



Headteacher writes:

*"Of some of our teachers, we remember their foibles and mannerisms, of others, their kindness and encouragement, or their fierce devotion to standards of work that we probably did not share at the time. And of those who inspire us the most, we remember what they cared about, and that **they cared about us, and the person we might become.**" Robert Fried, **The Passionate Teacher***

Many of our staff have worked at Chester Park for a while (that doesn't mean we are old!) and some of us quite a long while. Having strong bonds to the community is important for a school and this is no exception at Chester Park. At Chester Park, building a sense of **Belonging** really does sit at the heart of what we do. We want all the children at Chester Park to be the best they can and to know achieving their goals is important. Working in partnership with home is an important aspect of this focus on supporting children to achieve their best.

For each pupil, achieving their best might look slightly different. The staff at Chester Park echo the sentiments in the above quote, from one of my University text books (that probably does mean it is a little old). This was penned over thirty years ago but the importance of having staff that care for the child in their care now and thinking of what they might become is really important. 'Might become...' this level of care builds ambition and sets goals that children can strive for linked to their future.

Helping children develop ambition does not happen over night, it happens subtly over a period of time where along the journey to success, children develop into the wonderful young adults we know they will become. Coming to school ready to learn every day, doing work that has meaning, being positive when approaching each day and building resilience when things are hard, will all support each child move toward achieving their goal. What does your child want to do in their future?

Yours in partnership,
Mike McNama, Headteacher

Safeguarding Notification

Recently, there have been some really unhelpful posts locally and nationally on social media promoting aggression between different schools. Children at primary age are typically too young to access social media platforms however, a number of pupils may access social media. Please be vigilant as a parent / carer and check on your child's social media use. The police have informed schools that there is no evidence that would suggest that postings on social media are linked to any planned or organised events. The police have shared that the forwarding and sharing of posts even if well-intentioned are unhelpful and are in some cases increase worry or amplify the situation. Please do not share any messages linked to this subject area. As always, if you have genuine concerns around community safety, please contact the police.

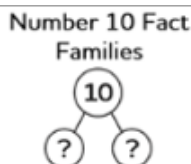
Chester Park Litter Pickers



The School Councilors at the Infant School have set up litter picking clubs in each of their classes. The infant children took a vote on what to call the club and "Chester Park Litter Pickers" was the name they decided on. The School Councilors will be training their classmates on how to safely and sensibly litter pick and make our school environment a better place.

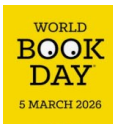
Number Sense— Number 10 Fact Families

This is such an amazing strategy for helping to deepen the understanding around the concept of number. It supports how number facts are related. If you know $3+7=10$ you also know; $7+3=10$, $10-3=7$, $10-7=3...$ and so much more! $30+70=100$ or $0.1-0.07=0.03...$ This strategy is useful in managing anything that is linked to our number system such as money and measurement. Have a talk to your child about how they use this strategy.



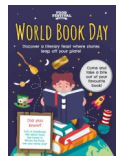
Go beyond just recalling the pairs of numbers that add to 10. Make sure that we can also spot additions and subtractions which we can use number bonds to 10 to solve.

World Book Day



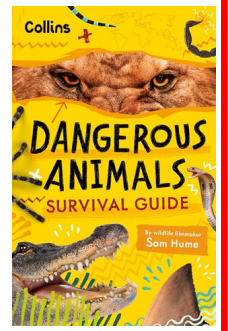
We will be celebrating our love of reading by dressing up as a character from our favourite book. The children will be taking part in lots of book-based activities!

We will also be having a special World Book Day Menu. Please see the back of this newsletter.



Author Event

As part of our **World Book Day celebrations** and our wider **Year of Reading** focus, we are delighted to be welcoming **Sam Hume**—wildlife filmmaker and author—to Chester Park Juniors. He will be delivering an afternoon talk to the children, which we are sure will be a fantastic experience and a wonderful way to inspire curiosity and a love of reading. I know that many of you have purchased the books via Arbor. Sam will be signing them after his visit!



Dates for your Diary

Monday 2nd March—Ifar at Infant School—5.30pm

Thursday 5th March—World Book Day— Children can dress as a book character for the day!

9th –13th March—Book Fair at Infant School

Friday 13th March—Red Nose Day Non Uniform Day for a donation to Comic Relief

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

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

Monday 23rd March—Eid Coffee Morning & Class Parties—More information to follow.

