



# Chorleywood Primary School

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## Head Teacher's



Dear Parents and Carers,

### Ofsted- we will not be able to achieve an outstanding judgement at our next inspection

As you are aware the school is currently waiting for our Ofsted inspection. As we were previously judged as good, this is a one day inspection to look at two things:

- Is the school still good?
- Is safeguarding effective?

Previously, if the inspector felt they had seen some evidence that the school was better than good during the day, they had the facility to convert to a two day inspection with a possibility of the judgement being re-evaluated as outstanding. We are waiting with anticipation to have the opportunity to share the improvements we have made since our last inspection. However, since January the inspection framework has changed and we are now unable to convert our one day inspection. If the inspector believes there is evidence that we are better than good, they will complete a two day inspection within 1-2 years. Whilst this is frustrating, it does not change the work we do at Chorleywood Primary and we will still strive to constantly improve.



## Mindfulness

As part of our mindfulness priority this year we offered several workshops to parents. The sessions were very well attended and the feedback was very positive. The next session is at 9am on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> of March and will focus on children's relationships at school.



We have also purchased a new Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education whole school scheme of work called Jigsaw. This scheme is based on a mindful approach and is proving to be very successful.

## Dream Big



This term the Dream Big Campaign focus is science and engineering; many thanks to our parents who have offered to come in. Mr Dwyer has also arranged for several STEM ambassadors to visit the school this term to undertake workshops with the children. We have also added a section on the website to share the Dream Big visits.

## Sports Committee

The Sports Committee are currently busy spending money on new equipment! Please see the monthly newsletters to read about all the exciting sporting opportunities our children are taking part in.

## School Council

The School Council have been planning our talent show "Chorleywood has talent". This event will be open for parents to come and watch and will take place on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm. On 26<sup>th</sup> February we will be holding the audition stage, the children will then vote for their favourite act who will go through to the final. If your child has entered, please make sure they are well prepared!!



The School Council have also decided to open a stationery shop that will be run by the KS2 classes at break times twice a week. Mrs Coomber met with Y5 last week and trained them how to use the accounting book to record sales.

The shop will sell:

Handwriting pens 25p

Pencils 10p

White board pens 30p

### Travel Plan

We are pleased to announce that the first meeting of our working group, to look at formulating a school Travel Plan, will take place on Tuesday 20th March at 9am, after drop off. At Chorleywood Primary School we take road safety extremely seriously and encourage pupils and parents to travel to school by cycling, scooting and walking wherever possible. We are currently working with Modeshift STARS, the national awards scheme, to make sustainable travel easier for everyone.

If you would like to join our working group where we will look at making all aspects of the school journey safer for our children, please let Mrs O'Mahony in the office know.

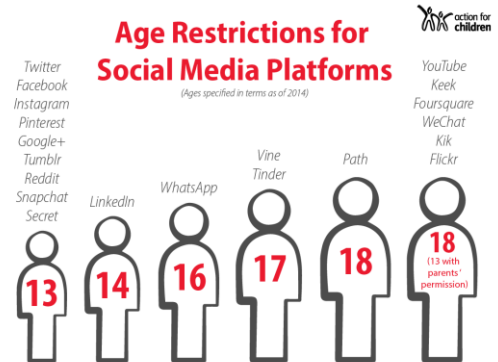
### Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day was Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February. We live in an increasingly connected world and our children are involved with more technology and online communication than ever before. With the growing use of devices (such as tablets, mobile phones and game consoles) enabling children to connect easily with the wider world, it is really crucial that we understand how we as adults can keep them safe.

As a school we are still experiencing an increasing number of incidents related to our children being on social media or using You Tube channels. In the vast majority of cases, issues have arisen because children do not have the emotional maturity to understand the potential safety issues related to this exposure to the Internet. Online predators will

target young children on social media and sites they enjoy. Please can we clarify with all parents that Instagram and Facebook are social media accounts which should not be used by children under the age of 13.

We regularly talk to the children about e-safety in line with our scheme of work (as is deemed appropriate to their age group). It is important the children know how to keep themselves safe online. We regularly send you the e-safety newsletters we receive from the Local Authority. These can also be found on our website. It is really worth reading these.



Don't forget parents' evening!

### Parent Consultation Evenings

This term our consultation evenings will be running on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> March. The online sign up system will be live from midday on 26<sup>th</sup> February. Please log on as soon as possible to ensure you are able to obtain a time slot that is convenient for you.

### World Thinking Day

The 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017 is World Thinking Day. This date was chosen as it was the birthday of Scouting and Guiding founder Robert Baden-Powell and of Olave Baden-Powell, his wife and World Chief Guide. Children are welcome to wear their scouting/guiding uniforms on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> of February in commemoration of this event.



### Healthy snacks

Can you please remind your child/ren that they are only permitted to eat a healthy snack like fruit or vegetables at break.

### New staff

Emma Reidy has started in the office this week, she has settled in very well, I know everyone will make her welcome.

Please ensure that you check the website regularly for all dates of upcoming events. Have a great half term and see you on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

With very best wishes,

Mrs. Roberts  
Head Teacher