



Dear Parents, Carers and friends,

This has been a short but busy half term! There have been lots of amazing things happening across school and the children have been super busy with their learning. A huge thank you to all the Wybunbury Delves team and community for making it such a special place to be. A light does really shine strong!



Our newsfeed gives a wonderful insight into the world of everything Wybunbury Delves! Please check in with it regularly to find out about your child's learning and other enrichment opportunities school provides. Our news feeds directly into our Facebook and Twitter accounts. Please acknowledge your read of the news with a like or comment! Questions cannot be answered directly off our Facebook or Twitter feeds so please direct these by email to the office.

Staffing Update

As you are aware Miss Welch has been supporting another CDAT school for one day a week since last April as their SENco, after a year of working every Monday with them, Miss Welch is now returning to us full time. This means her SENco day here will be a Monday and she will then be Year 4's teacher for the rest of the week. Mrs Pointon will continue to teach Year 4 on a Monday and then on Tuesday you will see her across school as she allows staff to have some subject leadership time as part of their management responsibilities.



We have welcomed Natasha to our team as a midday and part time classroom support assistant and Emma has joined our midday team this term – we welcome them both to their new roles and look forward to working with them.

Science Week – Thank you to Miss Haynes for organising Science week this half term. We had great fun all week across school!

Edale residential – Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic 3 days in the Peak District completing adventurous activities. A huge thank you to Mrs B, Mrs Whittingham and Miss Tripp for taking them and to Mrs Lawlor for all the hard work in organising it!



World Book Day – Thank you to Miss McCurrie, Miss Haynes and the teaching staff for thinking of some great ways to promote our love of books and reading! It was lovely to see the whole school dressed up for the day!

Comic Relief was organised by our Y6 fundraisers. Thank you for your support for this event.

Easter has been celebrated this week in school. Our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children and parents enjoyed their Messy Church sessions at school on Monday. KS2 (Y3-Y6) led a beautiful service at church this morning.



We wish Hope, Peace and Love to the world this Easter time.

Reverend Alison has been a regular visitor to school, leading worship once a fortnight. You are all warmly invited to St. Chad's, their All Age Worship is the first Sunday of the month.



Class Worship these have been very special this term. The children have shown that they can make a difference and every little step is a step in the right direction. You really have been 'leading lights in our community and our world'. It has been lovely to welcome so many families to these. The dates for next term will be on the class newsletters at the beginning of next term but they can be found now on the school website calendar. Year 5's worship will be added as they complete the John Muir Award.



Website Calendar as well as the class worship dates, other key dates for next term can be found on there too.

Parent Evening It was so lovely to see so many parents/carers at our Spring parent evening. This partnership is very important as we work together to ensure your child achieves their very best.



Preschool Preschool is full now for next term and we are taking bookings for September, priority will be given to children due to start school in September 2024 for places initially. We will be holding a Preschool open evening in May – more details to follow after Easter.

Reception 2023

We are looking forward to finding out who will be joining our reception class for September 2023! Primary Offer day is 17th April this year. Once the offers have gone out to parents/carers, you have 10 days to accept/decline places offered. We will send out our new starter information pack after that point.



School Payments

We thank families for keeping on top of any monies owed to school through using ParentPay. Our extended school services are run as businesses outside of the school budget. They have to meet their running costs and any profit is used to enhance the services and school resources. We have to monitor non-payment of services and take action if outstanding payments reach a threshold. This will be defined as:

- £25 per child for school dinners debt *or*
- £75 per child for OOSC *or*
- Preschool invoice not paid within 4 weeks *or*
- Total debts to school services (Dinners/OOSC/Preschool) exceed £100 per child

Once the threshold has been reached, school will contact you regarding the outstanding payment. Non-payment towards services used could lead to the use of them being withdrawn for your child.

Please can you check your ParentPay accounts and settle any outstanding payments in readiness for the new half term. Thank you.

Free School Meals / Pupil Premium: If you qualify for Free School Meals (FSM), regardless of whether you are in Reception, KS1 or KS2, there are benefits to be had both to yourselves and to school. Even if you find yourselves in a temporary situation of low income and at that point meet the Free School Meal criteria, school receives Pupil Premium for the period of receiving FSM and for 6 years afterwards. It is completely confidential if you do qualify. School can use Pupil Premium towards visits/visitors/part payment towards residentials – you will have noticed this option on letters and ParentPay. It is only available to those which qualify. Pupil Premium is used in school to further resources and staffing, it cannot be used to subsidise OOSC. Cheshire East website has further information of this very simple process of applying for FSM.

