

CHAMBERS BURY NEWS

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Working together to become change makers

13th December 2024

Appreciation of Staff

Christmas in a primary school is such a magical time, and it is made this way because of the people involved going above and beyond their job description — I'm sure you would all join me in thanking the staff for everything they do, whether that is decorating the school with lights, pouring gravy at Christmas dinners, organising Christmas crafts and reindeer games or all the other kind, caring work they do.

Miss Deas joining Year 1 in Spring

For the first half of the spring term (January to February), Miss Deas will be joining our school team, working in the Year 1 classroom as an additional adult. I am sure you will all make her feel as welcome as you have made me feel.

Wraparound care update

I am still working busily behind the scenes to arrange on-site wraparound care to enable pupils to stay later at school. Whilst I was hoping that we would be able to have this up and running for the new term, it looks like it will actually begin after Easter.

ATTENDANCE 2024-2025—WHOLE YEAR

Nur	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole
61.1%	93.5%	91.1%	94.8%	94.7%	94.2%	93.8%	87.0%	92.4%

Times Table Rock Stars

We have been working hard to promote the learning of times tables at school. As part of this 2 champions from each key stage 2 class went head to head in a school assembly to battle against one another. Our top 3 champions at the end of the battle were Autumn (y6), Dheshan (y5) and Olivia (y6) - who all scored above 30 in one minute - faster than one correct question every 2 seconds! Well done to those who took part, you were all very impressive!

Our school is currently ranked 20th out of the nearby schools when comparing average speed (seconds / question). This is up about 6 places from the start of the year, but we want to go even higher - please encourage your children to complete the studio game at home. There is also an inter-house times table challenge running over the Christmas holidays - which house will be victorious?

SAVE THE DATE - Monday 27th January 2025

Times Tables & Tea with Mrs Stevens

After drop off on Monday 27th January, Mrs Stevens will be running a parent workshop (with tea and biscuits) to support the learning of times tables at home. This workshop will go through how Times Tables Rockstars can be used, with an opportunity for parents to have a play and learn how the programme works. There will also be a chance to discuss other useful strategies and games that can support learning as well as ask questions.

All parents are invited to attend, but I would, again, like to highlight the importance of this to parents in Year 3 and 4.

iRock Concert

Monday morning saw our bands take to the stage and rock! We had a great attendance with pupils, parents and fans selling out our school concert hall. This was such a lovely experience for all our pupils to enjoy **together**. Our talented performers, who have been rehearsing with their band coaches for a number of weeks, entertained the crowd with their drum, guitar, keyboard and vocal skills. It's experiences like this that become memories that will remain with our pupils for a long time. There will be another concert at the end of next term!

If your child would like to become a rock star, you can enrol them into a band using the following link: www.irockschool.com/enrol or visiting the music page of our school website.

Nativity Production

This week we were treated to the Year 1 and EYFS production — an amazing show that gave our pupils the opportunity to demonstrate their fantastic dancing, singing and performing skills.

Our pupils are able to put on fantastic shows like this due to the hard work and support of staff and parents — sharing a story at bedtime, taking children to the theatre and dancing in the kitchen all give our pupils the cultural capital that underpins these performances. Staff help pupils learn how to take turns and listen to each other, which means our pupils know when it is their turn to say their lines and when to act.

The audience that attended the Wednesday morning performance were treated to a special warm up act as our friends from Decorum Family Services explained the support they offer and how to access it. I have attached the referral form to this newsletter which you can use to request an appointment.

At the end of the productions, our charity reps gave a speech about the work of PATCH and how they support our shows: Over £90 was kindly donated by the audience which is much appreciated.

Last day of term

On the last day of term we finish at 1:30 — please ensure pupils are collected promptly as they will be looking forward to a well deserved rest after a busy term of learning!

Mobile Phones

Obviously as our pupils aren't 13+ they don't have apps such as Whatsapp or snapchat on their phones/devices. However, during the holidays I am aware that they may contact each other through appropriate means to discuss what books they have been reading etc. Please do ensure that you are carefully monitoring phone use regularly and do not allow phones to be taken into private spaces such as bedrooms without your supervision.

For more advice about online safety please visit:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/>

Key Events

Thursday 19th December — Panto

Friday 20th December — end of term

Monday 6th January — Spring term begins

Friday 10th January — School tour

Saturday 11th January — PATCH Working party

Tuesday 14th January — Mental health Support team coffee morning

Monday 20th January—Year 5/6 bankability starts

Monday 27th January — Timestables and tea with Mrs Stevens

Monday 3rd February — Police Knife crime coffee morning

Friday 7th February — NSPCC's Number day/ cake sale

Thursday 13th February — Decorum Family Services coffee morning

Monday 10th March — Swimming lessons begin

Friday 15th March — Comic Relief/Red Nose Day

Red signifies new events/dates

New Governor Appointed

Recently I appealed to the community to recruit a governor to support the strategic work that goes on in the school and once again the community has produced!

