



# Chivenor Newsletter

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*"In you we believe"*

Dear Griffin Families,

Welcome to our first newsletter of the academic year and a very warm welcome to all our new families joining us in Reception and across school.

Our first few weeks have been full of activities and pupils are now settled into their new routines. It has been lovely to see them all and hear about their summer. Well done Griffins – a super start to 2022-2023 – we are so proud of you!

Trips, events and enrichment and extra-curricular (Wide Horizons) provision is already under-way and this includes the welcome return of the GSF (Griffin Sports Festival) (see page 8). We have already been visited by a Viking in Year 4 who has motivated and inspired our young Griffins. Reading is a priority, as is attendance this year and we were excited to take delivery of our new Reading Vending Machine that is going to be linked to rewards (see page 8).

Finally, a warm welcome to our family is extended to all our new staff. Mrs Richards, Miss Preece, Miss Gulshan, Miss Keeling, Miss Hemming and Mrs Taylor are no longer getting lost in the building! They introduce themselves in our new feature 'Meet the staff' on pages 6 & 7.

Warm Regards,

Lisa Guest

Executive Headteacher

## **School Attendance**

We have sent out a number of letters regarding attendance recently and spoke about it during our transfer meetings. With the new DfE expectations our monitoring of attendance is increasing. We will also be reporting it to you, as parents, more frequently in the hope that you will continue to work with school and the school community to ensure we are hitting our attendance target of 96%. Our new initiatives for celebrating attendance will be shared over the coming weeks.

Reminder of stages for absences

\*first day of absence—call home. Please call the office to report absence.

\*Home visits.

\*Invitation and expected attendance at Attendance onsite meetings

\*Letters sent home at certain trigger points

**NO HOLIDAYS WILL BE AUTHORISED IN TERM TIME**

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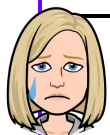
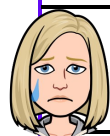
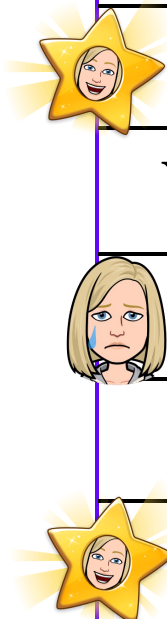
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# Attendance



Class	%
Rec	95.5%
Y1B	93.8%
Y1S	93.7%
Y2K	93%
Y2W	94.5%
Y3P	98.1%
Y3W	95.3%
Y4B	85.5%
Y4C	92.2%
Y5C	96%
Y5H	95.8%
Y6O	89.4%
Y6P	91.8%



## This week's winning classes

### KS1 Attendance Champions:

**REC**

95.5%



### KS2 Attendance Champions:

**3P**

98.1%

#SchoolAttendanceMatters

### Attendance update

We need to really try to make sure that every year group is achieving or beating our **96%** target.

We can only do this if we are all working together.

Our attendance for this week is

**93.1%**



Our attendance for the year so far is

**91.7%**



### Attendance Ladder





- \* Tues 27th Sept: Reception Parents Phonics workshop
- \* Fri 30th Sept: Macmillan Coffee Morning
- \* Thurs 6th Oct:-Fri 7th Oct: Griffin Sports Festival
- \* Wed 19th Oct: Y2 Parents Workshop-supporting reading
- \* Wed 19th Oct: Harvest Festival food bank collection
- \* Fri 21st Oct– Spanish Day
- \* Fri 21st Oct: HALF TERM
- \* Mon 31st Oct: Return to school
- \* Wed 9th Nov: Kittle Photography in for individual pupil photos
- \* Wed 9th Nov: KS2 Parents Meeting– supporting reading
- \* Wed 9th Nov: Parents Evening
- \* Fri 11th Nov: Y2 Animal Visit
- \* Fri 11th Nov: Bellboating for Y5
- \* Fri 11th Nov: Remembrance Day
- \* Tues 15th Nov: Y1 Parents Workshop-Wellcom
- \* Wed 16th Nov: Y2 Parents Workshop–Wellcom
- \* Fri 18th Nov: Children In Need
- \* Wed 23rd Nov: Y5/6 Parents Workshop– Writing
- \* Fri 25th Nov: World Cup Day
- \* Tues 29th Nov: Storyteller in Y1 & Y3
- \* Wed 30th Nov: Y2 Parents workshop– writing
- \* Mon 5th Dec: Christmas Fayre 3:30-4:45pm
- \* Wed 7th Dec: Y3 & 4 Parent workshop-writing
- \* Mon 12th Dec: Reception Tea Party
- \* Tues 13th Dec: KS1 Festive Festival (pm)
- \* Wed 14th Dec: Carols on the Vale
- \* Wed 14th Dec: End of term assembly Y2/3 & Y4/5/6
- \* Thurs 15th Dec: Class Parties– non-uniform
- \* Fri 16th Dec: Mince pies and Carols 1:30-2:30pm
- \* 16.12.22: BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS

## **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

## **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**

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We are a 'Rights Respecting School'

### Article 1

Article 1 makes it very clear that everyone under the age of 18 has all the rights of the Convention.



