



Chasetown Community School Newsletter

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Autumn
Term
Dec 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a very busy few weeks at CCS with lots of wonderful learning experiences for our pupils, including class assemblies, a residential trip and charity events. Clubs such as football and choir have proved very popular again this year. We have expanded what clubs we offer to include activities such as gymnastics, board games and construction, allowing pupils the opportunity to show their wonderful talents.

It has been delightful to be joined by so many family and friends for our Christmas fayre, allowing us to make Christmas time at CCS special for all of our pupils. We were able to raise £593.54 which will go towards providing more learning experiences for our pupils.

I hope you all have the opportunity to experience the real meaning of Christmas, enjoy the festivities of the New Year and spend quality time with family and friends.

Best wishes for a brighter 2024

Linda James



Dates for the Diary

22nd December—School closes for Christmas Break

8th January—School opens for Spring term.

Charity Events

This term we have taken part in events to raise money for the following charities

Young Minds—£44.11

Children in Need—£281.05

Thank you for all your support

Winter Weather

As our pupils are transported in to school from a wide area and the weather conditions often vary from one part of the county to another, it may be necessary to cancel the transport and close the school in the event of a heavy snowfall around the school, on the grounds of Health and Safety.

Likewise you may feel that because of weather conditions where you live that it is not safe to send your child. If you decide not to send your child because of the prevailing weather conditions in please notify the school and the taxi company as soon as possible.

If the school is closed due to bad weather the closure will be announced:

* on the Staffordshire school closures website: <https://apps2.staffordshire.gov.uk/sIn/schoolclosures/>

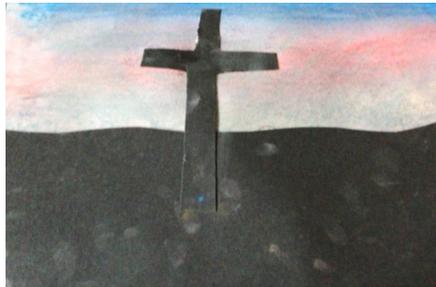
You can sign up on this site to be alerted if our school announces a closure.

* on our website: www.chasetowncommunity.staffs.sch.uk

* the school texting all parents for whom we hold a mobile number: if you believe we do not have your most up-to-date mobile please contact the school.

Remembrance Day

Promise class put their artistic talents to good use to create some stunning artwork to help us reflect on Remembrance Day



Teaching Assistant Award

In 2021, our school was awarded the "Best Practise for Teaching Assistants Award" from Optimus Education. This was met with much celebration as we do have excellent teaching assistants and we are very proud of the work they do with the children and the wider school community.

It is now time for us to renew this award and to retain our status by the Summer of 2024. I have no doubt that we will be awarded the status again as we have amazing teaching assistants.



House Teams

Congratulations to the students who were voted to lead their Houses as House Captains and Vice Captains.



Ruby

Lewis
Noah



Sapphire

Donell
Charlie



Amber

Kian
Riley



Emerald

Jayden
Tom

Chasetown Christmas Fayre

We were very glad to see the return of our Christmas Fayre this year. All pupils were given the chance to take part in many fun games and stalls run by the classes. We were able to raise an amazing £341.39 with a further £252.15 raised by the raffle. We would like to thank everyone who attended, donated or brought raffle tickets.



The SEND Award

Over the past couple of years we have been working very hard to achieve the SEND award. Our final verification will take place in February and we are very confident that we will be successful. We would like to thank all pupils, staff, parents and carers who have been involved in various parts of putting together the evidence for the award. Further information on how you can all support the school with completing and gaining this award will be shared with you in January.

Christmas tips for SEND families!

