

Head Teacher: Miss Melanie Scull

Friday, April 24th 2026

Week 28,

What a chaotic week, we started thinking that we would be having the first session of all of the clubs and then ended up having Ofsted visitors for two days. On Tuesday we had four Ofsted Inspectors and on the Wednesday three Inspectors, they saw the education that the children normally get. As you will see in the additional letter that I have sent you this was our first Inspection under the new framework so the 'Good' sign on the fencing at the front of the school now has to come down.

Twelve of our children from Y3 – 6 had the opportunity to speak to the inspectors about what the life of a child at Chase Side looks like and apparently, they did not give the Inspectors as much grief as the school council give me when they are discussing what they would like to change in the school so I was a little upset!

Today we had some issues with the lunch service as the internet in the dining hall failed and lots of the children in the younger years who were not supposed to have fish fingers and chips changed their minds and had them instead. This had the knock-on effect that even though we cooked all of the fish fingers in the freezer we ran out and Y6 and I had to have other things from the menu. They were extremely calm about this change and to make up for the error they (and them alone) will be having Chocolate crispy cake (my personal favorite) on Friday next week – this seemed to resolve all of the issues.

This week we have had the first session of Boys' Football and Tennis, next week we try again with Coding Club, Gardening Club, Bat and Ball Club, Y6 SATs revision (invitation only), Girls' Football and Athletics Club. The clubs where sessions were missed last week will run for an additional week at the end (apart from SATs revision).

If your child comes to school riding a scooter or a bike, please remember not to ride them in the playground as this could be dangerous for other people walking through the playground. Also, be extremely careful on the way to and from school – the roads at this time are particularly busy and we want to avoid any possible accidents.

A few families have been a bit confused about our one-way system; the yellow box has faded (Mr. Francois will be repainting it) but the one-way system is still in place. We put this in place to stop children going missing after they had been handed over to parents. Please make sure that you stick to it.

On Saturday we had an alumni event with over 200 ex-pupils of the school, adults of many ages, with a range of stories to tell about their time at Chase Side Primary. They had the opportunity to look at an amazing range of photographs that Mr. Francois had, eat school cake and custard (no lumps), check out the different areas of the school that they remembered and look themselves up in the punishment books to see why they had got the cane all those years ago. All of this was advertised on the Facebook page "I went to Chase Side Primary School Trinity Street Enfield". Since the event we have over 100 more members and lots more photographs. If you or someone you know came here as a child, please encourage them to have a look.

I'm sure that all of the children and staff are exhausted after the week so let's hope that the sun makes an appearance again this weekend and we all manage to spend some time outside relaxing.

Stronger Together,



Melanie Scull