



Chivenor Newsletter

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"In you we believe"

Dear Chivenor Families

As the Autumn term and 2022 draws to a close, I am sure you will all agree that it has been quite a year! As we look back and reflect on this term and the year, I am sure like me, you are filled with happy memories and are overwhelmingly proud of all that we have achieved together as a school, family of schools within the Trust and in our community. It is not easy to choose any one success as we have achieved so much, created so many wonderful opportunities and experiences for our pupils and made so much progress.

This half term we held parents evening and I want to thank you all for the supportive and thankful comments that were received. It was particularly pleasing to read so many positive comments about our communication. Facebook, Twitter, Class Dojo, emails, texts and our school website are keeping you all informed of school life, events, messages and about our learning.

The last two weeks have been full of song! As a trust, our drive to ensure that our curriculum offer is wide ranging and high quality is paramount. Our music offer is something that, at this time of the year, shines. Our pupils have taken part in 'Gabriela Roar' at Coventry Cathedral; have performed the whole school version the Grinch; sang for the community with our proud tradition that is 'Carols on the Vale'; have seen our drama group perform 'Christmas Carol' and will end with 'Mince pies and carols at the end of school today. Providing our Griffins with the opportunities to perform is very important to us, it is part of our culture whilst enriching their lives and it is lovely to see them flourish and their confidence grow.

So as we all prepare to spend quality time with our family and friends, I would like to express my gratitude to each and everyone of you for the support you give to school. I would also like to offer a heartfelt thank you to all the staff that make everything we do possible.

We will be ready to welcome you back through our gates on Tuesday 3rd January 2023 to continue our journey of exploring, performing and learning. Until then, have a magical Christmas together with loved ones.

Wishing you the very best of festive wishes

Lisa Guest

Executive Headteacher

Social Media & Communication

We have a number of methods of communicating with our parents. If you haven't already, please follow our Facebook and Twitter pages where we share all the amazing things we do here at Chivenor. If you could give us a 'like' or a 'share' that would be appreciated. Class dojo is also being used to communicate what your child is doing in class and general whole school news. We try to update this daily. Any likes and comments are appreciated.

Please note that any messages need to come to school via Class Dojo NOT Facebook Messenger.

Proud Traditions

Wide Horizons

High Achievement

Farnborough Road, Castle Vale, Birmingham, B35 7JA

Phone number: 0121 675 9833 **Mail:** enquiries@chivenor-gst.org

ATTENDANCE SUPERSTARS!

AUTUMN 2 HALF TERM

The winning classes for the
Autumn Term are...

KS1 Attendance
Champions:

1B

90.50%

KS2 Attendance
Champions:

5C

92.94%

Getting Your Child to School Really Matters



Did You Know... ?

In a School Year, If Your Child is Late Every Day By...	Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...	or They Would Have Missed Approximately...
5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

The winning year group for this
half term is...

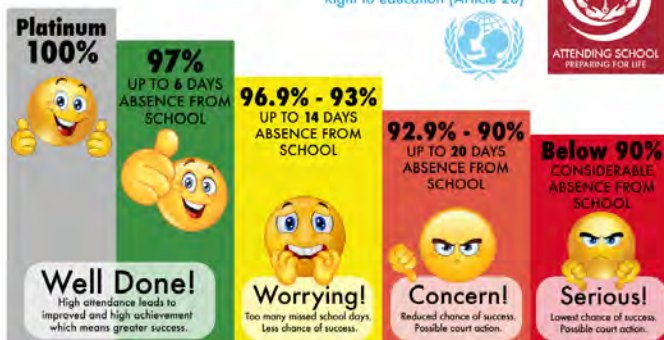


YEAR 5

92.28%

WHAT IS YOUR ATTENDANCE?

Right to education (Article 28)



There are 175 non school days a year.
That's plenty of time to go on visits, holidays, shopping and other appointments.

#SchoolAttendanceMatters

Top Track-its



Congratulations to the top 3
classes for an incredible
number of track-its this term:

1st: Y5 Curie— 3317

2nd: Y5 Hawkins— 3205

3rd: Y6 Patel—3185

Congratulations also to the top
5 track-it winners:

1) Scarlett—194

2) Rocco—187

3) Alayna—174

4) Macie—169

5) Freddie—163

ATTENDANCE SUPERSTARS!

