



# CHORLEYWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Head Teacher's Update



Dear Parents,

This has been another very productive half term with lots of exciting events. The teachers have completed the termly pupil assessments and analysis of this data is underway. As usual I meet with all the teachers individually to discuss the attainment and progress of all the pupils in their class. We also discuss which interventions have been particularly successful, and what support and interventions will be in place next term.

### Sports Challenge

The Sports Committee have been working so hard this year and have been proactive in promoting sports and fitness at Chorleywood Primary School. I hope you have seen the fantastic revamped PE top that includes our new logo and



motto. Sienna Y2 and Harry Y3 had their designs selected following a vote. I think they look fantastic. The Sports Committee will also be launching the "Sports Challenge" after Easter. Each pupil will receive their own fitness log where they can record the physical activity they undertake each week. Pupils can record the PE, clubs and fitter future activities they undertake at school but also they can record



the physical activity they participate in outside school. This can include clubs and also a walk with the family. Like the Reading Challenge the scheme is certificated depending on how many hours' sports your child does.

### School Council

The School Council have also been busy this half term. One project they have been working on involves reviewing the Reading Challenge. The feedback we received from some pupils and parents was that some children were reading the books in the challenge but not receiving the certificates because they were not completing the tasks or reading from the recommended list. The Reading Challenge was always meant to promote a love of reading, therefore the School Council have made some changes to the challenge. Firstly, the list of books for each year group will now merely be guidance and children only need to read one book in every five from this list. Secondly, they have decided that children also only need to complete one task for every five books they read. As long as parents confirm that the books have been read. I hope this means there are no excuses for pupils not to progress through the challenge!

### Home Learning Policy

Many thanks to the parents who have supported me in the formulation of the Home Learning Policy. The staff and School Council have also contributed to it. Once it has been ratified by governors a copy will be put on the website.

### Governance

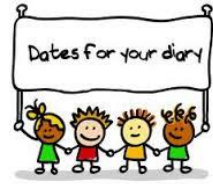
I would like to thank the governors for their hard work this term. Please take time to read their newsletter regarding the crisis in school funding after Easter.

### PTA

Huge thanks to the PTA for their continued work this term. They have led various fundraising activities. This year they have raised £11,000 so far; £2100 this term. Many thanks to Chrissie and Tania for coordinating the PTA.

## Trips

We have booked a whole school trip to Legoland on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June; this will be the first day of Activities Week. We are also planning our whole school attendance trip for any pupil who has attendance over 97%.



## Music News

On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March, children who learn piano at school performed in a Piano Concert in the school hall. We all enjoyed listening to a variety of pieces. Mrs Stanway, our piano teacher, said "The children were so brave to agree to even perform in the concert. Amidst nerves and a huge audience they played admirably and I'm very proud of them all."



## Grant Leader

We have asked several times for someone to support us in this role. Due to the application written by Ms Anna Lucuk, one of our parents, we secured £8000 recently from Tesco. We are still desperate to recruit someone to undertake the role of securing grants.



This will support the children by raising additional funds for the school/PTA. There are so many grants available and the children are missing out due to the time constraints of our staff. I am asking you to consider if this may be something you or a couple of you could undertake. This role could be as an associate member of the governing board or a stand-alone role. If you are interested in discussing this, please let me know via the office.

# In other news...

We were ABSOLUTELY DELIGHTED that our Herfordfordshire Improvement Partner agreed with our self evaluation AGAIN this year and has graded every area of the school as OUTSTANDING. This is 100% due to the absolutely amazing staff team, hardworking pupils, governors and supportive parents we have at Chorleywood Primary School.

I hope you all have a fantastic holiday. I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April.

Kind regards,

Mrs R Roberts  
Headteacher