

Weekly Newsletter

WORLD BOOK DAY,

We had an utterly joyous day yesterday as we joined schools across the country in celebrating World Book Day. The children looked absolutely amazing so a massive thank you to you all for supporting them with their costumes.

The day kicked off with all the children in the hall for a special World Book Day assembly and then continued with online sessions from authors and poets, quizzes, recommendations and a lovely session at the end of the day sharing stories with children in different year groups.



They will also have brought home this years WBD book token which they can exchange for one of this years amazing selection of free books or get £1 off any other book they choose.

We hope your child had a great day and is inspired to continue their own personal magical reading journey!

WHY YOU SHOULDN'T STOP READING ALOUD TO YOUR CHILD

It is an unfortunate yet predictable fact that as children move through the years at Primary, the number being read aloud to at home progressively drops off. A shame though this is, it is not wholly surprising - a combination of busy lives, the proliferation of technology and also children's developing ability to read on their own by this age all point in a certain direction. I would, however, like to suggest three reasons why we should be reading to our children for as long as possible, both for our benefit and their's:

1. Every time children are read to, they are having fluent reading modelled for them. This is the ability to read with things like expression and tone and is a step above just 'being able to read'
2. Listening to stories is great for children's attention span but equally frees up some of their mental capacity to concentrate on a story because they're not having to think about the actual act of reading (which is hard!)
3. (This is the most important one) Relationships - carving out protected parent/child time, particularly during the week, can be really hard. Sharing a book together every night is one of the easiest and yet most productive and pleasurable solutions to this. I was still reading to my daughter right up until the end of Year 6 when she decided she was too old (or too cool) for it and I genuinely miss the 11 years worth of sharing books that illicit many happy memories.

So if you do one thing off the back of World Book day, particularly if you have already stopped doing it, offer to read something aloud to your little one (or not so little one) - it may just be a joy worth rediscovering!





Bravery



Citizenship



Curiosity



Gratitude



Integrity



Kindness

CHARITY EASTER EGG COLLECTION

This term we will be continuing to support our partner charity the Chelwood Food Bank, with a collection of Easter Eggs which they will distribute to the families who use their service.

Since they started in 2013, the organisation have supported 4,000 children in need of help, and continue to do an amazing job for the community thanks to the generosity of those who support their work.

If you would like to support this school appeal, please send your child in with an Easter Egg (any will do but nothing with nuts please) between 17th-21st March.

PARENT COUNCIL

Our next Parent Council meeting will be taking place after school on Monday 17th March and we would like to use this as an opportunity to garner feedback from you all on how you feel the school prepares our children for life online, as well as how we support parents in their abilities to keep their children safe and to nurture a positive relationship with technology from the earliest years with us.

If you have any feedback at all for us on any aspects of this, please communicate these via your class rep or by emailing admin@chadlehulmeprimary.co.uk.

ACADEMY COMMITTEE UPDATE

We had our second Academy Committee meeting of the year this week during which we shared with our governors updates on a wide range of aspects of school life from health and safeguarding, finance, school performance and attendance.

The Academy Committee provides a vital source of challenge and support for the school and as well as meeting termly for a formal meeting, members also visit the school between these to look at specific aspects related either to individual subjects or areas such as inclusion and safeguarding.

[For more information about the governance structure within the Laurus Trust please visit our dedicated website page here.](#)

UNIFORM UPDATE

Over the next year and a half, we will be phasing in some small changes to the school uniform, including the blazer and polo shirts. We have worked with our suppliers to source a blazer which is cheaper than the current version, is non-gender specific and is more ethical environmentally.

The new items are likely to be available for purchase from September of this year but children will be able to continue to wear the current uniform over the 2025-26 year as a transitional period.

In the meantime, Express Uniform have reduced a number of items in the current range and these can be purchased online here: <https://expressuniform.co.uk/collections/school-uniform-chadle-hulme-primary-school>

DATES FOR THE DIARY

[For a full list of dates for the 2024-25 academic year, please see our Annual Planner which can be accessed by clicking on this link.](#)

14th March - Reception Assembly

17th March - Parent Council (5-6pm)

4th April - Year 4 Assembly

10th April - Whole School DT Exhibition

11th April - Last day of term

28th April - Start of Summer Term

5th May - Bank Holiday (School closed)

14th May - Maths Methods workshop for parents

20th June - INSET Day

25th June - Digital Wellbeing workshop for parents

27th June - Year 1 Assembly