

Friday 10th 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. It is lovely to be back together and to be able to work without 'bubbles' 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; Mrs Williams (Reception), Ms Dunne (Reception), Ms Jones (Year 1) Miss McNulty (Year 2) and Mr Hughes , our new deputy site manager.

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 are looking forward to an exciting year of learning and particularly the opportunity of working closely with the other schools in our CLIC Trust, Rolls Crescent, Old Moat and Dane Bank Primary Schools. We have some great events planned which we will be sharing with you over the upcoming months.

The first of these is **Jeans for Genes Day on Friday 17th September** where the children can come into school in their jeans (school jumpers on their top half please) for a donation of £1. This is a charity that we support each year and one that all the schools in the Trust will be supporting.

Our annual **Harvest** collection will take place on **Friday 24th September**. We will once again be collecting tins, packets and toiletries for Emmeline's Pantry, who are based in the park. Details to follow.

We have been pleased with the way drop off and pick up has gone this week. As ever, at the start of term, there are tweaks that have to be made to ensure that things run smoothly. The 10-minute drop-off window and the availability of different gates for the children to enter the playground, seem to make for a smooth start to the day. We have been extremely impressed by the children's independence at coming into school and lining up with their class teacher.

Executive Headteacher: Jo Ashcroft



Thank you for your help at the end of the day, in lining up in the appropriate place and leaving the playground promptly so that the gates can be locked and the school site secured. Can 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 have been sent home with the children at the beginning of the week. If you haven't received a copy, one can be obtained from the school office. Children should aim to walk together rather than on their own.

We had hoped to have had the long awaited bike racks installed over the summer break. Unfortunately, these have been delayed due to the lack of availability of some of the necessary building materials to complete the job. The concrete base will be now be installed next weekend and the racks will be fitted once this has dried out. We know that many of you are eager to start using them and we are frustrated that we haven't been able to start the year with them in place, however, we can see light at the end of the tunnel!

We will continue to use ClassDojo and School Gateway as our primary means of communication. If you haven't already signed up to ClassDojo, please do so as soon as possible, as the teachers will be using this to communicate what is taking place in the classroom.

You can also follow us on Twitter (over 1043 others do!) We regularly tweet what is happening in school and by following us on Twitter, you will be able to see the many and varied things that your children experience whilst at school. Follow us on @ChorltonPark PS

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.

We continue to welcome any feedback which will help us to maintain our high standards.

Best wishes,

Ms S. Habershon and Mrs M. Blackburn