



Chivenor Newsletter

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"In you we believe"

Dear Chivenor Families,

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2023 and what a bumper edition it is!

Communication is key and we are proud of all the ways we keep in touch– website, OurSchools app, Class Dojo, Twitter, Facebook and this newsletter! We have so much to share and celebrate.

Our parent workshops are going from strength to strength and it was lovely to see so many of you engaged and enjoying the learning with your children. We have 6 more before we break up and look forward to welcoming you.

Today, our Pupil Parliament led our school assembly, explaining their roles as MPs and the changes they are looking to make. Our Wellbeing Warriors have also been busy arranging events for Internet Safety Day. Next week, I am meeting with our Learning Council and Eco-Warriors. I look forward to hearing what they have to say. Pupil voice is incredibly important, as is Parental voice. Therefore, in the next week you will receive a link to a short survey about school and I welcome you to contribute so we can keep growing stronger as a school community for all our children. Thank you in advance.

The next few newsletter editions will be edited and introduced by each of our Deputies in turn, but I am sure I will pop up somewhere.

Have a wonderful weekend.

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.

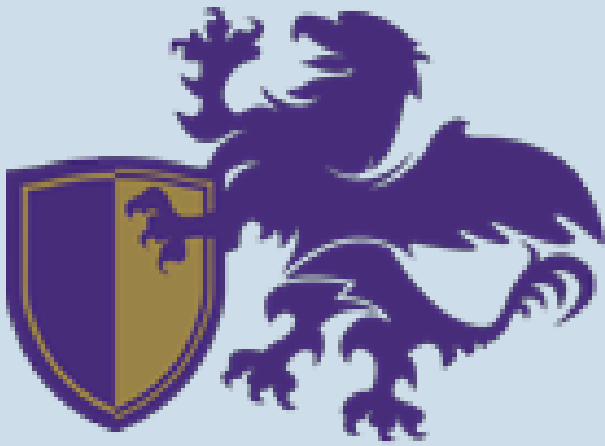
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Our Young Griffins this week:

Rec: Meer O

Y1S: Scarlett

Y1B: Skylar S

Y2K: Scarlett

Y2W: Rachel

Y3P: Marlie

Y3W: Noah

Y4B: Logan C

Y4C: Tia

Y5C: Faizan

Y5H: Leanie

Y6O: Paige

Y6P: Kiera



Our Book token

Winners of the Week:



We are so excited that our Book Vending Machine is now fully stocked up and the first tokens were handed out today.

Our Griffins can earn tokens by completing AR tests or by the number of words they have read during that week. AR tests can be completed both in school and at home and checks that your child understands what they are reading.

Well done to the first of our token winners!

Please encourage reading a range of texts at home with your children and record this in their home readers.



Parent Workshops

The start of the new year has already seen a number of parent workshops taking place including Wellcomm workshops and Y1 and Y2 maths workshops. We look forward to more over the coming weeks (listed below). Staff have commented on how enthusiastic our parents were in supporting learning using every day objects and look forward to see photos of the maths activities taking place at home. We have had a tremendous turnout with really positive feedback received! Thank you! Home and school working together is vital –

Together we are stronger in supporting our Griffins to be the best they can be.

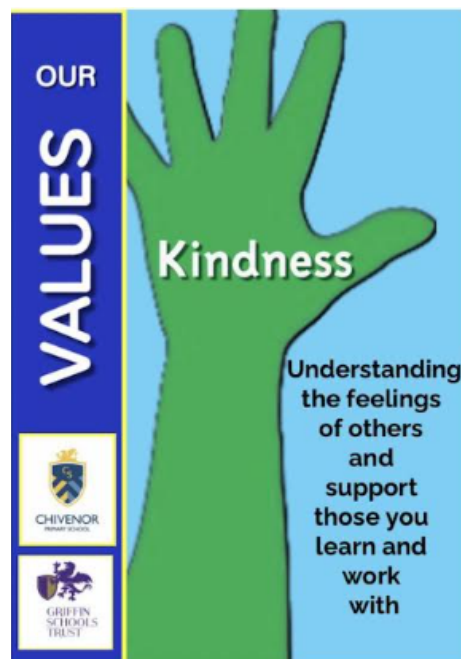


Workshops coming up: Sign up via ParentPay

- *Mon 6th Feb: Parent Internet Safety Workshop
- *Tues 7th Feb: Parent Internet Safety Workshop
- *Wed 8th Feb: Y5 & Y6 Parents Workshop– maths
- *Wed 15th Feb: Early Help Coffee morning
- *Wed 15th Feb: Y3 & Y4 Parents Workshop– maths

How are you showing this half terms School Value at home?