Thursday 26th March—Friends of CPIS Easter Cake Sale after school at both schools

Thursday 2nd April—End of Term 4

Monday 20th April—Start of Term 5

Tuesday 19th May—Infant School Sports Day

Wednesday 20th May—Junior School Sports Day







Friday 22nd May—End of Term 5

Monday 1st June—Start of Term 6

1st—5th June—Chester Park Belonging Week—More information to follow

Friday 5th June—Belonging Picnic and Summer Fair from 2pm

Tuesday 21st July—End of Term 6

	Dojo Hero 	Pot of Gold 		Dojo Hero 	Gold Card 
Class	Infant School		Class	Junior School	
Badger	Isaac		Pine	Bruno	Hamza, Theo, Oscar
Rabbit	Eden	Amelia, Nesta, Nadim, Rozita	Willow	Muneer	Ayah, Ted, Zayneb
Squirrel	Jabali		Cedar	Ronnie	Kairo, Hussein
Bumblebee	Ivy	Richie, Hanya, Reuben, Tilly	Hazel	Jevon	Aisha, Rhamel
Hedgehog	Ivy	Ivy, Seb	Chestnut	Kian	Arthur, Saaliha
Otter	Charlie K	Layla,	Hawthorn	Ranveer	Clara, Zayn
Owl	Mahreen	Nya, Memphis, Theo	Sycamore	Dante	Rafi, Kamir
Fox	Ishaaq	Oshi, Aisha, Ruby	Maple	Crawford	Hashim, Prince
Ducklings		Noah, Nuri, Mubarak	Ash	Sam & Wasif	Bakhtiyar, Yaseen, Hassan
			Whitebeam	Ezra	Maria, Leah
			Hornbeam	Myla	Isla, Oscar
Congratulations to this weeks winners!			Oak	Jayden	Ollie, Logan

Class	Weekly Attendance	Class	Weekly Attendance
Badger	92.0%	Pine	91.8%
Rabbit	92.1%	Willow	99.1%
Squirrel	86.6%	Cedar	96.3%
Bumblebee	97.3%	Hazel	87.1%
Hedgehog	94.4%	Chestnut	93.3%
Otter	98.7%	Hawthorn	96.4%
Owl	95.9%	Sycamore	95.7%
Fox	91.0%	Maple	94.6%
		Ash	91.1%
		Whitebeam	93.2%
		Hornbeam	95.7%



YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR

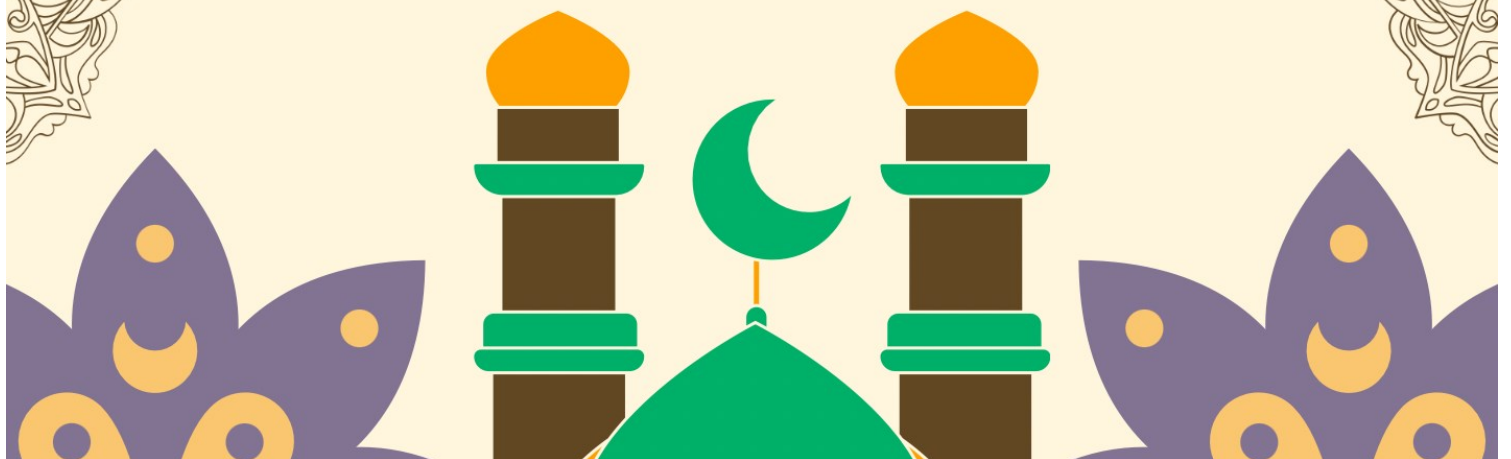
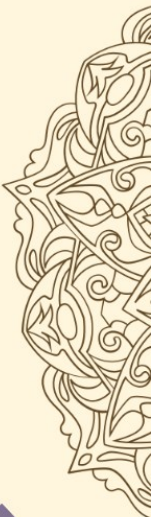
CHESTER PARK IFTAR

