

Chopps Chat *

A word from Mr Smith

Welcome back!

I hope you all had a fantastic summer and managed to soak up some sunshine. It's been wonderful to see the children back in school—full of energy, smiles, and ready to learn. Our summer camp was a huge success once again, with impeccable behaviour from all the children. A big thank you to everyone who helped make it such a joyful experience. We've had a brilliant start to the new term already, with some truly impressive work happening across the school—especially in Art, where creativity is bursting off the walls! There's so much to look forward to this term, from exciting learning projects to class trips and exciting new additions to the school playground! Thank you, as always, for your continued support—it makes all the difference.

Mr Smith

Dates for the Diary

Y6 children will be swimming every Tuesday afternoon until Christmas. Please remember to send in swimming kits.

17th Sept - Individual Photographs

23rd Sept - Early Years School Nurse workshop @ 2:30pm

10th Oct - Year 1/2 trip to Broxfield Farm

24th Oct - Nursery - Y6 flu immunisation (Remember to sign up via the link emailed previously)

24th Oct - School closes for half term

We expect more dates to be added in the coming weeks. Any additions will be communicated at that point.

Individual Photographs

This Wednesday is Individual Photograph Day here at school! Time to flash those fabulous smiles and capture the magic

Please make sure all children come in their school jumper or cardigan—we want everyone looking sharp and school-proud!

Sibling snaps? If you'd like a photo of your children together, the Community Building will be open from 8:30am to 9:00am for sibling shots. During the school day, it's all about those individual portraits—no group photos taken in class time.

Home Reading

Remember to log home reading on our fabulous Learning with parents reading log. All parents should receive a message each week with a magic link to follow. Any issues, please let us know ASAP!

Reminder

Car Park

This is a polite reminder that the car park is for staff use only. We've noticed an increasing number of parents driving into the car park in the morning and after school to collect and drop off children and parents and children exiting the site on foot via the car park. Please use the pedestrian exits. Having children and parents in the car park poses a real risk to the children who attend. Please could you also avoid parking directly in front of the entrance to the staff car park as this makes it very difficult for our minibus to enter and exit the site along with any deliveries. We understand that parking can sometimes be tricky outside of school but our priority is safeguarding all those who attend Choppington Primary.

Exciting news

You may notice some workers on site whilst dropping off and picking up over the next week or so here at school. We are delighted to announce that our existing play equipment will be receiving a much needed upgrade from the 22nd Sept (all being well!)

Please take extra care whilst work is being undertaken and keep children away from the equipment and machinery for their own safety!



Safeguarding

At Choppington Primary, we take the safety and well-being of our students as our utmost priority. Our designated safeguarding lead is Mr. Smith, with Mrs. Broderick and Mr. Donaghy serving as the deputy safeguarding leads. Together, they ensure that robust safeguarding measures are in place and that our school remains a secure and nurturing environment for all our children.

Safeguarding encompasses all aspects of student welfare, from protection against physical and emotional harm to promoting their overall well-being. It extends beyond the school premises to include online safety and safeguarding during educational trips or activities. We believe that an effective safeguarding system is built upon a partnership between the school and parents, wherein both parties play a vital role.

By working together, we create an environment that encourages children to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. When home and school collaborate effectively, we can identify and address any concerns promptly, ensuring that our students feel safe and supported at all times.

We understand that parents are a valuable source of knowledge about their child's well-being and personal circumstances. Therefore, we encourage you to inform the school of any significant changes or issues that may impact your child's welfare. It is important to remember that even the smallest concern should be brought to our attention, as it allows us to provide the appropriate support.

If you have any concerns or worries, we urge you to reach out to the school immediately. Our staff members, from class teachers to support staff, are always ready to listen and work in partnership with you to find solutions that best meet the needs of your child. Moreover, we request your cooperation in adhering to the school's policies and procedures relating to safeguarding. These guidelines are in place to ensure the well-being of all children and to maintain a safe and inclusive learning environment. By familiarising yourself with these policies, you can actively contribute to our collective efforts to safeguard our students.

We truly believe that the collaboration between school and home is a key factor in a child's educational journey. By forging a strong partnership, we can provide the best possible educational experience while ensuring the safety and well-being of our students. Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to working together with you and continuing to provide a high-quality education for your child.