AUTUMN TERM

The winning classes for
this term are...

KS1 Attendance
Champions:

2W

91.63%

KS2 Attendance
Champions:

5C

93.46%



The winning year group for this
term is...

YEAR 5

93.34%



Attendance Matters



#SchoolAttendanceMatters

51 Attendance Champions!
100% attendance this term



Reception:

Oscar

Year 1:

Yara, Lexi, Cole, Bella-Louise, Damian & Mason

Year 2:

Michael & Rachel

Year 3:

Maya, Sophia, Hassane, Housseine, Holly, Lacey, Megan, Amelia, Josh, Victor & Kyle

Year 4:

Ruth-Ann, Harri, Thea, Phoebe, Lorrain, Kian, Rayan, Mabel, Sophie, Joel, Amaya, Anna & Eva

Year 5:

Shahed, Leo, Evie, Moriah, Lacie-Mai, Sain-abou, Mya & Safwan

Year 6:

Faith, Caitlin, Mason, Lexy, Noah, Junior, Miya, Minha, Aiden & Freya



We are a 'Rights Respecting School'

Article 14

Every child has the right to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights.



Handle with care

If your family is experiencing difficulties at home, I would like to provide additional support at school.

I understand that you are not always able to share details and that's okay. If your child is coming into school after a difficult night, morning or weekend, please email me 'Handle with care' and your child's name and class to the email:

safeguarding@chivenor-gst.org

Nothing else will be said or asked. This will let me know that your child may need extra time, patience or help during the day.

Mrs Cox & the Chivenor team



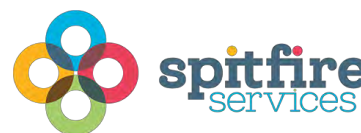
If you do wish to talk about it, please also know that our door is always open and the kettle is always on!



ASDA

Did you know that every day, for the rest of this year, your children can eat at ASDA Café's across the country for just £1, with no adult spend required. Depending on the store and the café there will be a hot and a cold meal available. For much younger children and babies there's free baby food pouches. With the cost of living crisis being what it is, all of us can benefit from this. But for those who are really struggling, this could be a lifeline. Please share to help somebody who needs it.

Please see page 12 for a list of useful emergency numbers for use over the Christmas holidays.





- *Tues 3rd Jan: Return to school
- *Tues 17th Jan: Y2 Selly Manor Trip
- *Wed 18th Jan: Y1 Parent workshop– maths am
- *Wed 18th Jan: Y2 Parent workshop– maths pm
- *Tues 24th Jan: Rec parents meeting Wellcom
- *Wed 25th Jan: Y6 Parents meeting– SATs
- *Thurs 26th Jan: Rec Wonder Dome Trip
- *Thurs 26th Jan: Y5 Wonder Dome Trip
- *Wed 1st Feb: Y3 Parents Workshop– maths
- *Wed 1st Feb: Y4 Parents Workshop– maths
- *Wed 8th Feb: Y5 Parents Workshop– maths
- *Wed 8th Feb: Y6 Parents Workshop– maths
- *Friday 17th February– last day of term



All dates for the school year are available on our schools app.

Term Dates - 2022/23

Autumn Term 1

Starts: Wednesday 7th September 2022
Finishes: Friday 21st October 2022
Half Term holiday: 22/10/22 - 30/10/22

Autumn Term 2:

Starts: 31st October 2022
Finishes: 16th December 2022
Christmas holiday: 17/12/22 - 02/01/23

Spring Term 1

Starts: Tuesday 3rd January 2023
Finishes: Friday 17th February 2023
Half Term holiday: 18/02/23 - 27/02/23

Spring Term 2:

Starts: Tuesday 28th February 2023
Finishes: Friday 31st March 2023
Easter holiday: 01/04/23 - 16/04/23

Summer Term 1

Starts: Monday 17th April 2023
Finishes: Friday 26th May 2023
Half Term holiday: 27/05/23 - 04/06/23

Summer Term 2:

Starts: Monday 5th June 2023
Finishes: Friday 21st July 2023
Summer Holiday: starts on 22nd July 2023

Clubs for 2023



Our new clubs for the new year will soon be shared with parents. Make sure you book as soon as you can via ParentPay as there are limited spaces for each club. There is an impressive list of clubs in the new year including Yoga, Craft, Story Club, Multi-skills, Cricket, Coding, Dance, Swimming, Handball etc. We are always looking for ideas for different clubs so add your suggestions to the suggestion boxes in school. Thank you to all our staff who run these clubs.

