

NEWSLETTER

26th April 2024



A sensational start to the summer term!



What a fantastic start to the summer term we've had! This includes a number of 'stunning starts' for our topics over the past couple of weeks, which the children have been so excited about. Reception have explored Whitton High Street; Year 3 have journeyed to the Lookout Centre for some science and discovery and Year 1 have visited St Philip and James Church. In addition to this, Year 2 have had a 'Beep Beep Day' with the police visiting to discuss road safety and Nursery have had the Freshwater Theatre in performing a magical Fairy Tales Workshop for the children (hence the masks in the photo above!). Year 4 has an exhilarating Viking Workshop planned and I know many Year 5 children are literally counting the days until their upcoming trip to Thames Young Mariners. Year 6 have many upcoming celebrations to mark their time at Chase Bridge but for now are hard at work preparing for their SATs - we are so proud of all of them for their diligence, determination and positive attitude.

I hope you are all enjoying the longer days this summer term with your family and fingers crossed for some blue skies and sun this weekend!

Mr Ostro

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Times, dates and places for your diary

- **Monday 29th April** - Cherry class to Bocketts Farm
 - **Tuesday 30th April** - 4R swimming
 - **Wednesday 1st May** - Maple class to Bocketts Farm
 - **Thursday 2nd May** - Fir class to Bocketts Farm
 - **Monday 6th May** - BANK HOLIDAY
 - **Tuesday 7th May** - 4R swimming; Year 1 Phonics presentation to parents straight after school
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- **Holiday dates for the academic year 2023-24**
Monday 6th May - **MAY DAY**
Monday 27th - Friday 31st May - **HALF TERM**
Monday 22nd July - **END OF TERM**

Celebrations and achievements!



Congratulations to **Cara (Y4)** who recently donated an amazing 16 inches of her hair to the Little Princess Trust. They use hair donations to make wigs for children with cancer.

Health & Wellbeing Coffee morning



Our first Health and Wellbeing Coffee morning happened on Wednesday and it was a success! We had 13 external agencies, whose role it is to support the local community, come to Chase Bridge ready to meet and engage with our families. Their support services included mental health, financial, housing, pastoral, family support and more. It was fantastic to see so many of our families and parents attend the coffee morning and meet with a variety of

professionals to discuss support options. There was a real buzz in the air and a lot of advice and support being shared for the whole morning. Ms Gray and the Wellbeing Ambassadors even welcomed leaders from neighbouring schools who also found the event extremely helpful and gathered lots of information to share with their communities.

Thank you also to our wonderful catering staff, Caterlink, who supplied some delicious treats for us.

For those who were unable to attend, please find a list of the external agencies below – and keep an eye out for more amazing events like this in future!

Richmond Young Carers - <https://www.richmondcarers.org/services/services-for-young-carers/>

Mental Health Support Teams -

<https://kr.afcinfo.org.uk/pages/community-information/information-and-advice/emotional-health-service/ithrive/getting-help/mental-health-support-teams-in-schools>

Parent Champion Network AFC-

<https://kr.afcinfo.org.uk/pages/community-information/information-and-advice/parenting-support/vru-parent-champions-network>

Hampton Fund - <https://www.hamptonfund.co.uk/>

Alicia Smith and Amanda Stonehouse – School Safer Officer and Youth Engagement Officer (contact Ms Gray)

Natasha Hart – School Nurse (contact Ms Gray)

Purple Elephant Project - <https://thepurpleelephantproject.org/>

Heatham House Youth Club -

<https://kr.afcinfo.org.uk/pages/young-people/information-and-advice/youth-centres-and-activities/heatham-house-youth-centre>

Riverbank Trust - <https://riverbanktrust.org/>

Short Breaks SEND AFC -

<https://kr.afcinfo.org.uk/pages/local-offer/information-and-advice/short-breaks/about-short-breaks>

Parent Carer Forum SEND -

<https://kr.afcinfo.org.uk/pages/local-offer/information-and-advice/participation-and-involvement-activities/richmond-parent-carer-forum>

Participation Worker AFC -

<https://kr.afcinfo.org.uk/pages/local-offer/information-and-advice/participation-and-involvement-activities/participation-for-children-and-young-people/participation-projects>

ELSA - [https://www.chasebridge.richmond.sch.uk/ckfinder/userfiles/files/ELSA%20Leaflet\(1\).pptx](https://www.chasebridge.richmond.sch.uk/ckfinder/userfiles/files/ELSA%20Leaflet(1).pptx)

If you attended our coffee morning, we would be grateful if you could complete the feedback form [here](#). Please feel free to contact Ms Gray if your family requires further support.

Year 3 to the Lookout

Year 3 had a fantastic time at the Lookout Centre starting their new topic 'Let It Grow'. We explored all things science, took part in a workshop, explored the woods, climbed the 'Lookout Tower' and had fun in the adventure playground.



Year 1 visit Ss Philip & James Church



Year 1 visited St Philip & St James Church this week as part of their RE learning. They learnt about the history of the church and identified the features such as the altar and pulpit. The children really enjoyed hearing the organ being played.

Year 2 Beep Beep Day Year 2



Year 2 had some very special visitors this week. Chris and Ian from the Roads Policing Unit taught the children about the importance of wearing a seatbelt and holding hands when crossing the road safely. The highlight of the morning was being able to sit on the police motorbike and putting on the blue lights!

Thank You

We were delighted to receive a selection of books from a local author Clara Vulliamy. A parent recently won a competition and kindly chose Chase Bridge to receive the books. The selection of books are now in our libraries.



St George's Day Parade, Whitton



Did you join in the fun at Sunday's St George's Day Parade on Whitton High Street? It was wonderful to see so many of our Chase Bridge children and families being part of the parade and celebrating England's patron saint. Thank you to Mrs Choat and Ms Matthews for their help on this special local community day.

Scholastic Book Fair



In the Autumn term Chase Bridge hosted a very successful Scholastic Book Fair. We would like to give a big thank you to all the families who supported the book fair and hope the children enjoyed choosing from the wide selection of exciting books available. By running the Scholastic Book Fair, Chase Bridge earns points to spend on new books for our wonderful school library. This term the school council has helped to choose a selection of new books, which will be joining our library stock soon and will be available to all junior age children to borrow.

see you there!

Our next book fair will be from **May 21st- 24th** and we hope to