



Chivenor Newsletter

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"In you we believe"

Dear Chivenor Families,

As Heads of Lower and Upper School, we end the Spring term reflecting on the 3 Pillars which make up the foundations of our school and our Griffin Schools Trust.

We have enjoyed celebrating several Proud Traditions including Founders Day, Easter Egg competitions and World Book Day to name a few. We are constantly impressed with the growing attendance and support from our Griffin Families and community partnerships at these events and look forward to them strengthening even further over the coming months.

Our Griffins have attended a number of educational visits as well as taking part in events on school premises. These include the 'Little Einsteins' Assembly as part of the Science Symposium Week, 'The Lion King' in London, Harry Potter Studios and William Shakespeare's House. They have also competed against other schools in our Griffin Schools Trust in a number of sporting events. We are proud of the ever-increasing opportunities for our Griffins to widen their horizons, taking their education beyond the classroom.

Our third Pillar, is 'High Achievement'. As a school we are continually striving to ensure our Griffins reach their full potential and are delighted that this year we are holding our Easter Academy for selected Y6 Griffins. We are proud of our entire Chivenor family, children and staff, for their achievements over the past term.

Have a fabulous Easter break and we look forward to the exciting Summer term ahead.

Dawn Cox

Sylvia Werrett

Head of Lower School

Head of Upper School

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



The winning classes for last week are...

Lower School
Attendance
Champions:

3W
98.86%

Upper School
Attendance
Champions:

6P
91.67%



Attendance
Matters



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!



The winning class for Spring term

1 is...


3P
Well Done! 93.28%

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.

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

#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!

Founders Day

We were really pleased with the number of parents/carers who attended our Founders Day breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea. It was a lovely celebration giving us the opportunity to give something back to our Castle Vale Community. Our Griffins donated to a local foodbank, sang at Phoenix Court and did some litter picking around the area. Thank you to all those involved in making this Proud Tradition a successful event.



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Pupil Parliament

Pupil Parliament met with SLT to present their mood board of ideas for revamping our school canteen. Our Griffins have worked on it for several weeks and eventually agreed on a calming environment with lots of greenery to tie in with their outdoor quad area.

Watch this space as their ideas become a reality!



ALWAYS
Believe
IN
YOURSELF



Parents Evening

Thank you to all those who attended our Parents Evening. We had a number of representatives from our Community Partnerships with the Police, Community Environmental Trust and Children's Centre. We are planning a number of events with these partnerships in the summer term. Thank you to our Pupil

Parliament and City Year Staff who gave their time to direct parents.



Spurgeons **YoungStars** **Compass Support** **CEI**
Making lives and communities better
Community Environmental Trust

JOIN OUR HUGE COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

FREE WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH

Collect a map and complete all four locations to find the hidden words!

Starting at 10am @ Spurgeons Children Centre then head to...

Plenty of fun, activities and a surprise for all children with completed maps!!

Young stars B35 7PR followed by

Fancy dress encouraged !!

Community Environmental Trust B35 6DN and then finally to...

Compass Support The sanctuary B35 7PX

For more information contact Rebecca on 07525902694

Parent Workshops

We have had a great turnout from parents so far this half term for our DT workshops. Our Griffins and Staff really enjoy parents visiting and having the opportunity to get a little creative!



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

Snapshot of Sport

We have taken part in a number of Trust and Spark Active Competitions including basketball and an Infant Agility Hub Competition. Our PE sessions this term have included ball skills, hockey and dance, where our Reception Griffins have been moving to Nursery Rhymes and Y6 have been learning how to Ceili Dance. Our Griffins have demonstrated our Chivenor Values of respect, tolerance and resilience and shown determination, perseverance and great sportsmanship throughout.

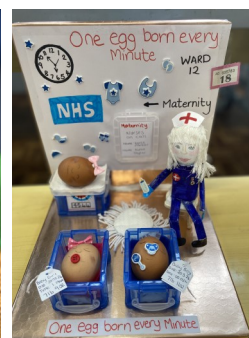
Just a reminder that Griffins are expected to wear PE kit on PE days. We have an increased number of Griffins not wearing kit and not being able to take part in PE. Thank you for your support with this.