JOIN US IN OPENING OUR FAST TOGETHER

MONDAY 2ND MARCH

(5:30PM @ THE INFANT SCHOOL)

PLEASE BRING A
VEGETARIAN OR HALAL
AND NUT FREE DISH TO
SHARE



Eid Celebration

COMMUNITY EVENT


Join us to celebrate Eid on


Sunday, 22nd March


4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Hillfields Community Centre

Organised by Jero & Maria

 Kids' Activities

 Food & Drinks

 Sweets

 Henna
& More!

Rent a Stall: £5 Each

**Sell Clothes, Maxi Dresses,
Food & More!**

Bring Your Family & Friends – Lets Celebrate Together!

 Dola4U

HILLFIELDS PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE

THICKET AVENUE, HILLFIELDS, BS16 4EH



Hillfields Dance Party

Monthly on Saturdays

4PM-5:30PM

£1 entry per child

(parents and carers must supervise children)

2026 Dates

24 Jan, 28 Feb,
21 Mar, 25 Apr,
30 May, 27 Jun.



Tuck shop

Juice, cakes &
treats for sale.

No need to book.

Pay on the door - card or cash



Climate & Nature Day

Hillfields Park Community Centre, BS16 4EH

Saturday 7th March, 1PM - 4PM

A fun afternoon for everyone

- Café OPEN!
- Bike servicing*
- Knife sharpening*
- Expert energy advice
- Family-friendly activities
- Nature and climate stalls



*Email or call to book slots in advance

Part funded by
Retrofit West



T: 0117 304 8045

E: info@hillfieldscommunitygarden.co.uk



**HILLFIELDS PARK
COMMUNITY CENTRE**
THICKET AVENUE, BS16 4EH



Hillfields Bike Skills for Women

FRIDAYS 10AM - 12NOON

Want to build your confidence on a bike?
Join our friendly 4-week beginners course

What you'll learn:

- Balancing, pedalling & steering
- Safe starting and stopping
- Basic bike checks
- Riding with confidence
- Support from trained instructors



Details:

Course 1: 6, 13, 20, 27 March.

Course 2: 24 April and 1, 8, 15 May.

Both courses are the same. The whole course costs £5.

We will provide bikes, helmets, and high vis jackets.

Fill in the enquiry form and we will be in touch.

Spaces are limited.

T: 0117 304 8045

E: info@hillfields.com



Bristol Parenting Groups

- Are you pregnant or a parent of a 0 - 8 year old?
- Would you like to add ideas and skills to your parenting toolbox?
- Would you like to develop more confidence in your parenting?
- Would you like to understand your child better?

Free
groups for
adults run
by Bristol
Children's
Centres

Scan here
to find out
more and
register your
interest!



Your parenting
toolbox:

Listening

Play

Nurture

Praise

Empathy

Connection

For more information please call: **07721 311 497**
or email: **pss@bristol.gov.uk**

Once you have registered your interest via:
www.bit.ly/BristolParentingGroups we will be in touch to find
the best group option for you.



Bristol Parent
Carer Forum
Shaping the Future *Together*

TOGETHER FOR SEND 2026

MONDAY 16TH MARCH, 9.30AM-4PM
WE THE CURIOUS, BS1 5DB



SCAN TO
BOOK YOUR
TICKETS!



OR VISIT

WWW.BRISTOLPARENTCARERS.ORG.UK/EVENTS/TOGETHERFORSEND/



Quartet
Community
Foundation

NHS 75

Bristol, North Somerset
and South Gloucestershire
Integrated Care Board



we the curious

FOOD
FESTIVAL
2024

WORLD BOOK DAY

5th March

Neverland Beef Burger
with Wedges and Magic BBQ Beans

Or

Jack's Beanstalk Bean Burrito
with Wedges and Garden Salad

And

Paddington's Orange
Marmalade Sponge