We would love to hear how our Griffins are showing kindness at home. Let your teachers know via Class Dojo.



A photograph of three children dressed as firefighters. Two boys in the foreground wear black hats with gold buckles, black jackets with reflective yellow-green stripes, and black pants. The boy on the left has red and white sneakers, while the boy on the right has black sneakers. A girl in the background wears a pink hooded sweatshirt. They are standing on a wooden floor in a room with a striped wall and a blackboard.

A vibrant red illustration for the Chinese New Year of the Rabbit. On the left, a stylized white rabbit with long ears sits on a red and white checkered pattern. To its right, the Chinese characters '兔子' (Rabbit) are written vertically in white. Further right, the year '2023' is displayed in large, bold, white numerals with a red and white checkered pattern. Above the year, the text 'CHINESE NEW YEAR' is written in white capital letters. At the bottom, 'YEAR OF THE RABBIT' is written in white capital letters. The background is a solid red color with a subtle pattern of red and white checkered squares.

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A close-up photograph of a wooden guitar body, showing the 'Numbus 2000' logo engraved in gold. The logo features a stylized 'N' with a vertical line through it, followed by 'umbus' and '2000' below it. The wood has a warm, reddish-brown finish.

All our Griffins have enjoyed our NSPCC Number Day today.

ATTENDANCE SUPERSTARS!

Week beg: 30th Jan 2023

**The winning classes for the
week are...**

**KS1 Attendance
Champions:**

1S

95.50%

**KS2 Attendance
Champions:**

5C

95%

Did you know that your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?

That's when every minute counts the most!

Every day, every moment counts in the life of every child in our school.

Do you need further support with attendance?

Mrs Cox and Mrs Hinkley are always available to offer advice and support to help ensure your child is able to attend every day and reach their full potential.

Please call the office to book an appointment or a call-back.



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

**The winning year group for this
week is...**

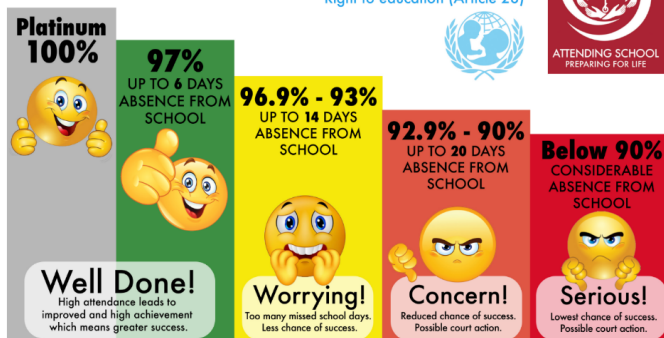


YEAR 5

95%

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



Being on time is just as important!

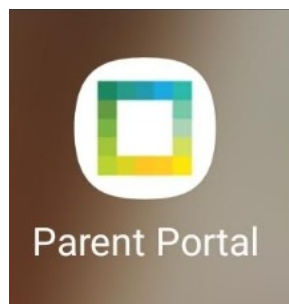
If you miss 15 minutes every day for one week, you have lost over an hour of learning!

Our gates open at 8:35am every day and lessons start at 8:50am.

Just a gentle reminder that school finishes at 3:15pm and after school clubs finish at 4:15pm. Parents, please don't be late!

From Monday 6th February 2023, our new tuck shop will be open for Year 5 and Year 6. This will be run by Y6 volunteers and all proceeds will be going towards the end of year Y6 Leavers events. All items will be 20p.

We are hoping to open it to Year 3 and 4 in the future, so watch this space!



Our Parent Portal is now up and running so we require all parents/carers to register as all communication will be via app/email.

Parent Portal will allow you to see your child's attendance so you can monitor this at home too. You will also be able to edit and update contact details without visiting the office, so communications will be improved even further. Please let the office know if you have any questions or require any support with this.

Coming soon!

Our Griffins will be taking part in Shakespeare Day on 10th February. Classes will be learning about the play 'A Comedy of Errors' which is about 'Family' - the Griffin Schools Trust theme this year. Our Griffins will take part in a number of Shakespeare themed activities, including Art, DT and even creating animations. The following week, our Year 4 children will have the exciting opportunity to visit Stratford-Upon-Avon to see where Shakespeare lived with his family. Some children will even become tour guides and tell others about what they have learnt.

