

# NEWSLETTER

19th January 2024



## In 2024, Express Your Talents!



We have had a fantastic start to the Spring term and the beautiful blue skies have made it easier to endure the cold! Clubs have started back up this week - we are so proud of the range of sport, art, music and academic clubs on offer and how many children are able to enjoy clubs every day. Of course, sport, the arts and music are an important part of our weekly curriculum in school time as well and we aim to provide children with as many opportunities as possible to be able to 'Express their talents'. When it comes to talent, one of our fundamental values is that practice makes progress. We believe that talent and intelligence are not 'fixed' and that skills and ability can be nurtured and developed. In other words, if you want to get better at something, then practice and hard work can and will get you there. Well done to all our children at Chase Bridge who, through resilience and a positive attitude towards learning, are developing their talents and abilities in the wider curriculum and extra-curricular activities. We feel so much pride watching these small steps of progress happen every day. Keep up the brilliant work!

Mr Ostro

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## Times, dates and places for your diary

**Monday 22nd January** - Y6 Humanist visit; 5K to the Mosque

**Tuesday 23rd January** - 4B swimming; Tag Rugby tournament at Heathfield School

**Wednesday 24th January** - 5W to the Mosque; Netball match vs St Edmund's

**Monday 29th January** - Nursery "People Who Help Us" dress-up day; Primary Panathlon; Netball match vs Archdeacon Cambridge

**Tuesday 30th January** - 4B swimming; Y5 & 6 Choir to Young Voices, O2

**Wednesday 31st January** - No Y5/6 Choir after school today

**Thursday 1st February** - Football match at Heathfield Junior

**Friday 2nd February** - Year 4 Roman assemblies

**Tuesday 27th and Thursday 29th February** - Parent Consultations

### Holiday dates for the academic year 2023-24

Monday 12th - Friday 16th February - **HALF TERM BREAK**

Thursday 28th March - **TERM ENDS**

Monday 15th April - **TERM STARTS**

Monday 6th May - **MAY DAY**



## Celebrations and Achievements

Congratulations to **James (Acacia)**; **Edith (6B)**; **Hayley (5W)** and **Zoe (3G)** who performed in a Youth Theatre production of 'The Wizard of Oz' at Hampton Hill Theatre alongside two ex-Chase Bridge Students: **Jessica and Erin**. It was a truly wonderful performance by everyone involved. Well done!



## Year 6 Greek Day



Last Friday, Year 6 had a Greek day to introduce them to this term's topic on Ancient Greece. It was a fantastic day with the children showing great interest in different aspects of Greek life. The children dressed up and learnt about Greek Gods and Goddesses, Greek myths and Greek vases. As part of the day, the children also had the opportunity to try different Greek food, with the olives proving to be particularly popular!

## Year 5 - The Wizard of Oz

Last Friday, a group from Year 5 enjoyed a performance of "The Wizard of Oz" at Hampton Hill Theatre. They went on a magical journey following Dorothy along the yellow brick road to the Emerald City in search of a way home. Along the way, she met many loveable friends, who helped her, but it was not plain sailing as the Wicked Witch had other plans to try and stop Dorothy.

## New topic for Nursery

Nursery have thoroughly enjoyed the start of their new topic 'People Who Help Us'. They have enjoyed dressing up and role playing in our expanded role play area which features a vets, medical centre and a house for all the different roles in our community. It has been lovely observing the children take on different roles and care for their peers.



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## Year 6 - Waistcoat for Teddy

Over the last few weeks, Year 6 have been developing their design and technology skills, by creating a waistcoat for a teddy.

The children have used recycled fabric and learnt how to construct the item using a paper pattern. They have then practised their sewing skills to create their waistcoats with some fantastic results!



## Term dates 2024/25

Term dates are available on our website [here](#).

## Nursery applications - September 2024

If your child was born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 - parents must submit an application to join our nursery by **Friday 1st March** - please apply [here](#) and go to 'Nursery section'.

## Helping Children with Screen time!

Last week, Miss Gray sent an email to all parents and carers which included webinar links on 'Helping Children with worries/resilience/friendships/screen time/challenging behaviour/sleep'. In support of this, attached to this newsletter is information regarding 'Helping Children with Screen time' - including booking links if you would like to book a seminar.

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## Vacancy at Chase Bridge

Do you want to be part of our amazing family? Do you want to work with a dynamic team where every day brings something new and exciting? Look no further! We are looking for an enthusiastic, confident person with experience in building, maintenance and security to be our assistant site manager. Advert and further information can be obtained by clicking on the link below.

<https://www.eteach.com/job/assistant-site-manager-1396132>

We are also looking for volunteers to help drive our minibus for various school trips and events. If you think you can help, and you have a clean, UK driver's licence, please contact Lisa Crawley at the School Office.

## School success starts with attendance

I would like to wish all the children and families a very Happy New Year 2024!

School Attendance remains a Hot Topic in the news and in government with 1 in 5 children being reported as persistently absent from school since the pandemic, which is having an effect on attainment across the board  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-66701748>.



I am delighted that this is not the case at Chase Bridge with the majority of children attending every day. Currently attendance is 95.3% which is down to you, so thank you.

Our aim is to maximise attendance so that all pupils can gain full access to our curriculum and to reach their full academic potential and achieve a high level of personal and social well-being.

If you have any concerns regarding attendance or need any support, please contact me via the school office.

Many thanks for your continued support.  
Katie Pyke (Welfare and Attendance Officer)