Reception Places for September 2023

If your child was born between 1st September 2018 and 31 August 2019, they will be able to start school in September 2023. Parents must apply online for a reception place at Chivenor Primary via the Birmingham City Council website. Parents can make an appointment via the school office if they require any help completing the online form or to arrange a tour. Further information can be found on the Birmingham City Council website:

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions/1786/apply_for_reception_class_or_primary_school/4

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Clubs during the Autumn Term

We are proud of the wide range of clubs that have been offered to our Griffins over the past term. From Forest School, arts, photography, baking, drama and board games, as well as a number of sporting clubs— our Griffins, and staff, have had a lot of fun along the way!



Sports & Arts Fund

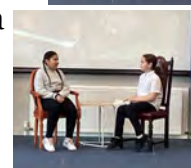
Congratulations to our Griffins who were awarded items from the GST Sports & Arts fund. This fund was set up by the Griffin Schools Trust Fund to support children to pursue arts and sports outside of school and to enable them to reach 'High Achievements' in wider curriculum areas.

Applications for this fund will be open again later in the year.



Drama Club presents 'A Christmas Carol'

We are so proud of our drama club children who put on a fantastic production of 'A Christmas Carol.' Our Griffins practised every Friday after school and worked hard to learn their lines and actions. Their High Achievement was evident through their slick performance and the children watching in the audience said they had done a brilliant job. A special mention to Leonie who played Scrooge and was on stage for the entire show.



Sporting opportunities at Greenwood

We have strong links with Greenwood, evident in the number of opportunities open to our children this term. A group of Year 5 and 6 girls visited to take part in a number of sports including basketball and dodgeball in the dark! The girls thoroughly enjoyed this glow in the dark sport and we look forward to continuing developing sports provision with Greenwood in 2023!



Y4 visit to see 'The Lion King'

As part of their Wide Horizon's programme, Y4 travelled to the Lyceum Theatre in London to watch 'The Lion King'.

Willow: "I really enjoyed the show. The costumes were amazing!"

Amaya: "My favourite parts were when everyone came on stage at the start and the end when they were singing and dancing to the Circle of Life".



Do you want to build a snowman?

A number of our Year groups were invited to watch the production of 'Frozen' at Greenwood Academy this week. Our Griffins had a fabulous time and were impressed with the acting and singing. It was lovely seeing a few of our past Griffins too!



Carols on the Vale

Our Proud Christmas Tradition of singing Carols on the Vale was a lovely event this week. Staff, parents and our Griffins shared and spread Christmas cheer through song on the streets of Castle Vale. Thank you to all those who braved the plummeting temperatures.



Wellbeing Warriors

Our Anti-bullying Ambassadors have been re-branded and are now known as our 'Wellbeing Warriors' as they have a wider role in our school. They have recently taken part in anti-racism training and have lots of ideas that they are planning to role out to other year groups in 2023. Watch this space!



'In Dulci Jublio'

14 of our Y6 Griffins travelled to Coventry Cathedral to perform in the Christmas Concert, 'In Dulci Jublio'. More than 1,000 people performed and it was a magical night with some difficult pieces. Our Griffins represented Chivenor beautifully.

Serenity: "The best bit of all was the building— it was very grand."

Minha: "I enjoyed it when they told us about the instruments, the songs and the languages we sung them in."



I don't remember what I had
for Christmas at age 5,7, or 10.
I do remember the fairy lights,
And leaving a mince pie for Santa.
I remember the tin of chocolates
being passed around and playing games.
It's the memories that make the
Magic, not the gifts.
❤️
Don't get into debt for Christmas
Love is all that's needed.
(And a decent roast potato, obviously 🤪)

Parent Workshops

It has been a busy term and we have all really enjoyed welcoming our parents in to take part in a number of workshops. We have offered workshops from phonics and Wellcomm, to reading and Christmas crafts. It has been lovely seeing so many parents & carers attend and seeing them and our Griffins working so well together. We have a number of workshops in the new year so please keep an eye on the calendar. It is really important that we continue to work together to strengthen home and school partnerships so thank you to all those who have attended this year so far, for their support. We look forward to working with more parents in the new year.



