



Headteacher writes:

"Parenting is a dance between making memories and letting go, a delicate balance of holding on and encouraging your child to soar to new heights." — Karen Salmansohn

I have written before that being a parent is the best and hardest job in the world. Supporting your child towards independence is tricky. When should you provide support and when should you remove that support? It really is a delicate dance. A few of us at Chester Park found out we were 'Curling Parents' - In the sport curling, you throw a stone down the ice trying to hit a target and then use a brush in front of the stone to help it get there. I found this a really useful analogy. You give your child some independence and then check and help them achieve what they are aiming for after you have let them go - you may sometimes try to remove every obstacle in their way. Maybe you are a helicopter parent - always checking on them and not wanting them to fail. Wikipedia describes a helicopter parent as 'a term for a parent who is over attentive and overly fearful of a child's experiences.' At times, we might all be curling or helicopter parents. As I have said, being a parent is not easy.

Why are we so worried about our children failing? Failing at something helps us learn. When we support children with learning at school, we provide a safe environment for them to learn and grow and encourage learning from failure. **"The secret of life is to fall seven times and to get up eight times." — Paulo Coelho.** Knowing it is ok to get something wrong and to learn from it is a very important part of moving towards independence. Being able to support your child in managing the failures that they will experience, helps them as they grow into the amazing young people they will become.

We have a lot of parenting experts in and around school... YOU - all of the parents and carers within our community! Each of you will be doing something that no other parent does. Have you taught your child to cook? Have you taught them to swim or ride a bike? Have you taught them a different language? Have you let them climb a tree, cross the road or visit a friend's house? These little steps are all really important in helping your child develop the independence they want and need as they move towards becoming an adult. Stability, consistency and opportunity help them take risks in a safe manner as they get older.

Yours in partnership,

Mike,
Headteacher

Book Fair Update

We would like to thank all our amazing families for supporting our book fair at the Junior school recently.

We sold £1391.56 worth of books which means we have £765.36 of commission to spend on books!

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this a great success!

Parent/Carer Governor Election

We have had two candidates apply for our Parent Governor vacancy. On Monday, further information will be sent to all parent /carers by email to vote in the election. Thank you.

Share Our Learning Evenings

Don't forget that our Share our Learning evenings will be taking place on Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th October. These were previously known as Parent Evenings. If you have not made an appointment please contact the school offices.

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.



Positive, Resilient, Meaningful



Chester Park Infant School

Open Evening

Wednesday 13th November 6pm - 7.30pm

Do you have a child born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021?

If so you can apply for a Reception Year place for September 2025.

We will be holding small group tours on various dates as well as our Open Evening.

Please contact 0117 3773047 for available dates and to book on a tour.

Mondays – 9.30am

Tuesdays – 1.30pm

Wednesdays – 11.00am

Thursdays - 1.30pm



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Lodge Causeway

Fishponds

Bristol, BS16 3QG

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Dates for your Diary







Infant School

Monday 7th October 2024—Flu Immunisation
Tuesday 8th October 2024— Share our Learning Evening for Parent/Carers) 3.30-6pm
Wednesday 9th October 2024— Share our Learning Evening for Parent/Carers) 3.30-6pm
Tuesday 15th October 2024—School Photo Day
Thursday 17th October 2024—School Disco— 3.15-4.15pm Infant School
Friday 25th October 2024—Black History Month Gallery Event—2pm at Infant School
Wednesday 13th November 2024—Open Evening for Reception Intake 2025—6pm— 7.30pm
Wednesday 4th December 2024—Christmas Fair
Monday 9th December 2024—3.30pm— Christmas Sing-a-Long at Junior School
Thursday 12th December 2024—Christmas Lunch, Christmas Jumper & Santa Run/Dance Day
Friday 20th December 2024—Class Parties

Junior School

Monday 7th October 2024—Flu Immunisation
Tuesday 8th October 2024— Share our Learning Evening for Parent/Carers) 3.30-6pm
Wednesday 9th October 2024— Share our Learning Evening for Parent/Carers) 3.30-6pm
Tuesday 15th October 2024—School Photo Day
Thursday 17th October 2024—School Disco— 4.15pm—5.30pm at Infant School
Friday 25th October 2024—Black History Month Gallery Event—2.45pm Junior School
Wednesday 4th December 2024—Christmas Fair
Monday 9th December 2024—3.30pm— Christmas Sing-a-Long at Junior School
Thursday 12th December—Christmas Lunch, Christmas Jumper & Santa Run/Dance Day
Wednesday 18th December 2024— Years 3 & 4 Performance—3.30pm Junior Hall
Thursday 19th December 2024—Years 5 & 6 Performance—3.30pm Junior Hall
Friday 20th December 2024—Class Parties

Weekly Celebrations

											
Class		Infant School		Class		Junior School					
Badger	Ivan			Apple	Saaliha	Oscar, Aleena					
Rabbit	Xavier			Pear	Elias	Mila, Eelaf					
Squirrel	Eze			Cherry	Fred	Kelen-Jay, Kaden, Reveal					
Bumblebee	Ava			Acer	Ava	Alex, Roka					
Hedgehog	Freya	Alan, Kyrie		Rowan	Cameron	Lola, Clara					
Otter	Zoey			Cypress	Catherine	Mary'Anne					
Owl	Mustafa	Joshua		Hawthorn	Manaal	Albie, Kumba					
Fox	Flo	Zaynah, Zain		Sycamore	Bethan	Drew, Leo					
				Maple	Seth	Zoya, Zayneb					
				Ash	Mati	Amai, Hassnain					
				Whitebeam	Josh S	Ekambir, Nolan					
Congratulations to this weeks winners!				Oak	Ollie	Corey, Hassan					

Class	Weekly Attendance	Class	Weekly Attendance
Badger	92.3%	Apple	98.4%
Rabbit	95.4%	Pear	93.5%
Squirrel	96.7%	Cherry	99.2%
Bumblebee	92.7%	Acer	92.1%
Hedgehog	92.8%	Rowan	93.2%
Otter	96.9%	Cypress	94.6%
Owl	93.9%	Sycamore	92.8%
Fox	96.6%	Hawthorn	97.0%
		Maple	96.5%
		Whitebeam	92.7%
		Ash	89.3%