



NEWSLETTER

Message from Mrs Kinsley

Friday 25th September

As we've settled into the Autumn term, we've been making the most of the lovely weather and enjoying lots of time in our playground and Forest School.

A little reminder for our Forest School days: please send children in with wellies in a named bag and shoes to change into afterwards. We've noticed that wearing wellies all day can make it tricky for children to sit comfortably on the carpet and play freely at lunchtime, thank you.



We're also looking forward to opening our Scholastic Book Fair after school over the next few days. Please do come along, have a browse and choose a new book to enjoy at home - we'd love to see you there!

Have a wonderful (and hopefully sunny!) weekend ☺



Mon 28th Sept -

Scholastic Book Fair all week after school

Thurs 1st Oct Census day (Mr Nourish birthday)

Fri 2nd Oct - Harvest Festival

Mon 5th Oct - Y2

Great Fire of London online workshop (tbc)

First Reception tour 9.30/1.30

Tues 6th Oct - Y2 trip to The Monument

Wed 7th Oct - PTA AGM 5.30 - 6.30

Fri 9th Oct - Grandparents' Day (details tbc)

Harvest festival - We are looking forward to celebrating our Harvest Festival on Friday 2nd October. As part of our celebrations, we are collecting donations for our Harvest Festival and working in collaboration with [Bexley Foodbank](#). Families are invited to send in donations of food and essential household items from Monday 28th September until the morning of Friday 2nd October. Thank you, as always, for your kindness and generosity. Every donation, big or small, is greatly appreciated and will help support families in our local community.



MHST parent workshops - We've had a fantastic response to our MHST Parent Workshops, with the Emotional Regulation session now fully booked! There are still spaces available for our Behaviour and Anxiety sessions. If you would like to join us, please sign up using the link in the [letter](#) sent home this week.

Buddies Booking Changes -

To align with Burnt Oak and make bookings fair and manageable for all families, Breakfast Club and After School Club bookings will now open half-termly and must be paid for in advance. As we are close to October half-term, families can currently book and pay for sessions up until Christmas. Spring term bookings will open closer to Christmas. Please note that any unpaid bookings from January onwards may be cancelled. This new approach will allow families to make smaller block bookings while helping to prevent significant outstanding balances. Please book and pay for any sessions you require up until Christmas, and thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Safe - This week in assembly we learned about democracy and how everyone should have the chance to have their say. We talked about taking turns, listening to each other and making fair choices together. The children shared some lovely ideas about how we can make sure everyone's voice is heard at Chatsworth.



Attendance drop-in - Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined our Attendance Drop-in with Linda, our Education Welfare Officer (EWO). Linda discussed the legal requirements around school attendance, term-time leave and how we work with families to support good attendance. We also shared key points from our [Attendance Matters](#) guide and discussed when children should attend school if experiencing [common childhood illnesses](#). Thank you to everyone who came along - working together helps our children Arrive, Learn and Thrive!



Happy -



Wednesdays are certainly a colourful sight, with our Year 1 and Year 2 children proudly wearing their new PE kits! A big thank you to all our families for supporting this change, which brings us in line with Burnt Oak and, we hope, means one less change for our children when they move on to Juniors. It's lovely to see everyone looking so smart and ready for PE!

Learning -



Year 2 have been putting their new sketchbooks to good use! In Art, they have been exploring different drawing materials and creating a range of marks, including dots, dashes, swirls and waves, to show texture, mood and movement. The children have enjoyed experimenting with different tools and surfaces and seeing the different effects they can create.