

NEWSLETTER

1st December 2023

Celebrating Our Community



One of our core values here at Chase Bridge is Caring For Others; this encompasses the qualities of respect, responsibility and compassion. Part of Caring For Others is also about caring for ourselves - caring about our identity, our culture, our family heritage and all the things that make us unique.

We harness the children's curiosity by exploring different cultures, faiths, festivals and languages, as well as learning about significant individuals from across the world. Our wonderful librarians (see above), have been busy ensuring a range of ages and backgrounds are represented across the stories that are shared, and will be delivering book boxes to classes for your children to enjoy at storytime.

Our goal is to ensure that we have created a safe and nurturing environment where all students feel valued, included, respected, represented and listened to. Over 45 different languages are spoken across our community from all over the continents, from Albanian to Arabic, Chinese to Cantonese, Dari to Hindi, and Punjabi to Urdu! Representation is important to us, and hearing the voice of our parent community will support how we continue to celebrate and grow together; this year, we have an Equity, Diversity, Inclusivity and Belonging Parent Committee to help support the school's vision.

Questions throughout the parent survey sent this week centre around your children feeling a sense of belonging and pride in their identity, and having respect and curiosity for the identity of others. The link to this year's online survey can be accessed here: <https://forms.gle/txH3UTEomp7Ui5Bk7>.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this.
Ms Chadwick

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Times, dates and places for your diary

- Monday 4th December - **Last week of clubs; Year 6 Residential trip to Hindleap; Y1&2 Drama performance to parents 4.00pm**
- Tuesday 5th December - **4F swimming (last session)**
- Friday 8th December - **Year 4 Roman day**
- Monday 11th December - **Catch up French club**
- Tuesday 12th December - **Swimming gala trials; School tour 9.15am**
- Wednesday 13th December - **Acacia Nativity 9.15am; Christmas Jumper Day and lunch; Reception Nativity 2.30pm; Christmas Carols 6.00pm; Netball match vs Nelson Primary (away)**
- Thursday 14th December - **Nursery Nativity 9.15am and 2.30pm; Football match vs Nelson Primary (away)**
- Friday 15th December - **Chestnut Nativity 9.15am; Birch Nativity 10.15am**

- Thursday 21st December - **TERM ENDS**
- Monday 8th January - **INSET DAY**
- Tuesday 9th January - **TERM STARTS**
- Monday 12th - Friday 16th February - **HALF TERM BREAK**
- Thursday 28th March - **TERM ENDS**
- Monday 15th April - **TERM STARTS**
- Monday 6th May - **MAY DAY**
- Monday 27th - Friday 31st May - **HALF TERM BREAK**
- Monday 22nd July - **TERM ENDS**



'Celebration Of Me' day - Spring term

Look out for information coming soon about our special day all about celebrating who we are - our hobbies, our values, our culture, our religion, our family and our friends! It will be a day filled with sharing all the things that make you . . . YOU!

Celebrations and Achievements



On Friday 17th November, Lachlan in 6P spent the night sleeping in a cardboard box for Rentstart, a homeless charity in Walton on Thames. The purpose of the evening was to raise awareness of the cause and fundraise to support the important work they do. Lachlan found the experience very inspiring and - in spite of the rain and cold temperature - he managed to raise over £200.00

Congratulations also to **Sam in Acacia** class: his Christmas Card design won runner-up in the recent Mayor's Christmas Card competition.

Year 1 Hampton Court

Year 1 enjoyed visiting Hampton Court Palace as part of their learning about Tudors. They took part in a Tudor workshop which helped to bring the history of the palace to life through dance and the use of artefacts. They also enjoyed looking at the garden, kitchen and the chapel.



Year 5 Fantasy Football News

We're very excited to announce that Year 5 has set up a fantasy football league for Year 5 students and staff to take part in. Every few weeks, a short piece will be provided by some of the managers from the league so keep an eye out for updates and a view into how the top 5 are getting on.

