



Charnock Hall Primary Academy

A L.E.A.D. Academy

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Newsletter – WEEK 2

Dear Parent/Carer,

A wonderful week of new learning as pupils really settle into new classes, routines and build new friendships. It has been particularly pleasing to see how the confidence of our very youngest pupils in Reception is flourishing as they become familiar with CHPA and all the exciting new experiences they are having.

New Y3 pupils are also settling well into KS2 life and their new surroundings. It has been very interesting to see them adapt to the expectations of learning and the new playground.

Covid updates

You may be aware that Covid numbers in Sheffield and across our local area over have fallen in the last week. However, they are still higher than national averages.

Having attended briefing sessions with Sheffield Public Health, it is expected that as we move into the next few weeks that number will unfortunately rise. To combat this, we must all continue to be vigilant in order to keep everyone as safe as possible.

At this time, there are no plans to impose any further restrictions at CHPA that would mirror those in place previously. However, in the event of this being required, these will be introduced in order to keep everyone as safe as possible so staff and pupils can be on site and learning.

Regular asymptomatic (not showing symptoms), LFD testing is a good way to detect Covid, which if positive should be followed up by a PCR test. If your child shows any Covid symptoms, you must not send them in to CHPA. You should book a PCR test (as an LFD is not effective when symptoms are prevalent) and please keep us up to date with the results. Once you have received your test outcome, please forward this to the CHPA Covid email address, as we are monitoring cases very closely.

In the event of any Covid-19 issues, please contact us via our dedicated Covid email address – covid@charnockhallacademy.co.uk

What's happening at CHPA?

YR

In EYFS, we are absolutely overwhelmed by how beautifully Class 1 and Class 2 have settled in to CHPA life. Pupils have wowed us with their brilliant personalities and their resilience to new situations. We have been focussing on learning the CHPA routine and have taken everything within our stride. So much fun has been had exploring the new provision and making new friends. Thank you to the EYFS parents and carers that have made the transition so smooth – we know it can be just as emotional for you as it is for them. We cannot wait to see what fun and adventure the coming weeks have in store. Charnock Hall have gained 2 whole classes of 'All Stars', we (as we know you are) are so proud of all our little ones. Well done!

Y1

What a fantastic start to Year 1! Pupils have settled in really well and have impressed us with their learning behaviours.

In English, we started off the year learning about Superheroes and we read Supertato Carnival Catastro-Pea! Pupils made predictions about the story, labelled Supertato using their phonics to spell and started to use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops to write sentences. In Maths, we are focusing on numbers 0-10. We have used a range of resources to make different amounts, ordered numbers and counted forwards and backwards.

Our topic this term is Childhood. We will be looking at everyday life and families today. In our lessons, we will be comparing life in the 1950's to life today by exploring past and present toys, homes and clothing. Keep a lookout for the Knowledge Organisers that you can read with your children.



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Finally, just a quick reminder that Mondays and Wednesdays are PE days for Y1, but named PE kit needs to be in on site at all times – just in case we get to do some extra PE! Pupils all brought home a library book last week to share with you. Reading books and Pupil Learning Diaries should be brought in each day.

Y2

Pupils have settled into Year 2 life very well. They quickly have used to the routines and expectations. They are trying really hard and should be pleased with this. In maths, we are looking at place value up to 100. We will then be moving onto addition and subtraction including two, 2-digit numbers and column addition. In English, we are working towards writing our own story involving an animal. We are use 'The Bee who spoke' as our inspiration. However, they don't know the title yet, so shhh, please keep it a secret. The rest of our topic is Movers and Shakers. We will be looking at significant individuals within history such as Rosa Parks.

Y3

Firstly, we like to say a big well done to the whole of the year group for how well they have transitioned to Year 3. This term our topic is 'Through the Ages' and we have lots to look forward to. This half-term we will start by learning about the Stone Age then we will go on a journey through the ages. Our focus text for English will be 'Ug', which will give us the opportunity to develop our writing. In maths, our focus will be three-digit place value before moving on to addition and subtraction. We are also very excited to go on our residential trip to Whitby.

