

Weekly Newsletter

THIS YEARS PTA PROJECT

We are delighted to be able to share this years focus for our PTA fundraising which will see a transformation of our pupils lunchtimes and broader outdoor learning opportunities.

The project will be centred on a programme called OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) which is designed to develop more creative, collaborative, fun and respectful lunchtimes. The programme has a focus on developing skills and improving behaviour and wellbeing and we hope will make for much more engaging and enjoyable lunchtimes for all our pupils.

In practice, this will have the children engaged in anything from den building to creating their own obstacle courses or spending some culinary time in a mud kitchen.

This focus is something that we feel will benefit all our pupils everyday. Implementation of the programme will begin in the summer term but preparations are already underway and in due course we will be sharing loads more and also asking for a lot of input from the school community so please stay tuned for further information about how you can get involved!

In the meantime, please do support this years PTA events! You can find out more about the OPAL programme here: <https://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk>

Article 12

All children have the right to an opinion and for it to be listened to and taken seriously.



PARLIAMENT WEEK

We've had a great few days celebrating UK Parliament Week in school this week!

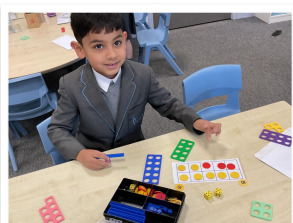
We've had visits from a number of politicians and councillors, discussed the workings of parliament and elected our own Pupil Parliamentarians for this year!

We also had a visit from Millie's Trust who joined us to help us fulfil last years Pupil Parliament commitment to provide some First Aid training for the children.

COLD WEATHER CLOTHING!

The temperatures are dropping so please ensure your child has a coat (and hat and scarf if really cold!) and the full long sleeved PE kit.

....and please ensure all items are named as a lot mysteriously go missing at this time of year!!



RESPECTFUL COMMUNICATION

We kindly ask that all communication with school staff be conducted in a respectful and courteous manner.

Our team is dedicated to supporting your child's education and wellbeing, and positive interactions help us work together effectively.

CHRISTMAS FAIR UPDATES

The countdown is on! One week until the fair. Don't forget to buy your [tickets](#)

Please click here for an important list of FAQs which we would ask that all parents read prior to next Friday!

A Social Story for those of our pupils who would benefit from this can be found here

[Please get in touch](#) if you can help for an hour on a stall - we still need more helpers for the fair

Can you bake a cake? - we need lots of bakers to make biscuits, cakes and other sweet treats for our very popular cake stall - **all baking must be nut free** There is a prize for the best bake!

Do you have any teddies looking for a new home? We are looking for donations for the teddy tombola. All teddies must be clean and in excellent condition

Wreath making workshop - Wednesday 3rd December, 7pm. Less than two weeks until this festive evening. Buy your tickets [here](#).

Christmas card shop - 2nd shop

Last chance to top up on Christmas cards, mugs or baubles. The Class Fundraising 2nd shop is open until midday on 1st December. All information is on your personalised order form.

CHRISTMAS EVENT TICKETS

EYFS – *The Nativity* (Reception & Pre-School)

Monday 15th December 9.15am
Tuesday 16th December 2.15pm

KS1 – *Lights, Camel, Action* (Year 1 & Year 2)

Monday 15th December 1.45pm
Tuesday 16th December 9.15am

KS2 – *Carol Concert* (St Andrew's Church)

Wednesday 17th December 10am and 6.00pm

Tickets can still be booked if you haven't done so already. Please click here for a letter explaining the booking process.

Please note that due to capacity in both venues, all performance are limited to 2 tickets per family.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

3rd Dec - Christmas Dinner

5th Dec - PTA Christmas Fair, bottle tombola donations, Christmas Jumper Day (**dress down**)

10th Dec - EYFS Christmas Performance

12th Dec - KS2 Cinema Trip

15th Dec - EYFS (9.30am) & KS1 (2pm) Nativity

16th Dec - KS1 (9.30am) & EYFS (2.30pm) Nativity

17th Dec - KS2 Carol Concerts (10am & 6pm)

17th Dec - KS1 Theatre Trip

18th-19th Dec - Christmas Parties

19th Dec - last day of term

5th Jan - INSET Day

6th Jan - Start of term

16th Jan - Year 5 Assembly (2.30pm)

21st / 22nd Jan - Parents' Evenings

30th Jan - Year 2 Assembly (2.30pm)

5th Feb - PTA Spring Discos

13th Feb - Year 1 Assembly (2.30pm)

27th Feb - Year 4 Assembly (2.30pm)

24th April - Year 3 Assembly (2.30pm)

1st May - Reception Assembly (2.30pm) - **please note change of date)**

FAMILY SUPPORT

Whilst the winter break can be a wonderful time for a large number of families, we recognise that for others it can be difficult on a number of levels.

For those struggling over the break, the Chelwood Food Bank provides support through weekly food parcels. If you feel you would benefit from this, please contact Mrs Illidge at Lauren.illidge@chaddlehulmeprimary.org.uk. Contact will be dealt with in complete confidence.