



Charnock Hall Primary Academy

A L.E.A.D. Academy

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Newsletter – WEEK 7

Dear Parent/Carer,

And just like that, the first half term of the 2021-2022 academic year is completed. What a whirlwind this has been, with new learning, new friendships, Kingswood, Boggle Hole, The Deep, Halloween Disco's, Covid complications and many achievements already being accomplished!

Amazing pupils

On a termly basis, we undertake fire evacuation drills to ensure pupils and staff are clear about what to do in the event of an emergency.

At the end of the KS2 disco last night, a sensor was activated that caused the fire alarm to sound. This wasn't a planned drill and was therefore had to be treated as if there was a significant hazard, which came of something of a shock to pupils. However, every single pupil, PTA member, staff member and those using the downstairs hall (State of Mind Karate) reacted fantastically.

As the alarm sounded, music stopped, lights were turned on and pupils were quiet. They responded to instruction from myself in a very sensible and quick way, then followed Mrs Fotheringham and Miss Johnson outside to the fire assembly points. Whilst this was taking place, I then checked the fire panel to confirm where the activation had taken place.

As was anticipated, the activation came from the hall where the disco was taking place, due to a little too much disco smoke in the hall atmosphere, even though doors/windows were open to stop it getting too warm and for Covid ventilation reasons.

I appreciate that for parents waiting to collect, this could have been frustrating, however, as this was not a planned drill, the evacuation had to be managed if there was a significant hazard. A huge thanks to parents for your patience as we worked as quickly as possible to ensure the building was safe, before they then went home.

In assembly this morning, I thanked and congratulated pupils for their attitude and actions and rewarded them with some extra playtime for this.

Harvest Celebrations

On Wednesday, we had a TEAMS visit from Rev Pete who talked to us about Harvest and how Christians celebrate this and what it means. Which is important for their knowledge of the Christian Faith (one of many faiths pupils learn about) but also to learn about the historical nature of Harvest.

After the half term break, we will again be linking with Fair Share Yorkshire, who will be visiting us to tell us all about the important work they do with people who are less fortunate than us at CHPA.

As we have done previously in support of Fair Share Yorkshire, in the first few days back after break, we are asking for you to be generous enough to donate dried foods, tinned goods, packets, sanitary products, cleaning products and other non-perishable items you feel would be really helpful to someone who is in need.

Reminder of this donation request will be sent before we return, but I am confident that the generosity that CHPA has shown before will again be replicated.

Covid updates – information from Government

As you may have read on the news, Covid numbers are increasing as the weather gets colder. There are also a large number of people who are catching serious colds/flu. It is anticipated that this is going to get much worse.

However, at CHPA, we are confident in our systems and at this time are not changing risk assessments, to reintroduce further protective measures. This may however change, but this will be dependent on Covid numbers, advice from DfE, Public Health and our updated Risk Assessments.

However, as there are no specific Covid updates this week, so please continue to follow the same procedures – If your child is showing one of the following symptoms, please ensure they get a PCR test.

- A new continuous cough
- High temperature/fever
- Loss or change to sense of smell or taste

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

If your child does undertake a Covid test, it is extremely important that you send the evidence of the results through to the Covid email address, in order for us to hold this in our attendance records. It saves admin staff a lot of time, and you continual phone calls and disruptions to your day if you send this through as soon as you receive it.



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Parent Consultation Meetings – October 2021

On Tuesday and Thursday this week, we undertook the first Parent Consultation event of the year and feedback from staff is that these were positive events where they were able to share important information with you.

I hope that in the Summer Term, when it is the next planned event, we will be able to undertake this in person.

WOW – Walk to School Challenge

We have teamed up with the Living Streets Charity to be part of the WOW – Walk to school Challenge. This will start on 8.11.21 and we will send out more info in the first week back.

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.

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

PTA Update

Thank you for all of your support of the PTA over this first half term - We have really enjoyed being able to be a bit more active around the school!

1. **Halloween Disco** – We had an enormous amount of fun at our first CHPA disco in 20 months! Thank you to all the pupils, parents and teachers for making it such a success!
2. **Halloween Pumpkin Hunt** – For the autumn half term, the PTA have organised a Halloween pumpkin hunt. There are 10 pumpkins hidden around the Charnock area for you to find, and to help you find these pumpkins, we have some clues for you... How many do you think you will find? More info about this has been shared via social media and through SchoolComms.
We hope you find this Halloween pumpkin hunt a fun activity for your family to take part in during the half term and we have prizes for the students who register their pumpkin hunt with CHPA PTA. To register your pumpkin hunt and win a prize for taking part, all you need to do is pay £1, per child, to the school Comms from Friday 22/10/2021 until Sunday 31/10/2021.
We would love to see you on your pumpkin hunts, so please feel free to post some snaps on the CHPA PTA Facebook page and don't forget to tag the Charnock School Facebook group too #LOVECHPA.
3. **Treat Friday**. Our first TREAT FRIDAY was today (22 October). Now the weather is getting a little cold for Freezie Friday, so we will now be running a weekly Treat Friday event. Join us, with your 50ps after school for sweet Friday treat.
4. **Christmas Card Campaign** – Thanks to all of the pupils and parents who submitted designs. We should be getting you your creative cards and gifts back in the second half of November.

As always, any parents, grandparents, or carers old or new would like to get involved, please get in touch! We are always looking for new members and new ideas.

EMAIL - pta@charnockhallacademy.co.uk

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

TWITTER - https://twitter.com/CHPA_PTA

CHPA 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.

Goodbye, good luck and also welcome back

This week has seen us say goodbye to Mrs Leary (Lunchtime supervisor) and Mrs Ezard (who has been covering Miss Enright's maternity cover). Thanks for all your hard work at CHPA and good luck.

We will be seeing Mrs Ezard soon though, as s he will be undertaking supply cover when we need it.

Miss Enright will be rejoining us after her maternity period in Class 7 as a job share with Mrs Leversidge. Welcome back.

Take care, stay safe and have a lovely holiday!

See you on Monday 1st November!

Mr P M Burgess & all the staff at CHPA

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