- ✓ **Put presents in one big box** and let your child open them at their own pace over the following days
- ✓ **Avoid surprises** by picking gifts from their list and wrapping them in clear cellophane (or not at all)
- ✓ **Add batteries** to toys before wrapping
- ✓ **No food rules.** Who says pizza and pot noodles can't be Christmas dinner?
- ✓ **You do you!** Don't feel guilty telling friends or relatives if something doesn't work for you
- ✓ **Don't put unrealistic pressures on yourself.** The holidays can be overwhelming for everyone, so stick to your regular routine if you want to

contact For families with disabled children

Chasetown Party

The whole school came together to celebrate and party, with food and games. The staff came in their most festive wear to help spread the Christmas cheer.



Football Festival



Chasetown Community school attended a football festival on Wednesday 22nd November 2023 at Burntwood leisure centre.

The festival began with a little bit of bad news for the organisers as a school cancelled at the last minute. However the pupils of Chasetown did not let this dampen their spirits. A number of pupils volunteered to work with the other schools that attended to enable equality and opportunities for all.

The first hour of the festival was led by a football coach who taught the pupils some new shooting drills as well as fun warm up games. These games helped the pupils to work together, build resilience whilst raising individuals self-esteem.



The second hour, there was a focus on match play. Chasetown were able to field two teams which meant that the other attending schools were able to play 4 games within the festival.

Chasetown were clearly operating at a different level than the two other schools, which saw both teams take very early comfortable leads against Rocklands and Two Rivers.

Event though the pupils wanted to win, something beautiful happened. The players of Chasetown started to encourage their opposition and helped them to score a number of goals past them. As a sportsman myself, I was truly blown away by the sportsmanship that the pupils displayed as they knew that they could have beaten both teams comfortably. However, instead of this the pupils helped others with less ability and gave them a memory and feeling that they may never forget.

Today the pupils at Chasetown enabled everyone to become a winner. The empathy and consideration of others was truly mind-blowing. To have members of the other schools staff come up and talk to the pupils and myself, mentioning what kind hearted and beautiful pupils that we have was a moment of prouddness that I will not forget.

This has to be up there with one of the proudest moments in my educational career. Therefore Chasetown football team, thank you for making my day.

I salute you all

Mr Bennett



Christmas doors at Chasetown

This year pupils and staff got into the festive spirit starting with decorating the doors around school. Each class was given a Christmas movie to base their design off. They all look fantastic!



SEND

SEND parent support group provides friendship and a safe space to talk and share experiences. Great way to meet other parents for peer-support.



Upcoming Dates

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| 14th, 28th September 2023 | 12th, 26th October 2023 |
| 9th, 23rd November 2023 | 7th, 21st December 2023 |
| 18th January 2024 | 1st, 22nd February 2024 |
| 7th, 21st March 2024 | 11th, 25th April 2024 |
| 9th, 23rd May 2024 | 6th, 20th June 2024 |
| 4th, 18th July 2024 | Contact us: sendhelp@sparkburntwood.org |

HELP



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Charity Number 1184253



We are a peer support group run by parents and carers whose children have special educational needs with lived experience of additional needs and SEND support.

Together we are passionate about

- sharing our stories to support others
- share our experiences, strength, & hope
- share information to help solve common problems
- promote wellbeing for parents and carers whose children have special educational needs, additional needs and are in need of SEND support.

Our group offers safe, non-judgemental environment to provide peer support where families can chat, have a brew and share experiences and support with others.

We also provide information about services and activities available locally and nationally for SEND parent support.

Our groups are free to attend and no referral is needed. Please note this is not a playgroup but an adult group to talk. Please note we cannot give individual advice.



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) CHRISTMAS HALF TERM 2023

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

THE REAL GREEK

Free Kids Meal for every £10 spent by an adult from Friday 22nd December 2023 until Sunday 7th January 2024.

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' buy any adult meal (Via App)

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day on weekends and from 4pm weekdays with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

NOT ANNOUNCED...

M&S, Tesco, YO! Sushi & Bills

Donation from Waitroses

We would like to thank Waitroses Lichfield for their kind donation of Snapper—The perfect Christmas tree book and teddy.



WAITROSE & PARTNERS

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