

Newsletter

Friday 25th May 2018

Headteacher Comment

Well another half-term is over and we now have one half term left of this school year. We have had another busy half term with visits to The Discovery Museum, Centre for Life, Woodhorn Museum, as well enjoying our own version of The Lion King. Further to all this Year 2 and 6 have completed their SATs assessments.

This half term we have also begun to use a new maths program, which uses cups to help the children understand mathematical concepts. This again has been successful with the majority of children being more engaged and enthused in their maths lessons. This is a program that we will continue to develop and we are looking to put on some sessions for parents too, so you can understand what your children are doing in school.

Enjoy your week off with your children. We are back to school on 4th June, with Breakfast Club open from 8.10.

Thanks



Mr D. Nelson
Headteacher

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Early Years Teacher

I am very pleased to announce that we have appointed Mrs Rose as our Early Years teacher. She has been with us for a few weeks now, but she is now officially a member of the Choppington Primary School family. I am sure you will help her in settling in.

PTFA Fundraising

Thanks again to the PTFA as they continue to raise money for the school. The sponsored walk raised **£213** and still counting. The bingo morning raised **£66.71**. Thanks again for everyone who had either participated in these events or supported them.

There is also a tombola and cake sale at Guidepost CO-OP on Saturday 2nd June. Tell everyone you know as all proceeds are being donated to our PTFA fund.



Celebration Assembly

Starting next half term we are looking to change when and how we do celebration assembly.

We are going to be holding this assembly on a Thursday at 10.30 am. We will be inviting parents to these assemblies if your child has made it into Golden Book and/or if it is your child's class assembly.

As part of this process you would also be invited into your child's classroom to see what they have been learning and take part in some activities.

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Safeguarding

Fortnite Gaming -

Further to our Facebook post about the game **Fortnite**:

Fortnite has a PEGI rating of 12, PEGI have said this is due to the: *'frequent scenes of mild violence. It is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age'*.

This PEGI rating only takes into account the content in the game and not the contact element, where players may be exposed to swearing and offensive language from strangers, either through audio or on-screen text chat.

Have an open and honest conversation with your child. It's important to involve yourself in your child's online life and a simple and effective way to this is by talking to them about their life online. Try to maintain an open dialogue with your child and find opportunities to talk to them about what they love to do online. Parents can help children access the amazing resources the internet has to offer whilst keeping them safe online at the same time. Asking your child about how they play Fortnite and what they like about it is a great way to start a conversation. Our conversation starters can help you to have this conversation.

Play with them. It may seem daunting, but one of the best things that you can do is to engage with the gaming environment and begin to understand what makes Fortnite so attractive to young people, as well as giving yourself an idea of the reporting tools available within the game.

After School Clubs

Monday

Bushcraft with Miss Brown
3.15—4.15 Year 5/6

Tuesday

Art Club with All-Star Productions
12.15—12.55 KS1 & 2

Multi-Skills with NUFC Foundation
3.00—4.15 KS1

Wednesday

Drama Club with All-Star Productions
3.15—4.15 KS 1 & 2

Thursday

Street Dance with All-Star Productions
3.00—4.00 KS1 & 2



Upcoming Dates

Here are some dates for your diary for next half-term. They are as follows:

Wednesday 13th—Friday 15th June

Year 5/6 Hawkhurst Residential.

Tuesday 3rd July

Transition Day

Thursday 12th July

Sports Day - EYs am Main School pm

Tuesday 17th July

Reports

Thursday 19th July

Leavers Assembly - 2 pm

Friday 20th July

Last Day of term

Nursery Lunches

For two weeks, starting Monday 2nd July, we are providing the chance for Nursery children to stay for lunch as part of their transition for next year.

You will have to pay for your child to stay, £2.20 per day.

A letter will come out next half term for you to sign up if you would like to.



Consultations

The consultations that went out at the beginning of this half term are still open. If you have not expressed your views on the lengthening of the school day or changing the school holidays make sure you do. See the school office for details.