



# Newsletter

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## Happy New Year and welcome back to 2019 at Chandag Junior School

Our first week back to school has seen the staff and children settle back into the routine and rhythm of school life well. A few yawns on the first day for some as the side effect of waking earlier than what had probably occurred over the festive break!

I would like to officially welcome **Miss Kelly Dyer** who has joined our staff teaching team in Pod 5. Miss Dyer replaces Mrs Davies who is now enjoying her retirement! Miss Dyer impressed us enormously during the interview process held last term and has settled in very well with the whole school team.

### The Science Dome was back!

We have had the excitement of the Science Dome for the pupils and I am sure they will tell you about the learning experience they enjoyed in it! To spur some conversation, the following themes were explored in the dome for the different pods: Pod 3 – light, Pod 4 – Water, Pod 5 – Space and Pod 6 – Body.

An **enormous thank you** to our **PTA** for funding this for all our pupils!



We also received delivery today of the new storage facility to house our playtime equipment which has been long anticipated and much welcomed today! Thank you again to the PTA who have funded this!

Jo Savory

### Talking to our teachers?

#### ...end of the school day please!

Now your children are at Junior School, please encourage them to develop their independence at the beginning of the day by leaving them from 8.40 to **enter the class on their own** with their belongings, and with their friends. If you have a need to pass information to the teacher before the day starts, please either **write a note** for your child to hand over, or **visit the school office** who will gladly pass on your message, or pop a note in the **post-boxes**. Our super teachers must focus on encouraging the children to swiftly prepare for their early morning task ('EMT') and preparing the classroom for the children's learning and **teachers will not be able to discuss matters with you before school**. The teachers are able to speak to you at the **end of the day** as they release the children **at 3.15**, or by arrangement if you need a little longer.

### School Day Reminder for 2019:



- Children may come into their rooms **from 8.40am**.
- Please remember that the **school day begins at 8.50am** and children must be in their room.
- Children arriving after 8.50 **are late** and must be taken directly to the main office to be registered. Repeated late arrivals will disrupt the children's start to the day.
- **Child protection reminder:** children must have **direct parental supervision** if they enter the school site before 8.40am. **No child should be left without parental supervision on the school site before 8.40.** We will phone families immediately if a child is left unattended.
- **Parents of Pod 6 children:** we start to provide flexibility for parents to give their children opportunities for independence as they prepare their children to begin secondary school later this year.
- School finishes at **3.15pm**.

### Reception Security Doors:

For security reasons, when the Reception is unattended, parents collecting children at any time of the day, or wanting to visit the Office must wait outside until office staff allow you to enter.

### Reception Drop Box:

There are **blue** drop boxes available at either side of the school building and outside the main reception area, (please send everything in an envelope marked with the full name, their POD and the activity i.e. after school clubs etc.). We also have a rack in the reception area where you will find information about clubs, absent request forms, medication forms and general information. We currently only have **one member of staff working in reception in the mornings**, so please could you bear this in mind at busy periods and if you feel an email for your query would be sufficient, this will be responded to as soon as possible. Thank you very much for your patience and understanding.

### Life-threatening nut and seed allergy notice:

We have several children with **life-threatening nut and seed allergies**. For safety reasons, we must insist that parent/guardians **NEVER** send children to school with peanut butter sandwiches, Nutella or similar nut spreads, cereal bars containing nuts or indeed **anything containing nuts or sesame seeds** (i.e. on buns or snack bars.) If discovered, we will routinely remove the food item and contact you immediately to supply a replacement. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

### Healthy Snacks for break time:

Children are advised to bring in a healthy snack into school for break time i.e. fruit, vegetables, yoghurts, cheese etc. Children are not allowed to bring into school chocolate, crisps, nuts, sesame seeds, sweets, etc. Please do not send chocolate cereal bars. We will remind children that their snack should be taken out of their lunch box and placed in their tray during registration time, as the lunch boxes are stored in the hall until lunch time. Please do support us in promoting healthy eating habits for our children. Furthermore, this can also help us reduce the amount of plastic wrapper waste which cannot be recycled!

### Lunch Boxes:

It will be no surprise to learn that many children have the same design of lunchbox within each class. Please can we ask you to **clearly label all lunch boxes** with your **child's name and pod**, this will help us return any lost lunch boxes at the end of the day. We will use marker pen to identify the lunch containers if still not named at the end of the following week. Thank you for helping us to allow the children's lunchtimes to run smoothly.

### Water Bottles:

Please send your child into school in the mornings with a **full** water bottle as this stops any learning delays with trips to the water coolers to fill them up and the children will then bring them home again to be washed and refilled for the next day. The children can use the school water coolers to refill their bottles



throughout the day. It has been proven that staying hydrated assists concentration. Please can you put your **child's name and POD** on their water bottle? Many thanks.

### **Coats for break and lunch times:**

We would like to remind parents/carers to ensure that **all children have a coat and/or waterproof jacket** to wear during break/lunch times. It is always beneficial to the children to get some fresh air and change of environment during the day so even in light rain we will be sending the children out to play; therefore a **shower/waterproof coat is essential**. Thank you for your support in this matter.

### **Telephone Calls Home:**

School will only make **one call home a term** to Parents if children have forgotten PE Kits, pencil cases, homework etc. This is to encourage pupils to be more independent and help them remember their items for School. We will still be calling for any other issues.

### **Newsletter:**

If your child has a special achievement that you would like to share on our Newsletter, please email it in and we will congratulate them! (E.g. swimming badges, sporting activity, Beaver Badges etc.)

### **Head Lice:**

We have had a few cases of head lice reported and we are asking parents to ensure that **children with long hair, have their tied up in ponytails or plaits during the school day** as this may help prevent the spread. This includes boys. By long hair we mean anything shoulder length or longer.

### **Dinner Money for Term 3:**

Dinner Money is **£2.40** per meal.

		<b>Term Price</b>
Mondays	x 4 = £ 12.00	30 days = £ 72.00
Tuesdays	x 4 = £ 9.60	<b>Months</b>
Wednesdays	x 4 = £ 9.60	Jan = £ 45.60
Thursdays	x 4 = £ 9.60	Feb = £ 26.40
Fridays	x 3 = £ 7.20	

### **Reminder - School Dinner Payments:**

Please can we remind all Parents to use **ParentMail PMX** to **pay for all school dinners** as we **do not accept any cash or cheques** for school dinners? We have invested time and money in this system which allows you to make one payment for all your children and for a number of items, dinner money, trips etc. You get an e-mail receipt for each payment and you see at a glance how much dinner money credit you have left (or arrears).

### **Screen Time Advice:**

Screen time is in the news again, but we are still getting mixed messages about how much is 'too much'. Please see the link below on how to take a reasonable, flexible approach – and get your children on board too.

[https://parentzone.org.uk/article/5-things-parents-should-know-about-screen-time?utm\\_source=Mailing%208%20Jan&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=PZ%20screen%20ti me%20article](https://parentzone.org.uk/article/5-things-parents-should-know-about-screen-time?utm_source=Mailing%208%20Jan&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=PZ%20screen%20ti me%20article)

## Summary of key dates and events 2018/19 Academic Year



<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	<b>Start of Spring term 3</b>
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	<b>Pod 5 Frist Aid Training</b>
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	<b>Pod 5 First Aid Training</b>
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Pod 6 Forest School</b>
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Pod 5 and 6 Gym Comp at Baskervilles</b>
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	<b>Pod 6 Forest School</b>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Pod 6 Forest School</b>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Football home match with Saltford</b>
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>PTA Valentines Disco</b>
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Pod 6 Forest School</b>
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Last Day of Term</b>

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