

Chisenhale Chatter

Chisenhale Primary School Bow



Learning Together for a Better Future

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Happy New Year and welcome back to school.

All the staff look refreshed and are raring to go. We spent the day on Wednesday reviewing our policy on behaviour, talking about reading and being arty!

There were Pirates Ahoy on Thursday when the whole of Key Stage One had their 'Big Bang' to excite and entice them into their Pirate topic. Look out for your topic letters to tell you what the children will be learning across the school this term.

We are in the process of putting together a new school website which we hope will be really user friendly and give you all the relevant and up to date information you need. On Monday we have a photographer coming in to school to take photographs for our new school website. Please make sure the children look their best and have their school uniforms on. The school believes that the wearing of school uniform promotes a positive attitude, a sense of community and belonging to the school and a suitable image in the eyes of the wider community. School uniform at Chisenhale, which should ALL be named, consists of:

- Navy or black trousers or skirt or a blue chequered summer dress
- Chisenhale School jumper or a plain navy jumper
- White shirt/polo shirt
- Sensible school shoes or trainers
- Please also remember no jewellery unless it is small stud earrings.

We have had a couple of incidents where parents have approached other parents regarding concerns about children and incidents in school. Please do not do this. We need to be informed of any concerns you have so that they can be properly investigated and dealt with. I am in the playground most mornings and afternoons, and if not you can always ask the office to make an appointment to see me. Alternatively, Ms McCarthy or the phase leaders will happily speak to you and sort out any concerns - Bonnie in the EYFS; Ms Miles in KS1; Ms Nyes for Years 3 and 4; Ms Randles for Years 5 and 6.

Sharon Taylor-Sezgin Headteacher

New family support surgery every month

Overland Children's Centre are running a monthly family support surgery in school, starting in January. The first session will be on Thursday 11th January and then they will come in on the first Thursday of the month. For the first session we will run a coffee morning/info session and after that parents can make an appointment with the family support worker.

They can advise on behaviour, routines, welfare and benefits and support parents with getting back into employment. They can also help with referrals to speech therapy and other services for children who are not yet in school. They can also support families with older children with more general issues.

Changes to the EYFS

The Early Years has had a make-over in the holidays! Chris has worked very hard taking down walls, putting in doors and building a beautiful perspex wall. Thanks to the PTA we have some new furniture and carpets too. It looks fabulous, and will look even better after the next break.

Last term was spent reviewing how we did things in the early years and considering how it could be improved. We visited other schools, took advice from the local authority and did lots of talking in the team. There were already changes from September as we no longer had a part-time Nursery class but we felt that the environment wasn't working as well as it could when we needed to do our focus teaching. The best way to do this was to make the 'home' classes separate: we now have one Nursery class with 36 children and two small Reception classes with 22/23 children. The staff have moved around a little, but everyone is still there. The children spend the majority of the day moving around the whole space, but the Reception classes can now close their doors and the Nursery still have free-flow in two large rooms and the playground when necessary. This reflects how the rest of the school is organised with children being taught English and maths in their year groups and in mixed classes for the rest of their curriculum subjects.

Don't forget to apply for your Reception place – if you have a child in Nursery and would like a place in Reception next year you must apply online by 15th January.