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Friday 4th September

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year!

We would like to welcome all our new children who have joined us in the Nursery, Reception and other classes across school. All the children have settled quickly into new routines and seem to be enjoying school life. Welcome also to all our new parents to school, we hope that you will soon feel very much part of our school community.

At the start of the year, we extend a very warm welcome to some new members of staff; Ms Sajawal (Year 1) and Mrs Smith, our new Designated Safeguarding Lead, Miss Choudhury (Reception).

As some of you may be aware Mrs Chell, our Safeguarding Lead will be retiring at the start of October. We want to take this opportunity to recognise the tremendous contribution she has made to our school. Her compassion, expertise, and tireless support for children, families, and staff have been invaluable, and she will be greatly missed.

The children have made a great start to the year, showing enthusiasm and an eagerness to succeed. Their appearance, manners and attitude has been of an extremely high standard – well done, let's keep it going.

We have been pleased with the way drop off and pick up has gone this week. Thank you for your help at the end of the day, standing back from the classes so that the teachers can dismiss the children safely. May we respectfully remind you that children should not be climbing or playing on any of the equipment in the playground at the end of the day please. We thank you in advance for your co-operation with this.

Any Year 5 or 6 child who is walking home by themselves must have a signed permission slip to allow them to do so. Please ensure that this is returned to school promptly so that we have an up-to-date list of children. Permission letters can be obtained from the school office. Children should aim to walk together rather than on their own.

Communication

Email: You will continue to receive whole school information by email, the School Gateway App will be used for notifications of reminders and brief updates. It is really important that you are signed up to School Gateway as the majority of school information and payments are made through this.

ClassDojo: we will continue to use ClassDojo to share school/year group and class messages and showcase learning.

Teachers will not be using the messaging function in ClassDojo, if you need to contact your child's class teacher this should be done via their school email. For any urgent matters during the school day, please contact the school office on 0161 881 1621.

Newsletters: we will send a whole school Newsletter each month.

Coffee Mornings: will continue each half term. The dates for this term – Macmillan Coffee morning on **Friday 25th September**, which will also be the PTA AGM, please join us 9am. This year we will also be holding regular SEND and Parent Health Champion coffee mornings where there will be an opportunity to meet and discuss current topics.

Parent Welcome Meetings Years 1 – 6: This is an opportunity to come into school, meet your child's class teacher and find out about the year ahead. Each year group will hold two meetings **on Wednesday 16th September**, one at **3:30pm** and another at **5pm** to allow as many parents to attend as possible.

School dinners
School dinners are now available to order on the School Gateway App. Please ensure you choose your children's meals with them in advance, we are unable to guarantee your child's choice unless it is ordered at least 24 hours in advance.

To enable us to continue providing high-quality, nutritious school meals, the cost of a school dinner has increased from **£2.70 to £2.90** for this school year in line with rising food and staffing costs. We have worked hard to keep the increase as low as possible while maintaining the quality of the meals we provide and appreciate your understanding and continued support.

From September 2026 the eligibility criteria for Free School Meals is changing.

The provision is being extended to all households in receipt of Universal Credit regardless of household earnings, meaning more families may become eligible for free school meals.
See the attached letter for full details.
Please note that all families who currently receive free school meals, plus any families who think they may become eligible will need to re/apply using this link

If you do not complete the application you may not continue to receive Free School Meals from September.

Please contact the office if you need any further information or support.

Allergies/ Benedict's Law
We would like to make parents aware of **Benedict's Law**, a new set of allergy safety measures being introduced in schools across England, the law aims to improve the safety and inclusion of children with allergies. Schools will be required to have clear allergy policies, provide staff training, maintain emergency adrenaline auto-injectors, and ensure appropriate care plans are in place for pupils with diagnosed allergies. These changes will help create a safer environment for all children.

Parents can support Benedict's Law by keeping the school informed about their child's allergies, providing up-to-date medication, helping to maintain healthcare plans, following school allergy policies, and working closely with staff to ensure a safe and inclusive environment for all pupils

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Making learning irresistible

Birthday Celebrations and Treats

We kindly ask parents not to send sweets, cakes, chocolates, or other food items into school for birthdays or celebrations. This request supports our commitment to **Benedict's Law** and our responsibility to provide a safe environment for all pupils, including those with potential life-threatening food allergies. Benedict's Law promotes stronger allergy safety measures in schools, including reducing the risk of accidental exposure to allergens and ensuring that all children can participate safely in school.

