

# NEWSLETTER

19th December 2023



## Chase Bridge Cheer!



What a wonderful end to the Autumn term we've had! This time of year is always filled with an abundance of merriment, and certainly gets both staff and children right into the holiday spirit.

Christmas was kicked off with our wonderful Year 1 singsong show! Their delightful voices rang throughout the hall, and their lyrical actions had the whole audience wanting to join in. Little Donkey made us smile, Jingle Bells made us dance, and On a Starry Night filled our hearts with joy.

Our nativity performances were put on by Nursery, Reception and Year 2 . . . and what a performance they were! The costumes, the songs, the confidence, and of course the retelling being told in such a heartwarming way. They made us all proud with the way they learnt their lines, and used every opportunity to shine like the stars they are on stage.

This week, we also had our own little Christmas Day with our roast turkey (with all the trimmings!) lunch, including Christmas crackers and an array of festive jumpers - from snowmen to reindeers, to elves and more! This helped raise £500 for Save The Children. Thank you to Caterlink for putting on such a delicious dinner! That same evening, the fairy lights were on, the decorations were in place, and the stage was set . . . it was time for our much beloved Carol Concert. Our orchestra, choirs and the Chase Bridge Community Choir came together to put on some truly incredible renditions, and we most certainly saw how much dedication and practise our young musicians have put into expressing their talents. Well done!

We now look forward to our final Christmassy treat of the week: the Year 6 compositions. Here, the year group will all get an opportunity to showcase their musical progress through fully self-composed songs inspired by familiar, festive tunes.

A HUGE thank you to everyone involved in making all these special moments for the children, especially Mrs O'Hara, whose dedication and passion helps inspire children of all ages. Thank you!

Wishing everyone a restful break and a very MERRY CHRISTMAS!  
*Mr Bishop, Mr Ostro and Ms Chadwick*

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## Times, dates and places for your diary

- Wednesday 20th December - **Year 6 Christmas Composition Performance 2pm**
- Thursday 21st December - **End of term; Non-Uniform day for Dragon House Cup winners**
- Friday 5th January - **DEADLINE for Clubs forms to be submitted by noon**
- Monday 8th January - **INSET DAY**
- Tuesday 9th January - **School re-opens for students; 4B swimming**
- Thursday 11th January - **9am Year 5 TYM Parents meeting (Chase Hall)**
- Friday 12th January - **Year 6 Greek day; Year 5 trip to Hampton Hill Theatre**
  
- Monday 12th - Friday 16th February - **HALF TERM BREAK**
- Tuesday 27th and Thursday 29th February - **Parent Consultations**
- Thursday 28th March - **TERM ENDS**

## Celebrations and Achievements



Hannah (Kitty) should be extremely proud of her performance. Playing a character without the use of words can be extremely hard for any actor, however she handled this challenge excellently. Even though her Kitty wasn't able to speak, the audience knew exactly what she meant with her gestures and occasional "meows". A wonderful performance that should be well celebrated.



Hannah (Y6) has taken part in a panto performed at the Waterman centre since she was 5 years old. However, this year she got her very first principal role as the friendly palace cat, Kitty. She not only totally smashed all four performances,

but also received an absolutely glowing review from the National Operatic and Dramatic Association. **Well done, Hannah!**

Congratulations also to **Ronnie (Y6)** and his team mates at Teddington Hockey Team who won the Surbiton Under 13 Christmas Tournament on Sunday.



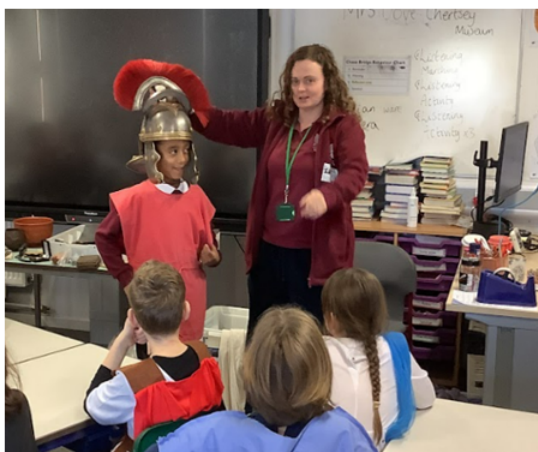
## Year 6 conquer Hindleap!

