



April 2013 Monthly Newsletter

CHORLEYWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL



'Happy and Successful'

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PARKING REMINDER : May we please once again respectfully ask anyone who needs to park their car when coming to school:

- PLEASE park safely and legally on the roads.
- PLEASE do not park across driveways.
- PLEASE do not park in the access roads of parking bays of the Ryman Court flats adjoining the school grounds. Please note that we have passed details on to the local PCSO's regarding Car Registration Numbers provided to us by Ryman Court residents, and note that the residents do also pass these details directly on the local PCSO's.

This will ensure the safe passage of pedestrians and other drivers and avoid upsetting our neighbours.

IF IN DOUBT USE THE CAR PARK OF THE STAG PUBLIC HOUSE. THE OWNERS ARE HAPPY TO ALLOW THE USE OF THEIR CAR PARK FOR VISITORS TO SCHOOL AND THOSE COLLECTING/DROPPING OFF CHILDREN.

April Review : Yr 6 School Journey – 15th-19th Apr : Mrs K Holmes, Mrs Hewitt, Mr Ryan and the children had a great time at Marchants Hill. Between the giant swing, Powerfan®, raft building, cabin accommodation, great food and the disco event, they had a fantastic time. They returned on Friday exhausted but missing all the action of the previous few days. The event provides as always an excellent opportunity to boost their personal development socially and emotionally and offers them a welcome respite from their usual preparation for SATs. The staff at Marchants Hill were high in their praise both of the behaviour and perseverance of the children who took part and we are really proud to acknowledge how well they represented us all.

Yr 2 Class Assembly – 26th Apr: The children shared their stories and shanty around their theme of pirates. They had all worked really hard to learn their parts and were a joy to watch.

Yr 4 Residential to Hudnall Park – 29th Apr-1st May : This year was the inaugural trip for Year 4. Mr Ryan, Mrs E Holmes and Miss Knight and the children all had the most fantastic time enjoying a whole host of educational activities including building dens and mammal traps, river studies, orienteering and attempting the low ropes course. The staff at Hudnall Park were very complimentary about the behaviour of the whole class and the children should take great pride in being such wonderful representatives of the school and the community. For many of the children it was their first time away from home and the experience provided a fantastic opportunity for them to develop their confidence and friendship bonds within the class. Thank you to all the parents who were able to assist with transport and in supporting the children in preparing for the trip.

Yr3 Class Assembly – 3rd May : Following their current Science theme around materials the children gave a really enthusiastic performance including some rousing "rock" songs, ensuring a fun and memorable show for the audience.

Rickmansworth Music Festival – 8th May : Some of our choir took part in this popular local music festival which was a great opportunity to perform to a larger audience, along with many other schools in the area. The repertoire was based around "Science" and the singers sang beautifully giving the audience a musical evening to remember.

Year 2 – Butterflies : Year 2 are enjoying looking after their developing caterpillars/butterflies. This has formed part of their Science studies about life cycles and also supports their understanding of how to take care of pets.

Year 5 – Mayflies : Year 5 also have some visitors to support their studies on organisms and life cycles. Their mayflies are thriving and give a great practical insight into this area of science.

Sporting Notices : Year 5 Tri-Gof – 16 May (replaces cancelled date of 9 May): We would like to remind Yr5 parents/carers that your child will need the following for this sporting event next week – PE kit, trainers, packed lunch, water bottle, sunscreen/waterproof coat (depending on the weather).

MMR : Please see below a copy of a letter received by us which contains information that Hertfordshire County Council have asked us to bring to the attention of parents/carers of children at school.

Job Vacancies : Midday Supervisory Assistant : If you, or anyone you know, is interested in helping to supervise the children during lunchtime play then please contact Mrs Leeman in the School Office for more details.

AWARD WINNERS

w/e 05.04.2013	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR EASTER BREAK	w/e 19.04.2013	Rec – Thomas P, Lexi D, Nathan T Yr 1 – Oliver S, Lawson L, Kayleigh B Yr 2 – Maya S, Isobel R, Toby M Yr 3 – Aydan Z, Josh A, Carla M-C Yr 4 – Wian VdM, Sarah S, Bethany T Yr 5 – Oliver F, Brandon N, Zac R Yr 6 – Tyler L, Chanel T Lunchtime : Inf – Amelia H (Rec); Jnr – Gaetan B(Y5)
w/e 12.04.2013	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR EASTER BREAK	w/e 26.04.2013	Rec –Tiya T, Ben W, Freddie E Yr 1 – Kayleigh B, Freddie R, Lottie B Yr 2 – Jasmine P, Eva M, Riley C Yr 3 – Sophie P, Leo R, Iana E Yr 4 – Christopher L, Olivia T, Abigail B Yr 5 – Molly H, Camille B, Eve M Yr 6 – Charlea W, Ben N, Sophie L Lunchtime : Inf – Renee G (Y1); Jnr – Cora P (Y3)



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Date: 7th May 2013

Dear Head Teacher

Measles outbreaks and MMR vaccine catch-up campaigns

As you are aware, there are increasing number of measles cases and local outbreaks being reported across England and a large outbreak in Wales. In 2012 there were a total of 1,920 confirmed measles cases in England, the highest annual total since enhanced follow up of measles. Measles can be very serious, with complications including brain damage and even death.

