



Headteacher writes:

**‘A happy life consists not in the absence, but in the mastery of hardships.’
– Helen Keller**

Yesterday, was International day of Happiness. This day served as a reminder of how happiness can affect our well-being, the environment, and society at large. With increasing stress, mental health issues, and work-life imbalances across the world, World Happiness Day highlights the need to foster a positive, fulfilling, and joyful life. As you know, Being Positive is an important part of the Chester Park vision. During assembly this week, I shared with the children that if they thought they *could do* something they were probably right and equally if they thought they *could not do* something they were probably right.

I have shared this quote previously, 'Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass... It's about learning to dance in the rain.' This, highlights the importance of looking at things in a positive manner and setting things in place to help manage what life throws at us. As part of our PSHE work, we focus on supporting the children in developing positive mindsets. Alongside this, Chester Park focuses on being resilient. Being positive and resilient are skills that will aid your child for the whole of their life. Resilience is the ability to handle life's setbacks and recover from difficulties. Being both positive and resilient help promote happiness.

The Chester Park vision; **Positive, Resilient, Meaningful**, is very important in all we do as a community school. We have helped children understand why they learn, what they learn and how that learning fits together over their time with us. As we approach the final two weeks of this term, it is good to reflect on what your child has achieved so far. I know that the recent sharing learning sessions will have given you a good insight into how far your child has come. Now that spring has sprung, this can help build positivity - more daylight, less rain (hopefully), and slightly warmer weather... What will you do to foster a positive, fulfilling, and joyful life?

**Yours in partnership,
Mike, Headteacher**

Red Nose day



Today, we came to school in different clothes to raise money for Red Nose Day. Altogether, Chester Park Schools raised £271.61 for Red Nose Day this year.

Eid Parent coffee morning

Come and join us on Wednesday 2nd April for our Eid parent coffee morning. The parent coffee morning will be held at the Junior School at 9am.

Everyone is welcome to share some food and find out about Eid is celebrated. Please bring vegetarian food, which does not contain nuts, to share with the community. If food is homemade, please label with the ingredients used to support our families with allergies.

The coffee morning forms part of our Eid week in school where we will be celebrating and finding out about Eid with the children.



SEND coffee morning

Kathryn Curry, our SENCo, and Anwen Marshall, Educational Psychologist, will be holding a SEND coffee morning on Thursday 3rd April at the junior school. Anwen Marshall is an EP for Bristol and whose work is valued by our schools. Anwen and Kathryn will be available to explore ideas and strategies that might support families at home.

Come and join us, meet other families, share your stories and chat with Anwen. Perhaps you are having difficulties with transitions or you would like support in transferring strategies from school to home. Anwen cannot guarantee an 'easy fix' but she can offer a listening ear and impartial advice built on her expertise in the field.

COFFEE MORNING With Anwen Marshall, EP

WHERE?

Chester Park
Junior School

WHEN?

Thursday 3rd
April 2025

TIME?

9:00 am to
10:30am



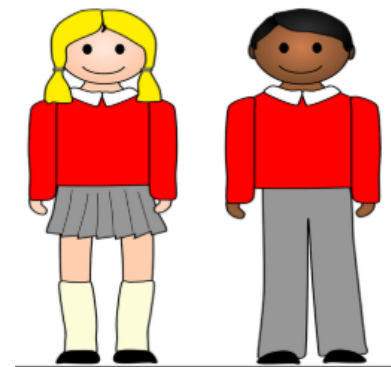
Eid week in school



On the final week of term, Chester Park will be having a learning focus on Eid. Muslims celebrate Eid at the end of Ramadan. In school, children will be learning about how Eid is celebrated and using art and music. At the end of the week, we will celebrate by having our Eid parties. Watch out for more information linked to this next week.

School uniform and Jewellery

A reminder that school uniform includes sensible shoes that are not bright in colour. They should be appropriate for use on play equipment and for general play at lunchtimes. Longer hair should be tied back for health and safety reasons. School has a no jewellery policy. Jewellery including rings, watches, bracelets, and necklaces should not be worn to school. Earrings should be studs only.



Dates for your Diary

Infant School

Tuesday 25th March—Badger, Rabbit and Squirrel Fantastic Finale 2.45pm

Thursday 27th March—Owl, Bumblebee and Hedgehog Fantastic Finale 9am

Friday 28th March—Inset Day

Monday 31st March—Inset Day

Friday 23rd May—Inset Day

Junior School

Wednesday 26th March—Year 5 class assembly 2.30pm







Thursday 27th March—Year 4 class assembly 2.45pm

Friday 28th March—Inset Day

Monday 31st March—Inset Day

Friday 23rd May—Inset Day

Weekly Celebrations

	Dojo Hero 	Pot of Gold 		Dojo Hero 	Gold Card 
Class	Infant School		Class	Junior School	
Badger	Torrin		Apple	Marley	Tulah, Jevon
Rabbit	Adriana	Tilly, Alex	Pear	Sam	Eelaf, Riya
Squirrel	Hanya	Yannis, Sami, Silvia	Cherry	Kelen-Jay	Luna, Jevon
Bumblebee	Peggy		Acer	Phoebe	Roman, Ollie
Hedgehog	Aisha		Rowan	Zayan	Aliyah, Hareem, Thandie
Otter	Hester		Cypress	Zayn	Gracie, Tasif
Owl	Joshie	Melody	Hawthorn	Kumba	Myla, Finley
Fox	Anaya	Jessica	Sycamore	Aleena	Sam, Drew
Ducklings	Reuben		Maple	Safa	Michael, Ali
Woodlands			Ash	Aliya	Izzy, Sasha, Alfie
			Whitebeam	Ekambir	Nolan, Harrison
Congratulations to this weeks winners!			Oak	Logan	Ollie, Abdullah

Class	Weekly Attendance	Class	Weekly Attendance
Badger	91.2%	Apple	90%
Rabbit	91.9%	Pear	92.7%
Squirrel	94.7%	Cherry	94.4%
Bumblebee	91.4%	Acer	87.3%
Hedgehog	76.7%	Rowan	95.4%
Otter	93.4%	Cypress	84.8%
Owl	86.7%	Sycamore	94.6%
Fox	91.7%	Hawthorn	95.2%
		Maple	90.4%
		Whitebeam	86.2%
		Ash	90.7%



Creative Holiday Club

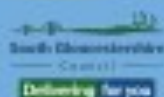
For 5 - 11 year olds

Activities

- Arts and Crafts
- Drama
- Games
- Outdoor play

Any questions?
Call/Email

0117 428 6240
sophie@uniquevoice.org



When?

10am - 2pm
Mon 7th April - Thurs 10th April

**NO
COST!***



Where?

Downend, Little Stoke, Hillfields,
St Anne's, Withywood

*All club places are fully funded (no cost) and children must be in receipt of benefits-related Free School Meals to be eligible for a place.

To find out more visit our
booking page here



HILLFIELDS FESTIVAL

PART OF THE BRISTOL COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

22 March to 5 April | Various venues
2025 | around Hillfields

A fortnight celebration across Hillfields!
FREE events and workshops



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the full
programme!**



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