Y4

Year 4 have made a great start to the new academic year. Miss Stringer and Mr Silverton are both very impressed with how eager, keen and enthusiastic they are to learn. They are showing great resilience and perseverance towards their learning throughout the whole curriculum. In English, we developed sketching skills through an observational drawing of the main character Beowulf. We used this drawing to create a character description of Beowulf including expanded noun phrases and exceptional vocabulary. The children are working hard in Power Maths to develop their knowledge of place value within 4-digit numbers using a range of resources and equipment to aid their learning. They are enjoying our topic "Invasion" learning about different historical periods after the Romans left Britain. Keep up the hard work Year 4!

Y5

Year 5 pupils have settled in wonderfully. This term we are studying Ancient China! So far, we have researched China's native animal, the panda for our non-chronological reports. Alongside this, during science we have started a new project - Forces! So we have lots of experiments planned for the upcoming term! Additionally, in art, we are exploring tints, tones and shades, whilst mastering the art of landscape paintings. Pupils have begun their swimming lessons and have taken to this well. It is great to see all pupils trying their best and really enjoying themselves.

Y6

Pupils have settled in really well to Year 6. We are impressed with the way they have conducted themselves in and out of the classroom: displaying the maturity and high expectations we would like and expect. We're looking forward to a great year with lots of challenges and exciting learning. We're in no doubt that our year sixes will achieve their full potential and finish their time at Charnock on a high. We cannot wait for the Kingswood residential on Monday!

Keeping CHPA safe

Due to some concerns around unwanted and unwelcome visitors not respecting CHPA, over the summer break we have had security cameras installed to cover the CHPA site. These state of the art cameras, which work as well in darkness as they do in daylight, are linked to a central monitoring hub, which in turn is linked to the Police. Hopefully, this deterrent will be enough to keep unwelcome visitors away and there will never be the need for the Police to visit.



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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.

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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

Teacher communication

As face-to-face communication is still quite difficult, here is an update of class email addresses. Use these to contact class teacher if you have any questions about your child's learning.

Miss Johnson / Mrs Nicholls - Class 1 - class1teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk

Miss Hunt - Class 2 - class2teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk

Mrs Duffy / Mrs Whiteley - Class 3 - class3teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk

Mrs Webster / Miss Brooks - Class 4 - class4teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk

Miss McGoldrick - Class 5 - class5teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk

Mr Brown - Class 6 - class6teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk

Mrs Leversidge / Mrs Ezard - Class 7 - class7teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk

Miss Copley - Class 8 - class8teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk

Mr Silverton - Class 9 - class9teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk

Miss Stringer - Class 10 - class10teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk

Miss Bingham - Class 11 - class11teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk

Miss Monger - Class 12 - class12teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk

Mr Stevens - Class 13 - class13teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk

Mr Gabbitas - Class 14 - class14teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk

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

Please be aware of the following acceptable terms of use –

Any inappropriate use of the email system, including inappropriate language use, threats etc., will result in you being unable to use this system as a communication method. Anything deemed inappropriate by an individual teacher, will be shared with Senior Leaders, who will take appropriate action to protect staff.

Copies of all emails received and sent will be saved to ensure the safety of staff.

Pupil start and finish times - reminder

Below is a reminder of year group start and finish times. Due to the 5-minute stagger and in the hope that we reduce congestion as much as possible, please try to avoid arrival before the designated time.

Year Group	Start time	Finish time
YR – Class 1 & 2	8:35am	3pm
Y1 – Class 3 & 4	8:40am	3:05pm
Y2 – Class 5 & 6	8:45am	3:10pm
Y3 – Class 7 & 8	8:35am	3pm
Y4 – Class 9 & 10	8:40am	3:05pm
Y5 – Class 11 & 12	8:45am	3:10pm
Y6 – Class 13 & 14	8:50am	3:15pm

The main entrance gates open from 8:30am and will close at 8:55am in a morning and from 2:55pm to 3:20pm. If your child arrives outside of their start time, please enter via main reception.