Even foods that appear safe can contain or have been in contact with allergens such as nuts, milk, eggs, sesame, or other ingredients that may cause a severe allergic reaction. By not bringing food treats into school, we can significantly reduce this risk and help protect the health and wellbeing of all our pupils

We appreciate your support and understanding as we work together to create a safe, inclusive, and enjoyable environment for every child

Thank you

We would like to extend a huge thank you on behalf of the entire school community for the Rally Up collection organised by the PTA at the end of the Summer Term in support of our staff.

We used the funds to provide every member of staff across the school with a £10 Love2shop voucher, including our teaching staff, teaching support staff, lunchtime supervisors, office, catering team, Greenhouse staff, cleaners and site team.

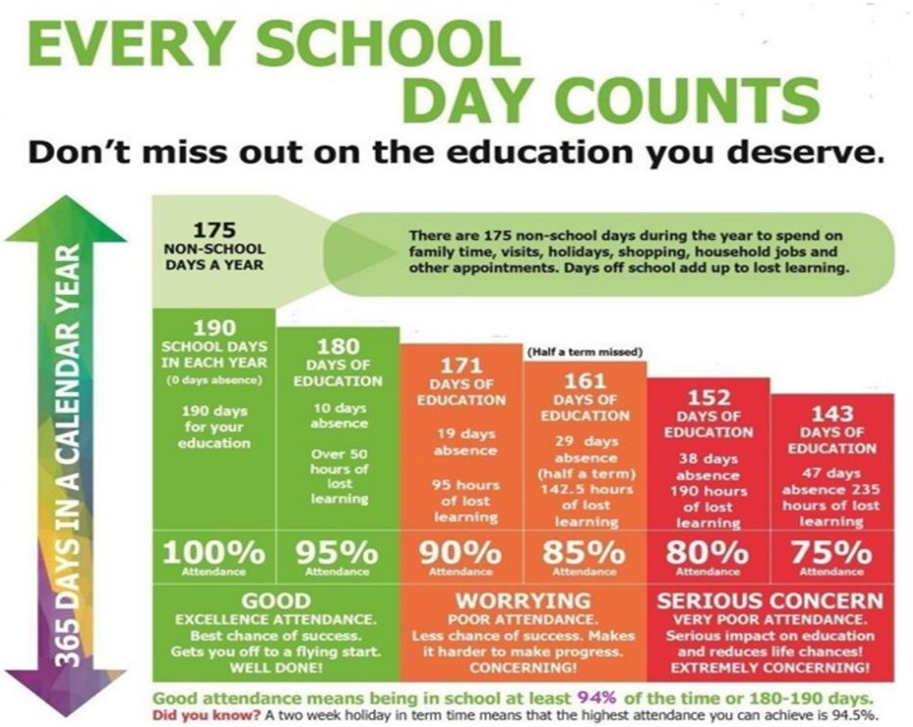
The vouchers were presented on our INSET day, together with a link to all of the wonderful comments that had been shared. It was a truly lovely way to start the new school year, and the kindness and appreciation shown by our families always means a great deal to all members of staff.

Thank you once again for your continued support and generosity.

We are very much looking forward to working with you and your children this year. As ever, a wealth of opportunities and learning experiences have been planned to ensure that your children's time at Chorlton Park is enjoyable, stimulating and challenging.

Best wishes,
Ms S. Habershon and Mrs M. Blackburn

Attendance


EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS
Don't miss out on the education you deserve.
365 DAYS IN A CALENDAR YEAR
175 NON-SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR
There are 175 non-school days during the year to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments. Days off school add up to lost learning.
190 SCHOOL DAYS IN EACH YEAR (0 days absence) 190 days for your education
180 DAYS OF EDUCATION 10 days absence Over 50 hours of lost learning
171 DAYS OF EDUCATION 19 days absence 95 hours of lost learning
(Half a term missed)
161 DAYS OF EDUCATION 29 days absence (half a term) 142.5 hours of lost learning
152 DAYS OF EDUCATION 38 days absence 190 hours of lost learning
143 DAYS OF EDUCATION 47 days absence 235 hours of lost learning
100% Attendance
95% Attendance
90% Attendance
85% Attendance
80% Attendance
75% Attendance
GOOD EXCELLENCE ATTENDANCE. Best chance of success. Gets you off to a flying start. WELL DONE!
WORRYING POOR ATTENDANCE. Less chance of success. Makes it harder to make progress. CONCERNING!
SERIOUS CONCERN VERY POOR ATTENDANCE. Serious impact on education and reduces life chances! EXTREMELY CONCERNING!
Good attendance means being in school at least 94% of the time or 180-190 days.
Did you know? A two week holiday in term time means that the highest attendance you can achieve is 94.5%.