We have appointed Gary Fox to our governing body, who will begin working with us in January.

We are still looking to strengthen our governing body further, so if you know anyone that is making a New Years resolution to take part in voluntary work, please put them in touch.

Panto

On Thursday next week our pupils are being treated to watch a panto. It is fund raising undertaken by PATCH that allows us to afford experiences like this.

Hi Viz Jackets

To help our pupils easily identify and find adults on the playground, the lunchtime staff will now be wearing Hi Viz jackets. We hope that this reassures pupils that there is always an adult near who can help them.

Hertfordshire Heroes

We received a fantastic e-mail this week informing us that one of our pupils has won the Year 6 category of Hertfordshire Heroes Christmas Art Competition!!!

The Hertfordshire Heroes Christmas Art competition supports joining the military and civilian communities and the entries will be shared with military personnel to help bring 'Christmas cheer' to those serving away from their families at Christmas.

The competition receives hundreds of entries each year, so this once again demonstrates how pupils at Chambersbury stand out as 'change-makers' and "assets" in the community, society and world we live in.

The winning pupil doesn't know yet so will be named in next weeks newsletter. A special mention must, however, go to Mrs Gavin who stays afterschool, beyond her contracted hours, to run art sessions and ensure our pupils get the opportunity to enter (and win!) competitions such as this, making attending our school truly irresistible.

PATCH Working party

Don't forget to sign up for our PATCH working party on Saturday 11th January 2025 - simply e-mail the school office to let them know you are attending. There will be roles for all levels of fitness from building raised flower beds to making tea!

New Joiners

Through all of the hard work we have been undertaking this year, not only have new staff members joined our team in the form of Miss Wills, Miss Jones, Miss Charanduk, Miss Lok, coach Matt (iRock), coach Theo, coach Ethan (boxing), coach George (football), Hydrogen Helen (Mad Science), the team from DBA project and a new governor, Gary Fox but we have also had 10 pupils join our school as well as our Reception and Nursery cohorts, once again showing that Chambersbury is truly the place to be!



Behaviour Policy

Our new behaviour policy has been published on our school website: <https://www.chambersbury.herts.sch.uk/school-policies/>

Having this clear and consistent policy will help all stake holders understand the recognition and consequences in place for behaviour (values and detrimental). Our approach is a therapeutic one in which we understand that behaviour is communication whether conscious or not. We use our school curriculum to teach behaviour and support pupils in meeting our expectations. When there are incidents of detrimental behaviour, there is always a consequence and these will be inline with this new policy.

Parents can help their child/ren and us to manage behaviour by ensuring there are clear boundaries at home, that pupils take responsibility for their own behaviour and that valued behaviour (including appropriate language) is modelled. It would be appreciated if parents could support our empowering 3 step strategy for pupils to manage conflicts:

1. Politely ask the person to stop the behaviour.
2. Warn them that an adult will be told if it continues.
3. Inform an adult if the behaviour persists.

A couple of quotes regarding behaviour from our safeguarding audit included:

'Pupils spoken with recognised that it is good to be different and spoke positively about respect for people of different cultures, race, abilities and gender.'

'Pupils appeared to treat one another and adults with respect and kindness.'

'Adult supervision appeared appropriate.'

'In all classrooms and when moving around the school, pupils were observed to conduct themselves well and inline with leaders' expectations.'

'In all classrooms visited, pupils appeared engaged in their learning.'

Level	Behaviour	Recognition/Consequence	Script Examples	Staff responsible
Recognition level 5	Exceptional work & values shown consistently	Work to be shared with HT Message home Gold coin	Focus on what valued behaviours have been demonstrated, linking back to school rules. Appreciation shown for effort.	Headteacher
Recognition level 4	Exceptional work completed or values shown	Work shown or behaviour shared with SLT Gold coin		SLT
Recognition level 3	Work completed consistently well/effort above and beyond in learning/consistent values shown	Celebration certificate in Friday Assembly Extra responsibilities around class/school Gold coin	"Brilliant use of long division in maths" "Excellent artwork in the style of X"	All Staff
Recognition level 2	Repeated examples of level 1 Helping others in class/outside	Gold coin	"Fantastic listening" "Excellent explanation"	All Staff
Recognition level 1	Good classwork Respect shown to other children Thoughtful/engaging answers to questions	Verbal praise	Specific to valued behaviours Aim to create a positive, 'Bandwagon Effect'	All Staff