Last week, Year 6 went on their residential to Hindleap Warren outdoor activity centre. The children had a fantastic time learning new skills and challenging

themselves on activities they didn't think they were able to do! They got to experience a range of different activities including: abseiling, crate stacking, archery and orienteering. We are so proud of their resilience and determination to do their best and the kindness and support that they showed towards each other. "I loved abseiling because I faced my fear of heights. It was so amazing. I did something that I had never dared to do before!" - Ronnie

## Year 4 Roman Day

Last Friday, Year 4 enjoyed a Roman workshop. They learned some interesting facts about life during Roman times and even got to dress up as Romans!



## House Competition

The Autumn Term House Competition has continued to show the excellence of our school. Children have been collecting house points for the school's three school values: excel at learning; express your talents and being kind to others. The winning house will have the opportunity to enjoy a non-uniform day on **Thursday 21st December** (the last day of term), dressed in elements of their house colour. The results have been announced today in assembly and Dragon house have won. Final results are below:

	Dragon	Phoenix	Unicorn	Griffin
TOTAL OVERALL	6329	6098	6254	5749

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## 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](http://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.

## Chair of Governors report

At our meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> December, governors reviewed the Chase Bridge financial key performance indicators. In every respect, the school is performing well - as evidenced by the Department for Education (DFE) Benchmarking Self Assessment Dashboard. This is really good news for Chase Bridge at a time when many schools in Richmond are struggling with significant deficits and staff cuts.

Chase Bridge is now in the 'window' for an Ofsted inspection. We were last visited by the Inspectors in September 2019 and received a 'Good' rating. At our meeting, governors considered how they could best support the Senior Leadership Team when the Ofsted team come calling. We paid particular attention to Safeguarding and our readiness to provide detailed evidence that we are actively engaged in ensuring that our school is being well run.

We were also encouraged by early indications of a healthy take up for the Parent Survey. Governors encourage everyone to participate in this opportunity to comment on how our school is running. The link to this year's online survey can be accessed here: <https://forms.gle/txH3UTEomp7Ui5Bk7>.

Finally, governors would like to offer the entire Chase Bridge Community our best wishes for the Festive Season and New Year. *Mike Dormer, Chair of Governors*

## Message from the Friends of Chase Bridge

The Friends of Chase Bridge team would like to thank the whole school community for all the amazing support for our fundraising this term.

From selling cakes, second hand uniforms and ice lollies (back in the warm days in September!), partying at the discos, buying the children's beautiful Christmas cards and of course enjoying festive fun at the Christmas Fair, we have raised an incredible £9,808.80. We have already used some of the money to purchase new phonics books for KS1, and the rest will go a long way to the new classroom furniture needed for KS2 students. We have another busy term of fun and fundraising planned in the Spring so look out for details in January.

We are still looking for a new Treasurer on the committee and would love to hear from you if you think you could help. We'd also love to hear from anyone interested in joining our fun, hard working fundraising team next term, so do pop us an email at [chasebridgepta@gmail.com](mailto:chasebridgepta@gmail.com) for more information.

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## Lost Property

As we approach the end of term, the lost property will be in the foyer after school. Anything not claimed by **Thursday 21st December** will be recycled.

## Absence before/after school holidays

Just a reminder that absences directly before or after school holidays will be unauthorised unless you can provide medical evidence of absence.

## School Lunches / Lions - Spring term

Just a reminder that if you wish to make any changes to your child's lunch or Lions arrangements for the Spring term it is important that you let Rachel know by emailing [info@chasebridge.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:info@chasebridge.richmond.sch.uk)

## Spring Clubs

Information regarding Spring after school clubs has now gone out to parents and carers last week. Please don't forget to submit your google form by noon on Friday 5th January. Clubs will start the week commencing Monday 15th January. <https://forms.gle/wbrx5UjS4xiwQzYK8>

## Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, there is government guidance which you may find helpful.

### Coughs and colds

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold. But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes.

### High temperature

If your child has a high temperature, keep them off school until it goes away.

### Ear infection

If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.

### Vomiting and diarrhoea

Children with diarrhoea or vomiting should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).

### Other illnesses

Follow this advice for other illnesses: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school>

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school each day to let us know that your child won't be in and please give the reason. If your child is well enough to come to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, please let the Welfare Team know.

Please contact the School Office if you have any questions.