



Headteacher writes:

**'In a World where you can Be Anything, Be Kind!'**  
Clare Pooley

Welcome back to school! It was a real blessing to see our new Reception pupils arriving into school for stay and play sessions and welcoming them into class. A huge thank you to all parents and carers for supporting the children in being ready for school. As always, the first week back can be exhausting; early mornings, not having afternoon naps and needing to be at school all day - not only for the children but for the adults too...

Saying goodbye to the Summer and hello to the Autumn is an important transition and is one that stays with most of us for the whole of our lives. On some level, most adults still have a transition to manage in September as the summer fades and the winter approaches. Over this term, the children learn or reestablish routines. As part of assemblies this week, the children were reminded of the Chester Park rules; **WE ARE SAFE & WE ARE RESPECTFUL**. These rules are important for all of our community. Children, staff, parents & carers are expected to follow these rules at all times.

Today's quote focuses on being kind. A kind and thoughtful word or gesture can go a long way and make a big difference. While working with the children earlier in the week, we found that when we are kind to others, we feel happier. Kindness can come in many forms. It can be; a smile, a hug, a word, a gift or a gesture. What we say, how we say it and how we present ourselves, all form parts of communication we share with others. How we communicate with each other is really important, be this face to face, over the telephone, by letter or email, via video message or through text or messaging. As your child grows, please support them in navigating all ways of communicating with others and by modelling how to communicate with kindness. I hope you all have a restful weekend and look forward to seeing you next week.

Yours in partnership,  
Mike, Headteacher

**Meet the Teacher Sessions**

On **Wednesday 10th September**, we will be holding meet the teacher sessions in school for children in Years 1 to 6.

This is a time where you can meet your child's new teachers and find out more about the year ahead.

There will be 2 sessions for each class so if you have more than one child in the school, you are able to see both teachers. You do not need to attend both sessions for a class.

Timings are:

**2.45pm or 3.00pm - Infant classes for parent/carers of Year 1 and 2 children**

**3.30pm or 3.45pm - Junior classes for parent/carers of Years 3, 4,5 and 6 children**

We hope you can join us!



**School Day**

Here are a few reminders of the arrangements of school life at Chester Park.

- **Chester Park Infant School—Class doors open at 8.40am, Learning starts at 8.45am, School finishes at 3.15pm.**
- **Chester Park Junior School—Gates open at 8.45am, Learning starts at 8.55am, School finishes at 3.25pm.**

Please ensure your child attends school regularly and is on time. Learning starts immediately and being late can cause distress and cause anxiety to your child.

### Leave of Absence

We would like to remind all parents/carers that holidays in term time will not be authorised except in **very exceptional circumstances** and penalty notices or other legal sanctions may be issued as a result of taking your child out of school without authorisation.

Good school attendance is essential for your child's progress and skills for life.

In exceptional circumstances, you will need to complete a form to ask permission for leave of absence in advance.



### School Uniform Reminder

We would like to remind parent/carers that children should not be wearing black hoodies for PE.

Children should just wear their usual red jumper. This is to keep our uniform consistent and to not have more items than necessary due to the rising cost of school uniform. Thank you.

### Year 6 Noahs Ark Visit

Year 6 pupils will be visited by Noah's Ark on Thursday 11th September to take part in an animal workshop.

The cost of the workshop is £2 per child. Please note the school does not make a profit from educational visits. Please make payment through Arbor.

### Parking & Idling of vehicles

Over the last few years, we have noticed an increase in drivers parking on yellow lines, on pavements, dangerously turning cars around and also idling their cars whilst waiting outside the schools. Our children are very small and when people park dangerously, it is very difficult for them to see when crossing the road. Please ensure you are parking safely and with consideration to our neighbours. **If you are waiting outside the schools in your cars, please switch your engines off to reduce the levels of fumes around the local area.** Thank you.



### Nuts in School

We are asking all parents/carers to help us by **NOT** sending any nuts/peanuts or nut/peanut products to school in packed lunch boxes.

**This includes peanut butter, Nutella or other brands of chocolate spread that contain nuts.**

We greatly appreciate your co-operation in this matter as we are a **nut free** school.



## **Dates for your Diary**

**Wednesday 10th September 2.45pm and 3pm**—Meet the teacher sessions

**Friday 3rd October**—Inset Day—School Closed to all pupils

**Monday 6th October**—Inset Day—School Closed to all pupils

**Thursday 19th March**—Inset Day—School Closed to all pupils

**Friday 20th March**—Inset Day—School Closed to all pupils

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