



Headteacher writes:

**"Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass. It's about learning to dance in the rain."
Vivian Greene**

We have certainly had the chance to dance in the rain this week!

On Wednesday, we welcomed the pupils back to school. It was great to see the smiles on the children's faces as they entered school, the smiles were almost as wide as the smiles on the parents' faces. For most of us coming back to structures and routines is really important. It provides consistency, predictability and safety. At Chester Park, building the sense of safety and respect is at the heart of all we do. We want all the community to BELONG. I know many of you took up the opportunity to get to know your child's new teacher at Wednesday's meetings - the link between home and school is a vital one and building a positive rapport with your child's class teacher supports this link. You should now have access to Class Dojo where you have a direct messaging link to school.

Dancing in the rain is not literally what we need to do - although I am sure that we all remember the joy of jumping in puddles! Life is about managing the ups and downs that are thrown at us. It is about developing strategies to manage emotions and to say it is ok to be sad or angry. Some people may feel it would be amazing to be happy all of the time but this is not realistic. Life will deliver us moments of joy and moments of challenge. When we experience challenge, having support from others, feeling we belong, being positive and resilient really help manage incredibly difficult situations. Throughout the year, we support our children in exploring how to manage different emotions as part of our work on Personal, Social & Health Education (PSHE).

Welcome to our new Reception pupils and parent/carers. During our induction to our newest pupils, we shared with parents and carers the importance of reading, this was echoed in assemblies this week. Reading is such an important access skill and developing a love of reading is a powerful way to engage in life long positive outcomes linked to education, health and well-being. Those who read widely often report to be happier. You can help your child with this by supporting them through reading at home. You can read with your child and to your child. Just taking a few minutes to listen to or to share a story can be magical. Children will be read to each day at school - ask them about what they have read. Maybe they will share with you what is happening in the class book or story.

Yours in partnership,

Mike, Headteacher

WE MIGHT NEED YOU!

Do you have flexibility during the school day? Chester Park are exploring building up a bank of casual staff to potentially support the lunch period in school. If one of our staff is off due to illness, finding a replacement for lunchtime staff is incredibly difficult.

The play leader role focusses on helping children play, whilst supervising and safeguarding - full training will be given. If you would like to explore the idea of working in school over the lunch period when one of the school staff is unwell please contact the school office. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to gain some experience of working with children.



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 anxiety to your child.

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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.

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

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.



Infant School

Monday 23rd September 2024—Book Fair at Junior School
Monday 7th October 2024—Flu Immunisation
Tuesday 15th October 2024—School Photo Day
Friday 25th October 2024—Black History Month Gallery Event—2pm Infant School
Wednesday 13th November 2024—Open Evening for Reception Intake 2025—6pm—7.30pm

Dates for your Diary

Junior School

Tuesday 17th September — Secondary Transfer Meeting for Year 6 Parent/Carers—3.30pm
Monday 23rd September—Book Fair at Junior School
Monday 7th October 2024—Flu Immunisation
Tuesday 15th October 2024—School Photo Day
Friday 25th October 2024—Black History Month Gallery Event—2.45pm Junior School

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