### Secondary School Applications (Y6)

Parents of children in Year 6 must now apply for secondary school places via their council portal.

Birmingham Residents must apply via:

<https://eadmissions.birmingham.gov.uk/prefs.php>

Solihull Residents must apply via:

<https://eservices.solihull.gov.uk/Synergy/Live/SynergyWeb/Parents/default.aspx>

The deadline for all applications is 31st October 2022.

Further information can be found on the Birmingham City Council website here:

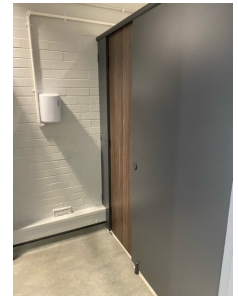
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## Developments over the summer

Major developments have been taking place over the summer, and are ongoing as we are near completion of our Y2 and 5 toilets. The children cannot wait to use them!



Our uniform sheds have been erected and will be stocked in the near future. If you have any uniform that is no longer in use that you could donate, please send into the office.



## Uniform

Our Griffins have looked so smart since returning after the summer– well done! Please refer to our school website for more details about our uniform (including jewellery) policy. Look smart, work smart!

Just a reminder: Children are allowed to come into school on PE days wearing navy jogging bottoms, a white t-shirt and their school jumper/cardigan. Trainers must be plain black– no visible logos. It is an expectation that children wear PE kit for PE sessions. It would help staff and your child if you ensured they did not wear any earrings on their PE days. Please check your child's class dojo for information on PE days.



Most importantly– please make sure school uniform is clearly named– it helps us return any lost items to



## Importance of sleep

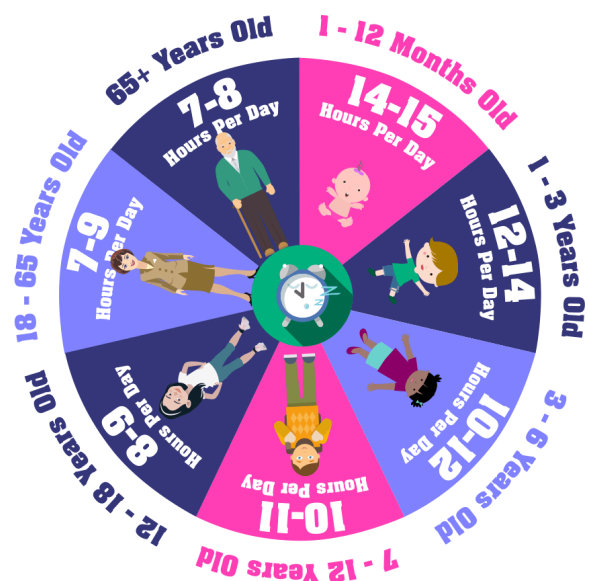
Like everyone, children need sleep and it's really important they get it (both for them and for you!) Sometimes getting them to sleep is tricky but a predictable routine can help. It's pretty obvious that a child who is getting enough sleep is more likely to be happy and alert than a child who isn't. Getting your child into a good sleeping pattern isn't just about avoiding tantrums though, lack of sleep has been linked to future problems such as anxiety, depression, obesity and high blood pressure.

How much sleep? As a rough guide children need:

3-5 year olds = 11-14 hours of sleep

6-12 year olds—10-13 hours of sleep

Top tip: Turn off screens an hour before bedtime. Audiobooks or good old-fashioned paper books are a good alternative to eBooks. Light from screens stops the production of the sleep hormone melatonin.





## **Meet the Staff**

We wanted to introduce to you and welcome our newest members of our Chivenor Family. Over the next few newsletters we hope to tell you a little more about the amazing staff working at our school.



**Mrs Richards**

I teach Year 6 and lead whole school writing.

I have two 'children' 18 and 20 and I live with my husband and my children. I have taught in primary and secondary school and am in my 12th year of teaching.

I love to eat out and absolutely love going to new places (preferably hot places)!



**Miss Hemming**

I teach 2 Knight. I am the new KS1 Reading Lead.

I joined Chivenor this year, however, I am in my 9th year of teaching! I've taught lots of different year groups but mainly KS1.

My family and friends are extremely important to me and I am always visiting them spending as much time as possible with them.