"It is not in the stars to hold our destiny, but in ourselves" - William Shakespeare

Parent/Carer Book Swap

Reading is a focus for us at Chivenor this year and we want to also provide opportunities for our parents and carers to read for pleasure. It is beneficial if our young Griffins see adults reading too. Please look out for our red telephone box which will be based in the foyer by the office. Parents/Carers are welcome to take a book to read but we do ask that you return it in the condition in which it was taken. If you have any spare books that are no longer needed, we would appreciate any donations.



Partnerships with the Police

PCSO Duncan Long has visited a number of classes since starting back to discuss road safety, stranger danger and internet safety. We have a responsibility to teach our Griffins about the dangers and potential consequences of social media and using apps regardless of the age restrictions. If you allow your child to use these apps at home then please do not be surprised if they encounter issues as a result. Mrs Cox is currently working with PCSO Long and PC Aziz, from the Hate Crime dept, on an exciting new project to educate our Griffins on racism. Details to follow.



Early Help Coffee Morning



What support is available for
you and your family?

Come and have a chat and
find out what the Early Help
team can offer you.

Location: Chivenor Primary School
Date: Wednesday 15th February, 2023
Time: 9.00- 10.00 pm



Erdington Families helpline:
0121 748 8199

COME AND TRY BRING IT ON BRUM!



Suitable for children & young people aged 4-16
eligible for free school meals.

Young people and their families are encouraged to join us this
half -term at one of our **FREE** taster sessions, to learn all about
Birmingham's **FREE** Holiday Activity & Food Programme.

- Activity tasters including, Arts & Crafts, Cooking & Sports
- Signposting to further cost-of-living support services
- And much more!

**DON'T MISS OUT
THIS HALF-TERM!**

BOOK IN ADVANCE TO GET A FREE LUNCH WHEN YOU ATTEND

**TO BOOK A PLACE AT YOUR LOCAL
VENUE AND TO FIND OUT MORE GO TO:**

WWW.BRINGITONBRUM.CO.UK

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Wellbeing Warriors

Some of our wellbeing Warriors have been working really hard to organise and advertise a Parent Online Safety Workshop for Internet Safety Day.

You may have seen their posters around school and their video on our socials media. If you haven't already signed up to one of our workshops, please do so via ParentPay. We look forward to seeing more of their events in the futures.



Safer Internet Day

**You are invited to attend
a Parent workshop**

with PCSO Duncan Long

**to learn about & discuss
online dangers**

**Monday 6th February 2023 at
9am**

**Tuesday 7th February 2023
at 2:15pm**

**Help us, help you, to keep our Griffins
safer online**



We are a 'Rights Respecting School'

Article 2

All children have rights whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities, or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.



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!



Survivors of Domestic Violence

Peer Support Group

Have you been affected by domestic violence?

Compass are holding weekly peer support groups at the Sanctuary; an opportunity to interact with others who have similar experiences.

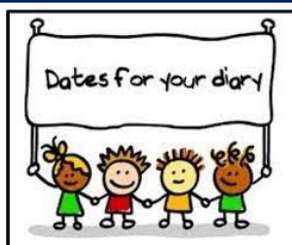
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For more details contact:

Compasspathwaysdap@compass-support.org.uk

0121-748-8111





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- *Fri 10th Feb: Shakespeare Day
- *Wed 15th Feb: Early Help Coffee morning
- *Wed 15th Feb: Y3 Parents Workshop– maths
- *Wed 15th Feb: Y4 Parents Workshop– maths
- *Friday 17th February– last day of term



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

Remember to follow us on Twitter
[@ChivenorP](https://twitter.com/ChivenorP)

For updates and celebrations of the wonderful things happening in our school



Your feedback does count!

We asked for parent feedback on how we can make our school a better place for all of our Griffins. We had a number of comments regarding the school dinners. We are delighted to announce that after half term, Dolce, will be providing our school dinners. Please look out for a welcome email where you will need to register your child and add any dietary requirements or allergies. Dolce will also be providing a taster session at parents evening on 21st March so why not come and have a taste for yourself!



Pre-loved Uniform Shop

Our pre-loved uniform shop (located on the Key Stage 1 playground) is proving to be extremely popular and we hope you are finding this useful. It will be open every Tuesday and Thursday after school from 3:15pm-3:30pm.

You can swap an item (must be clean and in good condition) or buy an item (Prices range between £1 and £2).



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

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And finally... 2023 so far!

