



8th February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

A slightly shorter week this week for us at Chacewater and a slightly shorter newsletter! We have still been fighting some nasty cold bugs that have been doing the rounds but hopefully our half term break has come at the right time and we will have a much healthier second half of the term.

On Tuesday we held a recruitment process to find a teacher for the summer term in Year 4 (Bur Oaks), while Miss Hoare continues her maternity leave. We are delighted to have been able to appoint Miss Emily Tucknott, who will join our team officially after the Easter Holidays but will be in school for some transition days before this. I know we will all make her feel very welcome.

This week we also marked Safer Internet day and we have been talking to our children about the importance of everyone's online behaviour and the need to be KIND. Please see the poster below which is really good to discuss with your children. I would also encourage you to check out our online safety newsletters which can all be found [HERE](#).

A BIG THANK YOU to the PTA for organising yesterday's 'break the rules day' - it was great fun and we had lots of very excited children! We have some exciting plans for the money being raised – watch this space!

Finally, we have now adopted our new, academy trust, attendance policy and strategy. This new policy brings with it more robustness in dealing with attendance, including holiday requests and lateness. There is a tiered approach to dealing with concerns and where concerns continue exist, fixed penalty notices could be issued. This policy can found [HERE](#). I will write with further detail after half term. Everyday in school really does matter and I hope that we can work together to continue to improve school attendance.

I hope you all have a great half term.

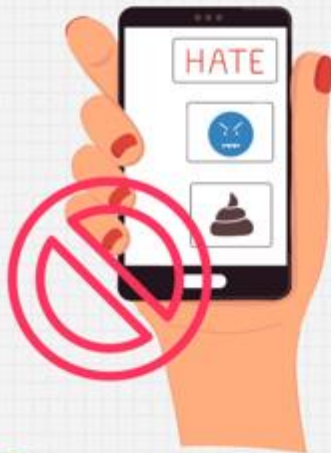
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INSPIRING CHANGE ONLINE!



- 1** Be kind to yourself and others
- 2** Treat others the way you wish to be treated
- 3** Report bullying to a trusted adult



- 4** Don't copy the behaviour of others if it feels wrong
- 5** Don't spread unkind rumours or gossip
- 6** Remember, we are all different and may not always agree

- 7** Don't speak out in anger
- 8** Make amends if you have upset someone
- 9** Don't say things online you wouldn't face-to-face
- 10** Be a good listener



Homework – Key Stage 2

Reading - Children should read at home for at least 25 minutes daily (building up to 30 minutes towards the end of the year) as part of their homework. Children on AR will be able to quiz and change their books at least 3 times per week.

Spelling - Spellings will be set on a Friday and quizzed the following Friday (please access [Spelling Shed](#) for your child's weekly spellings). Spelling Shed is part of our home learning and we ask that children log in at home and play for 10 minutes at least three or four times a week

Number fluency - Numbots and TTRockstars are part of our home learning and we ask that children log in at home and play for 10 minutes at least three or four times a week.

Wider curriculum - each half term there are also a choice of additional home learning opportunities for children to engage with, as outlined in our 'Leap into Learning' document.

Year 6 only - Weekly Maths/SPAG - Homework will be given out on a Monday, to then be handed in the following Monday.

Acorns Reading



Over the coming Fridays we would like to welcome parents of our reception children, who would like to, into the class, first thing in the morning at drop off, to share some reading time with their children. Parents will need to leave the classroom by 8.55am so that the children can move to phonics.

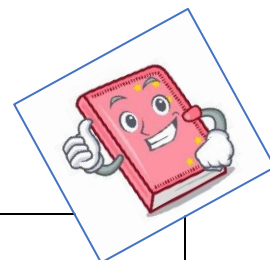
World Book Day

World Book Day, March 7th. Come to school dressed as your favourite author or book character. bring your favourite book into school.

From the PTA

We hope the children (and teachers) enjoyed the make the rules day this week!
Thankyou so much to everyone who made a donation - you helped raise over **£200** which is absolutely amazing!!

This year we are raising money to help with extending the wooden play trail in the big playground so stay tuned for more fundraising activities coming up in the coming months.



<u>Dates For Your Diary</u>	
8.2.24	Y3 Trip to Eden
8.2.24	End of Half Term
9.2.24	SCHOOL INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN
19.2.24	Start of half term
7.3.24	World Book Day
27.3.24	PTA Disco
28.3.24	End of Spring Term
15.4.24	Start of Summer Term
24.5.24	End of half term
3.6.24	Start of half term
17.7.24	Leavers Disco
23.7.24	End of Summer Term