I love to dance and sing! My absolute favourite thing to do is to go on an adventure at the weekends with my daughter, regardless of the weather.



**Miss Gulshan**

I teach Year 3 Picasso. I have been teaching for 5 years now. I am new to Chivenor and so far I am loving every minute of it! I've taught lots of different year groups but mainly KS2.

Outside of school, I live with my Mum and older brother, I am the youngest in my family. My family, friends, students are extremely important to me.

I love to draw! I also love food- especially chocolate cake! I love eating out with my family and friends. My favourite thing to do is to explore nature and give back to the community. I would love to visit Maldives one day.



**Miss Preece**

I am currently in my first year of teaching however, I previously done an 8 week placement at Chivenor during my teacher training practice. I have taught year groups within KS1 and KS2. I live with my family within the local area.

I absolutely love playing netball, I've been playing the sport for around 15 years. I also enjoy spending quality time with my family and friends and exploring new places.

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**Miss Keeling**

I teach reception at Chivenor. I am currently in my first year of teaching however I did do supply for a year last year, teaching across all year groups from nursery to year 6.

Outside of school I have many other commitments including being an instructor for fire cadets and the Duke of Edinburgh's award. This is also something I have completed from Bronze to Gold. I love exploring the UK and going on lots of days out with my boyfriend and family.



**Mrs Taylor**

I teach 3 Wiltshire! I've been with Chivenor for 4 months now but I have been teaching for 5 years.

I've had the opportunity to teach lots of different year groups but mainly KS2.

Outside of school, I spend as much time as I can with my family and friends as they are extremely important to me.

I enjoy dancing and singing along to my favourite songs. I also love to explore new places and have new experiences with my family.

A student who reads    A student who reads    A student who reads

**20:00**

minutes per day

will be exposed to  
**1.8 MILLION**  
words per year  
and can score in  
**90th PERCENTILE**  
on standardized tests

**5:00**

minutes per day

will be exposed to  
**282,000**  
words per year  
and can score in  
**50th PERCENTILE**  
on standardized tests

**1:00**

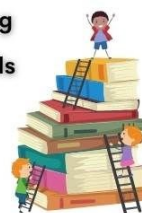
minute per day

will be exposed to  
**8,000**  
words per year  
and can score in  
**10th PERCENTILE**  
on standardized tests

**The more that you read,  
The more things you will know.  
The more that you learn,  
The more places you'll go.  
-Dr. Seuss**

## **10 BENEFITS OF READING FOR KIDS**

1. Bonding & connection
2. Improves listening skills
3. Builds attention span
4. Increases creative thinking
5. Cognitive & language skills
6. Expands vocabulary
7. Teaches life lessons
8. Limits screen time
9. Improves social & emotional development
10. Improves motor skills & coordination



## **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

Our Macmillan Coffee Morning will be taking place on Friday 30th September 2022. Parents are warmly invited to come into school for a cuppa and a cake after dropping off your child/ren. We are hosting the event in our café so hope you will come and have a drink whilst helping us raise funds for this worthwhile cause.



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## **Safeguarding in the Curriculum**

We have already planned out our safeguarding curriculum for the new academic year. PCSO Duncan Long will be visiting to deliver workshops to all our Griffins. We have a number of parent workshops in the pipeline and more details will follow closer to the time. We are also pleased to welcome our new school liaison PCSO Julie Meer and look forward to welcoming PC Mark Reynolds back into school as we continue to develop our links with the Police this academic year.

Each class will also be taking part in weekly safeguarding focused '5 minute chats' which encourage conversations and exploration of sometimes difficult topics at an age appropriate level. These are aimed at raising awareness and promoting safety for your children.

Our Junior PCSO's will also be starting their important work in the coming weeks.

## **Have you seen our new vending machine?**

Our new book vending machine arrived this week and we can't wait to stock it! Details will be shared over the coming weeks explaining how our Griffins can win a token to go and choose a book from the vending machine. We already have a queue of teachers hoping to win a token too!



## **Griffin Sports Festival**

We are so excited that the GSF is back! Over the 6th and 7th October, 12 of our Y6 pupils will be representing our school at the Pingles Stadium, Nuneaton, where they will be taking part in a range of competitive sports. We wish them all the very best and while it's all about the taking part and showing good sportsmanship, we really hope they bring back some silverware!



## **Social Media**

Our social media presence will be increasing over the next few days and weeks as we continue to share all the amazing things we are doing at Chivenor. Please ensure that you have let the office know whether you consent to your child's photograph being shared on our social media sites.

As well as Class Dojo, we will also be posting on our Twitter and Facebook pages so why not follow us– we'd love a like and a share! Please note that any messages need to come to school via Class Dojo NOT Facebook Messenger.



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