lunchtime Supervisor positions and early next week, an advertisement for the now vacant cleaner position will also go live. When I have the final information, this will be posted on the website.



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Road Safety Reminder

Unfortunately, we have been made aware that a number of older girls who walk to CHPA in the morning without adult supervision have put themselves at great risk by not acting responsibly in and around the main roads leading up to CHPA.

'They decided to cross before the crossing as the lights were changing, so that they don't have to wait at the crossing again. 2 made it across but 2 went back to the other side as they found themselves in the middle of the road and the traffic was now moving as the lights were at green for the cars'

All pupils have been reminded and spoken to about the importance of road safety, but we feel it is really important that you remind them also. The last thing anyone wants is for there to be an incident where a child is severely hurt, or worse.

Recruitment

On Thursday this week, Senior Leaders and I undertook a number of internal interviews with teachers to identify and appoint 2 new Leaders at CHPA. A huge well done to those that applied, as it was fantastic to see the quality and potential of future education leaders we have at CHPA. Mr Stevens and Miss Monger were appointed to the 2 Curriculum Leader roles and although their roles do not officially begin until September, from next week, they will begin preparation work, to ensure that they have a flying start and not a moment is wasted in further developing, enhancing and shaping the future CHPA curriculum offer.

As explained, Mrs Lee and I this morning interviewed a number of candidates for the vacant Lunchtime Supervisor positions. We will share the outcomes of this next week.

Also as explained, following the retirement of Mrs Froggatt, next week we will begin the recruitment process for a new cleaner at CHPA. If interested, please follow the advertisement information.

PTA update

The PTA were saddened to hear the news that planned PTA events are not able to be undertaken during the remainder of the Summer Term. However, this will not stop our drive to continue fundraising for the PTA.

We have been amazed with the amount of money pupils have raised as part of the Walkathon – we will share more information with you next week. However, we do know that 1 amazing pupil has raised over £850 alone!

Next week we will be sharing information about how to buy raffle tickets for our virtual raffle – and we have some very special prizes – so keep a look out on our social media pages to find out more.

As is tradition with the PTA, we always do or give something to the Y6 leavers, this year, due to the restrictions still in place, we will be significantly subsidising the Y6 Leavers Hoodies, so parents only have to find £10 to get their child one. We feel that this will allow all pupils that want one to be able to have on as a memento of their time at CHPA.

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 and don't forget that after the success of today's non-uniform event, we will be repeating this on Tuesday next week, when the 3 Lions face Czech Republic.