Griffin suggestions

Thank you to all our Griffins for the suggestions they have made to make our school even better. We look at every single one of them and will do our best to make them a reality!

- ⇒ 'We should get higher level books'
- ⇒ 'We should have Supertato books in the book corners'
- ⇒ 'More volley-ball'
- ⇒ 'More active lessons'
- ⇒ 'A gymnastics club after school'



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

Our Griffins have had a lovely lead up to Christmas. Christmas lunch and jumper day were a huge success with the star cookies going down particularly well!





Kath Stanczyszyn and her team came to Chivenor to produce their live Christmas show. Our Griffins were amazing and helped Kath do the time checks and bring some Christmas cheer to the people of the West Midlands. Kath and her team were extremely complimentary about Chivenor and all our Griffins. The children were able to see how a radio show is produced and watched live interviews, listened to the production and some Griffins were even interviewed themselves!

If you missed the show, the link below is available until 31st December 2022:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/>



Reverse Advent Calendar

Thank you to all those who donated food items to our Reverse Advent Calendar this year. The parcels have been made up and distributed to our families in need and the rest have been donated to the Spitfire Services. We are hoping this will become one of our Proud Traditions going forward, as we remember those who are less fortunate at this time of year. Thank you also to Melanie Norman from Poundland on the Erdington High St, who has donated a number of cards to school to raise funds.



Road Safety Week

Our Griffins had a visit from PCSO Duncan Long during Road Safety Week. PCSO Long brought a speed camera with him and our Griffins used it to see who was the fastest runner! We have had a number of children not crossing safely outside of school so please remind your children of the road safety rules.



Winter Water Safety - West Midlands Fire Service

Winter is especially dangerous because of the temptation to play on ice formed over open water, rivers or canals. It's risky for everyone, but both children and pets are especially at risk, as well as adults who might attempt to rescue them. Please stay safe!



www.wmfs.net

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to help an informed conversation about online safety with their children. Please don't forget to read this guide to help you stay on top of things before which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guidance, tips and sign up for alerts.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SETTING UP APPS, GAMES AND SOFTWARE

Millions of new phones, tablets, laptops and games consoles will be nestling under Christmas trees this year. However, even if parents and carers have gone to the trouble of setting up these new devices and enabling the safety features, there are still potential hazards in the apps, games and software that children will want to install and use. Knowing what to look for and discussing those risks with your child may help avoid any nasty surprises this Christmas. Here are our top tips for ensuring that unwrapping this year's presents doesn't unleash any unexpected dangers.

TAKE NOTE OF AGE RATINGS

Back when most games were bought in shops, checking the age rating was easy: it was on the front of the box. Now that most games are downloaded, it's tougher – but not impossible. All reputable download stores show a game's age rating in the point of purchase, and you can check the ratings of a specific title your child wants to play at videogamesratings.org.uk/ratingboard/games.

CHECK THE SPECS

To avoid let-downs, check a game's specs before buying – especially for PC or Mac, where games often need a particular graphics chip or processor to work. Visit www.systemrequirements.com to add your computer to see if it will run certain games properly. On consoles, make sure you're buying the right version: some newer Xbox or PlayStation games won't play on older consoles.

'FREE' ISN'T ALWAYS FREE

The games market has changed radically in recent years. Many titles are free to download, but then tempt players to pay for cosmetic items (as in Fortnite), or to unlock additional content. There can be huge peer pressure for children to pay for these items. Agree a budget for in-game purchases before the game is downloaded, and make sure children can't authorize in-game purchases by themselves.

MONITOR IN-GAME COMMS

Voice chat with friends is part of the fun of modern gaming – but danger lurks here too. Many titles have open chat systems, meaning that children could speak to strangers or hear adult language and verbal abuse when games get particularly competitive. Using a shared family area (as opposed to alone in bedrooms) for online gaming is a good way to keep an occasional ear on what's being said.

BE WARY OF GIFTS

Titles like Roblox, Minecraft and Fortnite have in-game currencies, which can be bought through progress in the game – but can also be bought with real money. A common scam is for a young player to be offered currency if they click a link, visit a certain site or contact another user directly. Warn your child about such offers; they should show you if they're in any doubt over an in-game gift.