Income related free school meals (IRFSM)

If your child is in receipt of income related free school meals, they are automatically eligible for the [Household Support Fund](#).

You can claim free school meals for each child who attends school in Cheshire East if you receive one of these benefits:

- Universal Credit with no earned income or with net monthly earnings less than £616.67
- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit

- Child Tax Credit - as long as you have a yearly household income of less than £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) and do not get Working Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

Phone 0300 123 5012 for further information and help. Or access the Cheshire East website:
https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-meals/free_school_meals.aspx



Holiday Activities and Food Programme – Through government funding Cheshire East have a programme of free activities for children who are in receipt of income related free school meals across the school holidays. More details and how you book places can be found on their website:
<https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/holiday-activity-fund.aspx>

Attendance: It is expected that your child is in school every day and our attendance target is 96%. We appreciate we have struggled with illness in school this term and many children have been unwell with temperatures for a good few days.

We ask that medical appointments are, as far as possible, made outside of school hours. If they cannot be arranged at this time, please provide school with a copy of the medical appointment letter for our records. If you take a sibling out of school to attend their brother/sister's appointment, this is an unauthorised absence as the appointment does not relate to them and should only happen if you genuinely have no alternative. This also relates to appointments for the parent, we cannot authorise a child's attendance as it is not their appointment. Sometimes when your child is ill it is difficult to decide whether or not to send your child into school, the NHS have produced this useful guide.



When should my child return to school?

Chicken Pox When all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis None*	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Glandular Fever None*	Hand, foot & mouth None*	Impetigo When lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	Scabies After first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Slapped Cheek None*	Whooping Cough 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Flu Until recovered	Head Lice None*	Threadworms None*	Tonsillitis None*		



This information is based on the Public Health Agency guide - full copy here

*No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed.



Fixed Penalty Notices apply to all types of unauthorised absence, not just those accrued through holidays in term time. Holidays within term time cannot be authorised by school.

If 10 or more unauthorised absences (1 absence = ½ day) are accrued over two consecutive terms then school will consult the LA on the issuing of a Fixed Penalty Notice. The cost of which is £60 per parent per child if paid within 21 days increasing to £120 per parent per child to be paid within 28 days - if remains unpaid, will be processed to Court for prosecution. These Fixed Penalty Notices have been introduced as part of the government's drive to improve attendance. Please see our attendance policy on the website.

I'm sure, like the staff at school and myself, you're looking forward to the Easter holidays and some much needed family time, rest and enjoyment of our local area or beyond!

Kind regards

Mrs Chesters and the Wybunbury Delves Team

Term Dates for 2022/2023

These dates follow the Cheshire East pattern of holiday dates, they do not necessarily match the dates of other local school who may have made different decisions about their holidays.

Holiday Period	Date of Closing	Date of Re-Opening
Easter 2023	Friday 31st March 2023	Monday 17th April 2023
May Day 2023	Friday 28th April 2023	Tuesday 2nd May 2023
Summer Half Term 2023	Friday 26th May 2023	Monday 5th June 2023
Summer 2023	Thursday 20th July 2023	--

Inset Days 22/23 (already included in calendar above):

- Friday 21st July

Term Dates for 2023-2024

INSET DAYS (Included)

Holiday Period	Date of Closing	Date of Re-Opening
Summer 2023	Thursday 20th July 2023	Monday 4th September 2023
Autumn Half Term 2023	Friday 20th October 2023	Monday 30th October 2023
Christmas 2023/2024	Friday 22nd December 2023	Monday 8th January 2024
Spring Half Term 2024	Thursday 15th February 2024	Monday 26th February 2024
Easter 2024	Thursday 28th March 2024	Monday 15th April 2024
May Day 2024	Friday 3rd May 2024	Tuesday 7th May 2024
Summer Half Term 2024	Friday 24th May 2024	Monday 3rd June 2024
Summer 2024	Friday 19th July 2024	

- *Friday 1st September*
- *Friday 16th February*
- *Monday 22nd July*
- *Tuesday 23rd July*
- 1 further INSET to be confirmed