

# Chisenhale Chatter

Chisenhale Primary School Bow



Learning Together for a Better Future

25/1/19

Thank you to the PTA and Ruth for a really successful Film Night last week, what a great turn out and lovely snacks and popcorn.

We have continued thinking about respect this week, remembering Martin Luther King and his thought that 'Life's most persistent and urgent question is - what are you doing for others?'

The attendance team have been checking the attendance of all the children and it's great to see how many have been coming to school every day. Some parents will have a letter, or will have been asked to have a meeting with me to discuss how to improve the attendance of their child.

The Governors' School Improvement Committee met on Tuesday to monitor our progress against targets and were happy with our direction of travel.

We are already planning this year's Art Week which will be from 1st to 5th of July. If any parents are artists or designers and think they may be able to commit a little time to work with us during that week, please let me or Ruth know as soon as possible.

Wrap up warm this weekend.

**Sharon Taylor-Sezgin, Headteacher**

## Recycling needed

We still need clear 2-litre plastic bottles please!

## Looking after your child's teeth

Last week we had a parent workshop on looking after your child's teeth. Some tips we would like to share with parents:

- Brush twice a day (anytime in the morning and very last thing at night) Don't rinse your mouth after brushing; just spit the toothpaste out.
- Supervise brushing until your child is 8 years old. Children can start brushing, but it can be useful for parents to 'finish off cleaning', particularly the back teeth, which are hard to reach.
- Help children with brushing from behind the child - not in front of their face. This can be off-putting for them plus you are more at risk of hitting their tonsils and back of their throat.
- Stop using a bottle as soon as possible and move to a free-flow 'sippy cup' for all drinks.

Zara Lansdale has volunteered to be the parent champion on this and you can contact her for any further information.

## Dates for your diary

**Every Tuesday this half-term** Jane and Ruth will be holding a family support drop-in from 9-11am in the schoolhouse. If you are struggling with parenting issues, accessing services or need some help with filling out forms or applications either call in or see Ruth or Jane to make an appointment. Our advice drop-in with Maria from Overland Children's Centre will now be on the last Thursday of the month, next one 31<sup>st</sup> January.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February**, 9am in the library, **PTA meeting**  
**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February**, 9am in the library, **Knife Crime Workshop** for parents. Find out the facts and learn how best to protect your family. Not suitable for younger children. Also, cooking in the schoolhouse for Quiz Night.  
**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February**, 8pm, **PTA Curry and Quiz Night** - this is for the grown-ups only, but friends and neighbours are welcome to come along, too.

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February**, 9am in the library, **Parent Voice session**. Please join us for a consultation on our school vision and values - this is your chance to contribute and we very much want to hear your views. Parents not able to attend will be able to email us their thoughts after the event.

*Please look in your child's book bag for a copy of our Spring Term dates, which has also been emailed to you.*