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Week Six

Highlights for this week include

- Being sent photographs of our Nursery children re-enacting the Tiger who came to Tea with their toys. I recognise that it has been really difficult for Year 1 and Nursery over the last two weeks and we are really looking forward to seeing you all again on Monday.
- Sharing the Achievement Assembly with Berners Lee this morning, while we were waiting for my camera man Mr Millard to get ready, they were updating me on what they had learned about the Windrush generation. At the moment we are having some technical problems recording our Assemblies (some of which we have had to record on two devices at the same time!) While we are working out these issues there will be a delay in the Year 5 assembly, which we will be recording and sending you the link to, but not on the date currently advertised.

It is with great sadness that I inform you that next week is going to be Mrs Gear's last week with us. She has decided that it is time to retire and spend some time with her family before she goes on a range of amazing trips around the world. Mrs Gear has dedicated 20 years to the school and during that time has had a huge positive impact on a wide range of children and families. She has been a key member of staff support the school on the Governing body and making so many of the staff that started after her feel welcomed and part of the school, Mrs Parsons is definitely going to miss her as are we all. She will be in the main hall at collection times all week next week so if you would like to personally thank her for the support she has shown your children I'm sure she would appreciate it.

Next week we have an INSET day on Friday so Thursday will be our last day before the one week half term. All children returning to school on Monday 2nd November.

Again can I ask you all to wear face coverings when you are entering the school site to collect your children and remember only one adult should be entering the site to collect your children. After half term it will only be the Nursery and Reception children that parents will be allowed to drop off in the morning. Don't worry Year 1 parents there are lots of staff around to make sure the children are going to the right places.



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The range of Governors that we have supporting with the supervision of the street barrier have really enjoyed getting to know some of you a little better. It is great to have their support as it is currently taking 75 hours per week of SLT's time to keep the site covid secure.

Some of you may remember that we took part in Dr Bike initiative before, where the children were able to bring in their bikes and a mechanic was able to service them free of charge. We have managed to secure this service again and will get a date after half term for this service.

Mr Millard is adding weekly sports update to his twitter feed, if you haven't started following him yet you can find him on <https://twitter.com/chasesidesports> he is trying to get 150 followers by Christmas!

We are very aware that the children and staff are being asked to wash their hands regularly at the moment, if your child has dry hands and you want to send in hand cream for them to use at break or lunchtime please make sure that it is clearly labelled. If your child needs cream prescribed by the GP, you will need to contact Mrs Hammond in the office as a care plan will need to be put in place so that we can ensure that the medical guidance is being carefully followed.

You have clearly been using your time at home over lockdown effectively, we had the biggest Happy Bag collection ever! We raised an amazing £420, which will be used by FOCs to support the children and families of Chase Side Primary.



FOCs have also managed to source reconditioned computers to be donated to families who really struggled with the online learning over lockdown. I did send out the email yesterday but the children are also coming home with paper letters today, either you can email FOCs directly or hand SLT the completed paper copy on the gate.

This week I also had an online meeting with FOCs when we started to discuss an online version of the Christmas Fair, more details will follow, but some of the events will be pre-recorded and others will be active on the day so keep the date of Saturday 5th December free!

At some point this week something has happened to the platform that hosts our school website, the observant among you may have noticed that it has reverted back to June / July this year, we are frustrated as we had spent lots of time updating different parts of it and adding all of the Covid information that we have been given. At the moment we cannot access the site to change anything this is very annoying because across the middle we had the details of the Covid emergency email address. So, If you are waiting for Covid test results and you get a positive result over the weekend please email emergencies@chaseside.enfield.sch.uk out of hours as this email account will be checked. Do not use this email account for other requests or information. It is for emergency Covid 19 updates only.

Enjoy your weekend, stay safe



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