It has become apparent that some pupils and families are arriving far too early before their entry time, which is causing unnecessary congestion around either entrance.

Also, a plea to parents outside KS2, please do not hang around the KS2 entrance gate as this is not a wide path way and soon becomes congested as people try to get onto site or access Sunflowers next door. If you wish to



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wait until your child goes into the building, please line up with them. There is always a staff member on the front gate to ensure pupils safety.

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CHPA link with Sheffield Hallam University (SHU)

Over the last few years, we have developed a very strong link with SHU and over this academic year, we will welcome teaching training students into CHPA. From 27.9.21, we welcome 2 PGCE students into YR and another 2 into Y1. They will be with us until Christmas and are sure they will be a great addition to CHPA. Through the year, we will have students into all year groups.

This is not only good for pupils; it is a very important reflective development tool to support every teacher improve their own skills to have greater impact on your child's development.

Pupils leaving the CHPA site alone at the end of the day

If you wish for your child to leave the CHPA site alone at the end of the day, please email enquiries@charnockhallacademy.co.uk with all the relevant details. We can then put this onto the system, so everyone is clear. Unfortunately, we need this information to be written and not verbal.

Snowflakes of Sheffield

At CHPA, we are good at supporting Sheffield Children's Hospital. Last year we raised a lot of money in support of their Snowflake appeal at Christmas and over the summer, you may have visited our Bear, All-Star, as part of the Bears of Sheffield trail. This autumn and winter, we will again be supporting the Snowflake appeal, but are looking for new and fun ways to raise money for this amazing cause. If you have any ideas, please do share them with Miss Hunt (class2teacher@charnockhallacademy.co.uk).

Social Media

If you are not yet following us on social media, please follow us on Twitter using [@charnocklead](https://twitter.com/charnocklead) as the handle and via our Facebook page [Charnock Hall Academy](#).

If you are a parent of a pupils who is new to CHPA, please send a DM also, explaining who you are and your relationship to a pupil. This then makes it easier for us to identify you and ensures we are able to keep the group closed to CHPA families only.

Also, please ensure you have the SchoolComms gateway app downloaded, as information will go through this medium. Any questions about this, please speak to the main office.

Parking

Unfortunately, inconsiderate and dangerous parking is still happening and these very few selfish individuals are putting everyone at risk. I was pleased to see the Police in attendance this morning and hopefully this sends a message to those individuals who think that the Highway Code does not apply to them.

Keep on Running!

One of our parents is tying the laces on her running shoes for a very special cause. When speaking with me, Rachel Faulkner said, 'My 10yr old daughter, Evie was diagnosed with Coeliac Disease in November last year. It came as a massive, massive shock and one that we're still getting to grips with.

There is gluten in so much food/sauces!!

There isn't a cure for Coeliac Disease, it's lifelong and there is still so much research to be done. To do 'my part' and help in raising much needed funds, I'm running the Manchester Half Marathon on the 26th September.

If Evie can deal with her diagnosis like a true star then I can pull my big girl pants on & run a half marathon!'

If you would like to sponsor, you can donate to the JustGiving page by clicking here:

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rachel-faulkner9?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=rachel-faulkner9&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=01b0302419c64dc1a8ec74bc63e0f572.

Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to Coeliac UK, so it's the most efficient way to give - saving time and cutting costs for the charity.



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National TA Day 2021

Yesterday, Thursday 17th September, was National TA Day. Teaching Assistants and support staff (admin, caretaking & cleaning, lunchtime supervisors, cooking team, IT support) are essential to the effective running of any school and here at CHPA we have some amazing staff who work hard to ensure that your child has every opportunity to be the best they can be! Thank you to every single one of you!



Have a lovely weekend.
Take care and stay safe!

Mr P M Burgess & all the staff at CHPA
#LOVECHPA