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CHAMBERSBURY SCHOOL

LEARN BOXING TECHNIQUES
GET FIT & HEALTHY
HAVE FUN
DEVELOP DISCIPLINE & RESILIENCE
IMPROVE SELF ESTEEM & CONFIDENCE

FRIDAYS 3.15-4.15PM
START DATE: FRIDAY 10TH JANUARY
END DATE: FRIDAY 28TH MARCH

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON CLASSES EMAIL
HEMELWARRIORSABC@GMAIL.COM

TO BOOK ON TO THE CLUB PLEASE EMAIL THE
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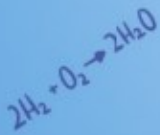
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Chambersbury Primary School

Club Day: Monday

Start Date: 13/01/25

Year Groups: 1 -6

End Date: 10/02/25

Club Time: 15:15- 16:15

Skip Dates: None

Club Cost: £55 / 5 wks

Topics: Mad Materials, Green Science, Snowflake Science, Forensics Fun, Slime!



Need to reach us? T: 01727824700 E: info@madsciencehb.co.uk W: hertsbeds.madscience.org



iRock

JOIN AN iROCK BAND TODAY

Today your child got to experience a taste of what it's like to be in their very own rock and pop band!

Our weekly in-school rock and pop band lessons could be starting at your child's school very soon, depending on interest!

This leaflet will tell you how your child could experience being in a band every week, taught by one of our talented Band Coaches.

"My daughter is so excited when it's iRock day at school! She loves playing in the band."

Proud parent

PERSONAL GROWTH

Discover the **benefits** of band lessons

Not only are our lessons fun, but they also play a significant role in enhancing children's life skills. Lessons focus on boosting confidence, supporting wellbeing, developing social skills, and even improving academic performance.

Surgery Request Form

Please use the form below to request a 30-minute surgery appointment with one of our School Family Workers.



Date of Request: _____

School Information

School Name: _____

School Tel: _____

Referrer Name: _____

Email: _____

Child Information:

Child Name: _____

DOB: _____

Parent/Carer Information:

Parent Name: _____

Tel: _____

Reason for request:

We can offer support and advice on the following. Please highlight below:

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| 1. Child's Behaviour | 5. Housing |
| 2. Family Issues | 6. Parenting advice and courses |
| 3. SEND concerns | 7. Other – please specify |
| 4. Finances | |

Please give more details below:

Office Use Only

Allocations Meeting Date

Allocated Worker:

Discussion Points:

Actions:



Please return form to inethercoat@hobbshilwood.herts.sch.uk

Dear Parent/Carers,

In this DSPL8 Parent/Carers Newsletter please find the following: Dacorum Parent/Carers Courses and Support newsletter

Kind Regards,

DSPL 8 Team – Ruth Mason, Faye Lyness & Jennifer McCarthy

TOPIC	BOOKING/INFORMATION LINK
Potential Kids Christmas party @ Hatfield Galleria	Friday 20th December 6pm - 7.30pm for children 12+ Click the link to book: https://potentialkids.org.uk/events/
Accessible panto performance at Berkhamstead theatre	Saturday 28th December the 10am performance To book tickets visit the website: https://berkopanto.co.uk/tickets
'Introduction to the SEND Local Offer website' – webinar	A friendly face from the Local Offer team will take you through what's on the website and how you can use it to find the right services and support. Follow this link to: Register to join this webinar
Anxiety Unravalled by Bounce Forward	'Supporting my child with Anxiety' - three 60-minute sessions to explore anxiety, providing a space for parents to think of their own responses and provide practical tips and advice that they can use at home. The dates are: 29/01, 5/02 & 12/02 Click here to register
BeeZee Families	Helping families make healthy choices - for professionals to refer a family, use this QR code 
Family Lives: Parenting SEN children when separated online programme	For more information, to self refer or to make a referral, scan the QR code  Email: services@familylives.org.uk Call 0204 522 8700 or 0204 522 8699
Trauma-Informed Groups	6 sessions online or in person focused group programme for parents living in Hertfordshire whose children have experienced sexual violence/trauma with the option of joining a peer support group To book a place: Click this link
SPACE Workshops from January to March 2025	Courses are starting at the beginning of January 2025 To book on to any of the workshops click this link: SPACE Eventbrite
The Bridge	Support group for young people (school years 7,8 & 9) who are finding attending school challenging and are not attending at all, or are on a very reduced timetable Starts Wednesday 15th January 1pm-2.30pm @ Hatfield Hyde Cricket Club For more information email: alison.cowie@hertfordshire.gov.uk ruth.coleman@hertfordshire.gov.uk



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