DISABLE IN-APP PURCHASING

It's not wise to leave children with devices that can make in-app purchases without your permission. On shared devices (like iPads, which don't allow user accounts), check the settings to ensure that in-app purchasing requires the account holder's password, fingerprint or face ID.

APPS ARE AGE RATED, TOO

Like games, apps in the major stores have age ratings, too – so you can see in advance whether an app is appropriate for your child. Additionally, phones' parental control settings allow you to set age limits, preventing young ones from downloading unsuitable apps themselves. These ratings aren't infallible, however: we've seen TV apps featuring adult shows with an age rating of 3, for example.

CONSIDER STORAGE

Most apps and games will tell you in the online store how much space they need on a device. Check this carefully – especially with games, which can run into hundreds of megabytes and beyond. If you don't have enough free storage on a device to run the game or app, you won't get it reaping from the store. You can manually check a device's available storage space through the settings menu.

WATCH OUT FOR IMITATORS

Even in the official stores, untrustworthy rogue apps can slip through the net. Common tricks are apps or games that have a slightly different name to the genuine article (Farming rather than Fortnite, for instance) or use logos which deliberately look very similar to the official app. To avoid downloading these imitations, read the app's description and check who the publisher is listed as.

LEGAL APPS THAT BREAK THE LAW

There are many apps that are perfectly legal but enable illegal activity – streaming live football, for example, without paying for it or for the rights to show it. There are also apps that enable illegal activity, such as those that allow users to share copyrighted material without permission. Watch for children installing unknown apps with "TV", "stream" or "sport" in the name.

IN-APP REGISTRATION

It's common for apps and games to ask users to register, entering personal details like email address, date of birth and other information you might not want your child to divulge. Ask them to get your permission before giving any personal info to an app – and consider using your details rather than the child's, so they're not targeted by marketing spam or put at risk of having their data stolen.

STAY UPDATED

Most games and apps are subject to regular updates, which not only offer new content and features but also provide critical security improvements. Children tend to ignore such updates – so it's important that you understand when they're important, or they simply want to get straight on with gaming. Check your child's devices periodically to make sure these updates are being installed.

Meet Our Expert

Amy Collins has been a technology journalist and editor for more than 20 years, working for titles such as the Sunday Times, The Independent and the Daily Mail. She's also a regular contributor to technology journals on television and radio, including on Newsnight, BBC's 5 Live and ITV News at Ten. She has two children and has written regularly about internet safety issues.

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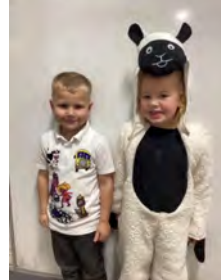
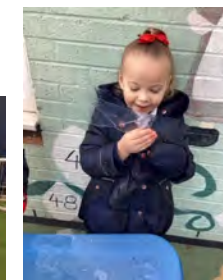
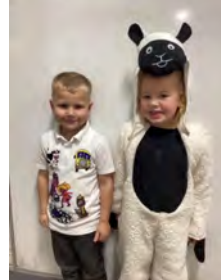
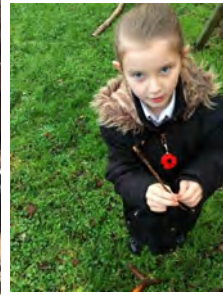
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This half term in pictures

What an amazing half term we have had!



Anti bullying week 2022

Reach out

USEFUL CONTACTS:

ACAS West Midlands	0843 504 7351
Birmingham City Council Benefit Service	0843 504 7398
Birmingham City Council Emergency Duty Team	0121 675 4806
Birmingham City Council Homelessness	0121 303 7410
Birmingham Drug Line	0121 632 6363
British Red Cross Birmingham	0121 766 5444
Castle Vale Community Housing	0121 748 8100
Compass Support	0121 748 8111
Dog Warden animal rescue house	0121 475 8729
Domestic Violence 24 Hour	0808 2000 247
DWP	0845 604 3719
Hardship Payment	0345 600 0723
Immigration Advice Service	0121 667 5838
Shelter West Midlands	0344 515 1800
Sifa Fireside	0121 766 1700
Social Services	0121 352 0135
The Trussell Trust Foodbank	07775 465 062
Wellbeing Hub	0121 262 3555

And finally... On behalf of all the staff at Chivenor and the Griffin Schools Trust, we wish you all a very happy Christmas and see you all in 2023!

