



Headteacher writes:

“I hope you realise that every day is a fresh start for you. That every sunrise is a new chapter in your life waiting to be written.” —Juansen Dizon

Happy New Year and welcome back to Chester Park. As expected, the children have settled back to school incredibly well. This week, we have come to school in pretty challenging weather - well done on the determination to help your child in coming to school on time. In assembly this week, we have focused on refreshing ourselves with the rules at Chester Park. The two simple rules of “We are Safe” and “We are Respectful” are important for all of us to remember and to live out. These rules, while linked to Chester Park, are actually good rules for life in general.

Chester Park in the press: Following our recent OFSTED, Chester Park has appeared in the local press, this report focused on aspects of the OFSTED report and the approaches we take to develop a sense of belonging and community. If you would like to read the article it is on The Fishponds Voice website and it appears in the printed version of The Fishponds Voice. [Praise for Fishponds school with community at its heart - Fishponds Voice](#)

Eid week preparations are beginning. From Tuesday 1st April to Friday 4th April, Chester Park will be celebrating Eid week. If you would like to be involved in shaping these celebrations, we would love to hear from you. Last year, our Eid celebrations were absolutely brilliant. We hope to build on last year's success and make this year even better.

Yours in partnership,

Mike, Headteacher

Important Deadline

Reception Year Applications September 2025

If you have a child, or know of someone who has a child, born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021, you will need to make an application for a place in the Reception Year for September 2025 by:

Midnight on 15th January 2025.

To make an application please visit Bristol City Council Admissions webpage:

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/residents/schools-learning-and-early-years/school-admissions/primary-admissions/primary-apply>

If you need any help with applying please speak to Clare James at the Infant School Office.

Dates for your Diary

Infant School

Monday 6th January—Back to School
Tuesday 14th January at 9am—Year 1 Reading Workshop for Parent/Carers
Thursday 16th January at 9am—Reception Year Reading Workshop for Parent/Carers
Friday 14th February—Last day of Term 3
Friday 28th March—Inset Day
Monday 31st March—Inset Day
Friday 23rd May—Inset Day

Junior School

Monday 6th January—Back to School
Friday 14th February—Last day of Term 3
Friday 28th March—Inset Day
Monday 31st March—Inset Day
Friday 23rd May—Inset Day

Year 1 Reading Workshop

Year 1 Parents/carers are invited to a Reading workshop on:

Tuesday 14th January at 9am

At the Infant school. We hope you can join us!

Reception Year Reading Workshop

Reception year Parents/carers are invited to a Reading workshop on:

Thursday 16th January at 9am

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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.



Parking & Idling of vehicles

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.



Chester Park Infant & Junior Schools

Positive, Resilient, Meaningful

Are you looking for a school place for your child?

You can book a visit to see what Chester Park has to offer including:

Experienced teaching staff - Early Years & Key Stage Leaders - Learning through play and teaching
Forest School sessions - Vibrant, well equipped classrooms - Great outdoor learning spaces







To arrange a visit please call the

Infant School on – 0117 377 3047 or Junior School on - 0117 377 3365

At Chester Park we want everyone to Belong



Weekly Celebrations

	Dojo Hero 	Pot of Gold 		Dojo Hero 	Gold Card 
Class	Infant School		Class	Junior School	
Badger	Myla		Apple	Merrilees	Zahara, Nicholas
Rabbit	All of Rabbit Class		Pear	Adante	Sam, Ayse
Squirrel	Ayza	Shyana	Cherry	Asma	Ronnie, Reveal
Bumblebee	Dylan	Finlay	Acer	Crawford	Dougie
Hedgehog	Meme		Rowan	Olivia	Phoebe
Otter	Muneer		Cypress	Rafi	Ailin, Ayat
Owl	Minal	Kensa, Romy, Ewan, Patricia	Hawthorn	Onika	Sophia, Jacob
Fox	Zaynah		Sycamore	Hassan	Haseeb, Adam
Ducklings		Charlie	Maple	Zuhair	Darcy, Ali
Woodlands		Ousmane,	Ash	Yahya	Hassnain, Aliya
			Whitebeam	Aisha	David, Daniyal
Congratulations to this weeks winners!			Oak	Noah	Shayla, Hassan

Class	Weekly Attendance	Class	Weekly Attendance
Badger	91.6%	Apple	93.8%
Rabbit	92.0%	Pear	91.8%
Squirrel	71.0%	Cherry	97.9%
Bumblebee	97.1%	Acer	90.1%
Hedgehog	90.8%	Rowan	92.9%
Otter	93.5%	Cypress	88.0%
Owl	88.8%	Sycamore	86.1%
Fox	88.8%	Hawthorn	81.0%
		Maple	90.4%
		Whitebeam	89.6%
		Ash	88.8%

Celebrate the ancient tradition of blessing the apple trees through song and merry making.

What is a Wassail?



Watch our video from last year



HILLFIELDS
COMMUNITY GARDEN

Wassail

Sunday 19th
January 2025
13:00 - 15:00

Hillfields Park, BS16 4EH

Hot drinks | Cake

Singing | Morris Dancers

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