PROUD TRADITIONS

Easter Competitions

This week, KS1 made some amazing Easter bonnets and KS2 decorated eggs to make an Easter egg scene. Parents/carers were invited into school to see the entries and they agreed that they were all amazing! Thank you to everyone for all their efforts!- they really were egg-cellent Here are a few of the amazing entries– look on dojo for the winning entries.



School Improvements

Over the half term, there have been a number of projects to our school environment. Mrs Guest and the team worked really hard last week to transform our library and redefine our music areas. We have had fabulous feedback from our Griffins. The library shelves are going to be stocked over the Easter holidays to enable our Griffins to access a wider genre of reading material. We look forward to seeing our Library being used and enjoyed by all.



CET'S

BACK TO NATURE

9:30-10:30

- Tuesday 26th March
log pets
- Thursday 28th March
clay snails
- Thursday 4th April
seed balls
- Friday 5th April
sunflower planting

AND MUCH MORE!

B35 7NR
a driveway just off Farnborough
Rd. between The Ridings Care Home
and Greenwood Academy

TO BOOK YOUR FREE PLACE EMAIL:
EZZAT@ENVIRONMENTALTRUST.ORG.UK

FOLLOW OUR FACEBOOK PAGE
FACEBOOK

STAY AND PLAY
ACTIVITIES AIMED
AT UNDER 5'S

VYGA IS BACK

Easter Half Term

each child
£4

Dive into the world of outdoor exploration with Ez

Come and join in the Easter fun activities...planting, bee drinking stations, nature treasure hunts, exploring the Secret Garden and much more! To register your child/ren's place email on:

ezzatz@environmentaltrust.org.uk

Date	Time
Tuesday 26th March	11:30am - 3:30pm
Thursday 28th March	
Wednesday 3rd April	
Thursday 4th April	
Friday 5th April	

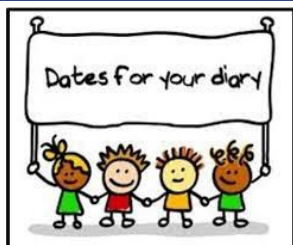
Castle Vale Leisure Gardens
Castle Vale Allotments
B35 7NR
A driveway between The Ridings
Care Home and Greenwood Academy



Handle with care

If your family is experiencing difficulties at home, we would like to provide additional support at school. We 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 Mrs Cox 'Handle with care' and your child's name and class to the email: safeguarding@chivenor-gst.org





- * Friday 21st March 2024: Easter bonnet parade 1:40pm KS1 playground
- * Thursday 21st March 2024: Y4 visit to Shakespeare's House, Stratford
- * Friday 22nd March 2024: Shakespeare Day (More details to follow)
- * Friday 22nd March 2024: Break up for Easter—**2pm finish**

- *Monday 25th March– Thursday 28th March 2024—Easter Academy—invite only

- *Monday 8th April 2024: Return to school
- *Thursday 10th April 2024: Y3 visit to the Icon Gallery
- *Wednesday 24th April 2024: International Day of Dance
- *Thursday 2nd May 2024: Voting Day– school only open to Y6 pupils.



ParentPay



ClassDojo



Remember to follow us on Twitter
@ChivenorP

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



Term Dates - 2023/24

Autumn Term 1

Starts: Tuesday 5th September 2023
Finishes: Thursday 26th October 2023
Half Term holiday: 27/10/23 - 03/11/23

Autumn Term 2:

Starts: Monday 6th November 2023
Finishes: Thursday 21st December 2023
Christmas holiday: 21/12/23 - 05/01/24

Spring Term 1:

Starts: Monday 8th January 2024
Finishes: Friday 9th February 2024
Half Term holiday: 12/02/24 - 16/02/24

Spring Term 2:

Starts: Monday 19th February 2024
Finishes: Friday 22nd March 2024
Easter holiday: 25/03/24 - 05/04/24

Summer Term 1:

Starts: Monday 8th April 2024
Finishes: Friday 24th May 2024
Half Term holiday: 27/05/24 - 31/06/24

Summer Term 2:

Starts: Tuesday 4th June 2024
Finishes: Friday 19th July 2024
Summer Holiday:

starts on Monday 22nd July 2024

Survivors of Domestic Violence

Peer Support Group

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:

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