Rank	Team & Manager	GW	TOT
1 -	Calm down Jamal Zach	57	57
2 -	the best in the west Ollie	51	51
3 -	fire king George	50	50
4 -	Nice one Son Mr Bishop	49	49
5 -	Chase Bridge Jai-Han	47	47

"Saturday marked the start of Year 5's Fantasy Football league. A great start for Zach as his team 'Calm Down, Jamal' takes an early and impressive lead. Mr Bishop leads the way out of the teachers sitting in 4th place. Interestingly, our football 'expert' Mr Kelly hasn't even got in the top 5 – let's hope he does better next week!" – Written by Ammarise (5K).

Chase Bridge Champions!

The new Richmond Borough Primary football season has begun with a roaring success! Both the boys' and the girls' football teams began their campaign in the Richmond Borough tournament. Both teams played with skill, passion and determination resulting in the girls reaching the quarter finals of the cup and the boys winning the entire tournament! The Chase Bridge boys' football team are the tournament borough champions. We are incredibly proud of the success of both teams and look forward to watching their progress in the league. *(Photographs to follow on Facebook).*

Congratulations to Sio, Bareen, Ammarise, Julia, Minnie, Edith, Jessica, Sofia, Ronia, Karissa, Ollie, Parker, George, Teddy, Ronnie, Elliott, Theo, Matthew, Aiden and Marco!

Reception Admissions 2024

If your child was born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 they will start their reception year in September 2024. The brochure attached highlights key information relating to this process. Parents and carers must apply for a place by Monday 15th January 2024. You can apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk. You must apply for a place for your child even if they already have a sibling in school or if your child is currently in our Nursery. Click [here](#) for Richmond Admissions brochure. We have one last tour remaining for prospective parents: Tuesday 12th December at 9.15am.

End of term arrangements

If your child is due to attend the Lions **After School club** on **Thursday 21st December**, please note that, having reviewed the number of children likely to attend, the school has made the decision that this session will not operate. Breakfast club will run as normal. This will allow staff to make the necessary preparations for the Spring term.

Arrangements will need to be put in place for your child to be collected at the end of the normal school day. Finish times for **Thursday 21st December** are as follows:

Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2	-	2.15pm
Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	-	2.25pm

Clubs - Spring term

Information will be going home week commencing 11th December via Arbor regarding clubs for the Spring term. Within the letter there is a Google Form which you need to complete by **noon of Friday 5th January**. Clubs will start the week commencing 15th January. Club information will also be accessible via our website [here](#).

A Gift for Christmas - for PPG families

The Elves have been busy here at Chase Bridge! They have very kindly given Chase Bridge some gifts and have given us the lovely task of handing them out on their behalf. If you are in receipt of PPG and would like to be part of this Christmas offer, please can you complete the google form below <https://forms.gle/4UZ7q9BfkjdjhG276>

Meet our SSO (Safer Schools Officer)

Hello, my name is **Alicia Smith, PC 3196SW**. I am the Safer Schools Officer for Chase Bridge Primary School. I also work with two Secondary schools within the Richmond Borough. I work with schools to ensure the safety and welfare of pupils, staff and families. My role also includes, class assemblies, student/parent engagement, early intervention and dealing with any crime/incidents that occur within the school that involves a member of the Chase Bridge community.



I have been a Police officer for 21 years, starting in Notting Hill and transferring to Richmond upon Thames Borough in August 2020. I have had a lot of job roles within the MET, including a Response Team Officer answering 999 calls, a Missing Persons Officer investigating missing adults and children, and now within the Schools and Youth world of Policing since 2017.

I have a great professional relationship with the pupils and staff/teachers at Chase Bridge and this often extends to the Chase Bridge families. I believe working together and building strong relationships with the whole community will benefit our children and their families. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any help, support or advice.

Every School Day Counts

Whole school attendance is currently 94.1%. Children who attend school regularly have been shown to achieve at higher levels than children who do not have regular attendance.



This relationship between attendance and achievement may appear early in a child's school career. Ensure that your child is in school leading up to Christmas. If you need any support with your child's attendance please contact the school office.

Please refer to our policy online for more information regarding our attendance and lateness guidelines or contact the school office for any help or support <https://www.chasebridge.richmond.sch.uk/policies>.



Festive and Community Cheer

A huge thank you to [Whitton Christmas Trees](#) for generously donating this year's school Christmas tree - photos to follow on our social media. Their pop up shop is now open at the end of Whitton High Street next to Jolly's restaurant.