



Chester le Street CE Primary School Newsletter

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Our Core Christian Values: Thankfulness ~ Friendship ~ Compassion ~ Service ~ Endurance ~ Wisdom

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The children have been busy this week preparing for Harvest. The displays in School look beautiful, children have been drawing and then eating pumpkins! Some classes have been thinking about the Harvest whilst preparing the ground ready for their winter vegetable planting.

I must thank all the staff who are working so hard for your children in very difficult circumstances. This includes covering for staff absence due to illness or bereavement.

As previously mentioned ALL Schools are operating under very difficult circumstances. We cannot behave as we normally would. I have a duty of care to all of my staff and our pupils to ensure their safety. Ours is a job where we cannot work from home, therefore we must ensure our Covid risk assessment is robust and adhered to. For parents this may feel that they are missing out on the teacher interactions they are used to. Can I assure you that there is nothing we would like more than to hold face to face meetings, invite parents in to celebrate children's success, to hold parents evenings and invite parents in for a chat. However, we simply cannot under the current restrictions. This is frustrating for all. However, it is not unusual and is part of the 'New Normal' that we are living with, particularly under new Tier 2 guidance. It is a moral dilemma for all of us. Unfortunately, we cannot have those normal human interactions that we took for granted. We can't go out and visits friends or families in their homes, and in the same way we cannot invite parents into our School, I hope you understand and I acknowledge the difficulties this brings.

Staff are readily available through Google Classroom and are available to phone you after school to discuss any particular concerns.

We will also be ensuring Marvellous Me is regularly used to update you on your child's achievements and keep you up to date on what is happening in each classroom.

Diary Dates

Monday 26th—Friday 30th October
Autumn Half Term

Tuesday 10th November
Telephone Parents Evening 3:30-5pm

Wednesday 11th November
Parents Evening 3:30-5pm

Thursday 12th November
Individual Photographs

Friday 13th November
Children in Need—Non Uniform Day

Thursday 10th December
Christmas Lunch

Friday 18th December
Inset Day School Closed

Monday 21st Dec—Friday 1st Jan
Christmas Holidays

Prayer of the Week



Lord, thank you for walking with us through the seasons of our lives.
For the winter, when we are held safe in your arms through the darkness
For the hope of spring, as we are filled with new promise and life.
For summer time, full of warmth and colour
And for autumn days as leaves fall to seed new growth.
You are always with us. Amen.



Due to Government restrictions surrounding Wrap Around Care, we must inform you that we cannot accept any further bookings into after school club. Unfortunately once the bubbles are full, we are unable to add to additional families. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause, but we must follow the Local Authority and School risk assessment.

We will be having parents evening after half term. Unfortunately due to the current Covid restrictions we are unable to facilitate face to face meetings. All parents evening appointments will be telephone consultations only. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but it is beyond our control, and everyone's safety must come first. The dates for parents evening will be Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th November 3:30-5pm.

Appointments will be booked through our online system. Parents will receive a text with a direct link, enter their child's name then select a day and time that is convenient for them. The booking system will open on Monday 2nd November at 3:45pm.

Parents Evening

We are pleased to welcome some teacher training students to our School. They join us from Sunderland University and are on their final placement before they are fully qualified teachers. They will be supporting learning in YR, Y5 and Y6. Having this extra help in the classrooms will support all the fantastic work the teachers are already doing.



Please can all reading books to be brought into school every day. Children will also read this book with teacher in school to monitor progress. Your child's reading book will be changed once a week.



We've had a number of emails from residents mentioning some issues with parking. Please can parents/carers be extra vigilant when parking outside of school. Particularly at drop off or pick up times. Cars should not be parked on the white lines opposite the school gates. Also, please be considerate of our neighbours by not blocking their drives etc. Children are also being reminded to take extra care when crossing the roads outside of school.



A gentle reminder that although children can bring their bikes to school. They should not be rode on the yard, instead they should be brought round the front of school to be placed into the bike rack (situated outside of the main office)

SHOPPING LIST TOP TEN ITEMS

- Milk (UHT or powdered)
- Fruit juice (long life)
- Soup
- Pasta sauces
- Tinned sponge pudding
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned vegetables
- Cereals
- Tinned rice pudding
- Jam

Over the years we have actively collected for the Harvest Appeal. We will be collecting for the food bank again this year. We hope that you are able to support us by donating items that are in desperate need. Donations can be left in a box outside of the school office. We would like to thank you for your continued support in collecting for the Durham Food Bank.

We've had an exciting week here at CofE!

We welcomed back our chickens; Jules, Corrie and Chester. The children in Year 1 have been enjoying learning about the chickens and are helping us to look after them.

We also had two special visitors from Park View School who helped us film an exciting virtual tour of our school. Unfortunately due to the current Covid restrictions we're unable to show parents/carers around. We thought this would be a lovely way to show you all our fantastic school. All of our children were absolute superstars too!