Measles activity has continued to remain high in the first three months of 2013, with a total of 587 confirmed cases reported across the country. Older children and teenagers have been particularly affected in the current outbreak as a result of the decline in MMR vaccine coverage at the turn of the century, following unfounded concerns about links between MMR vaccine and autism. The work done by Andrew Wakefield spurring these concerns has now been discredited, but vaccine coverage rates dipped.

A national campaign to get at risk children vaccinated

A national campaign has now started urging young people between 10 and 16 years of age (the age group where coverage dropped following the unfounded scares around MMR vaccine) who remain under or unvaccinated to get vaccinated. The highest priority groups are young people who are completely unvaccinated and have not received a single dose of MMR vaccine. Equally, it is very important that younger children get vaccinated.

The MMR vaccine is the only way to prevent measles

We need to aim for 95% uptake of vaccination in children under 10 who have not been vaccinated, and in the 10-16 year age group who may have missed vaccination. 95% uptake will give us "herd immunity" which means so many people in the population are vaccinated that it is difficult for the virus which causes measles to circulate. Herd immunity protects those who cannot tolerate the vaccine, such as children with leukaemia or compromised immune systems benefit too because the virus has difficulty circulating.

Currently Hertfordshire does reasonably well on the first vaccine but not so well on the second dose, as you can see from the table below.

	MMR 1 st Dose	MMR 2 nd Dose
Bedfordshire	96.3%	93.3%
Hertfordshire	94.5%	91.7%
Luton	90.7%	82.0%
Milton Keynes	94.9%	92.2%

What you can do to help now

We would very much welcome your help in ensuring teachers and school staff:

- Highlight to parents of those aged 10 - 16 the need for their children to be vaccinated or if they are unsure whether they have been vaccinated to check with their GP
- Highlight to parents of children under this age the need to check with their GP that their children have had two doses of MMR

You can find accurate and reliable information on measles on the NHS Choices website. <http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

We are currently developing the campaign programme in Hertfordshire, and may write again to ask you to circulate letters or campaign materials.

Yours sincerely

Jim McManus
Director of Public Health

Justin Donovan
Director of Education and Early Intervention



**Winning Start
Sports Coaching**



Half Term Cricket Camps

Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th May

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Thursday 30th and Friday 31st May

Winning Start and **Chorleywood Cricket Club** are delighted to announce two cricket camps during May half term holiday. The camps will focus on all areas of the game, developing skills through fun drills and games.

*Courses will be open to boys and girls from Year 2 – 6 inclusively.
Please book early to avoid disappointment!*

Half Term Course Details

Venue:

**Chorleywood Cricket Club
The Common
Rickmansworth Road
WD3 5S**

Cost:

The cost of each course is £40 or £25 per day. Payment by cheque made payable to "Winning Start" please.

Please complete the form below and return with payment to:

Mark Watkiss, Jordans, Whisperwood, Loudwater, Rickmansworth, WD3 4JU

Please indicate the days you would like your child to attend:

Course 1 (10am – 3pm):

Tuesday 28th May

Wednesday 29th May

Course 2 (10am – 3pm)

Thursday 30th May

Friday 31st May

CHILD'S NAME:

ADDRESS:

POST CODE:

DOB:

SCHOOL ATTENDED:

ANY MEDICAL CONDITIONS/ALLERGIES:

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAIL 1:

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NO:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

If you have any further queries, please call Mark Watkiss on 07730 601411 or email markwatkiss@winning-start.co.uk



CHORLEYWOOD

FRENCH MARKET



SUNDAY 12TH MAY

10AM - 4PM NEW PARADE



F RANCE AT HOME www.irancaathome.com lahasso@yahoo.ir



Fun and exciting opportunities for children and young people aged 5-19 with learning disabilities in Watford, Three Rivers and Hertsmere!



<u>Afterschool Activities</u> Times: 3.30-6.30 Ages 5-16 years	<u>Holiday Activities</u> Ages 5-19 years Times: 10-4
<u>Saturday Club</u> Times: 10-4 Ages 5-19 years	<u>Hand in Hand Club</u> Times: 6-9 Ages 13-19 years



For more information please contact Sarah Fishwick on 01923 220816 or sfishwick@watfordmencap.org.uk
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You add,
we multiply

Drop in...

for refreshments
at St. John Fisher
Church in
Shire Lane



Events 2013

**MAY
12-18**

BOOKS, PLANTS, FOOD & GIFTS at St. John Fisher, Shire Lane

THURSDAY 16 May

10.30-12.30 & 2.30 - 4.30

FRIDAY 17 May

10.30-12.30, 2.30-4.30

SATURDAY 18 May

10.00-12.30



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