



Charlton Manor Primary School

September Newsletter 2019

Dates for your diary

- Friday 13th September – 6L class assembly
- Thursday 19th September – Harvest Assembly
- Friday 20th September – 5K class assembly
- Friday 27th September – 4P class assembly
- Monday 30th September – Friday 4th October – Ghana book collection.
- Friday 4th October – 3GS class assembly
- Monday 7th October – Violin Concert
- Friday 18th October – 2S class assembly
- Monday 21st – Friday 25th October – Half Term
- Wednesday 30th October – Individual photographs
- Friday 8th November – 1W class assembly
- Monday 11th November – Flu Vaccination
- Friday 15th November – red Class assembly
- Friday 22nd November – 6S class assembly
- Friday 29th November – 5S class assembly
- Friday 6th December – 4C class assembly
- Friday 15th November – 3C class assembly
- Wednesday 18th December – Pantomime
- Friday 20th December – Friday 3rd January – Christmas Holidays.

A Note from Mr Baker

A very warm welcome back to the start of the new school year, I hope that you all had a good summer break and were able to spend some quality time together. It has been a real pleasure to walk around the school and see so many smiling faces. I would also like to welcome our new children and families who have joined us for the first time this term. Staff have worked incredibly hard over the summer to ensure their classroom environments are inviting, organised and enhance learning. The staff are passionate about pupil achievement and ensuring that a high standard of learning is evident in all areas of the curriculum. I am very well supported by the senior leadership team and hope that together we can continue to develop and foster positive relationships. Should you have any concerns or questions initially, please see your class teacher at the end of the day. You can support your child's learning by taking them on educational visits, daily reading and talking through their homework with them. We always focus on health and well-being too and I thank you in advance for your continued support.

Welcome

We would like to welcome Mr Colvin as Year 3 Class Teacher. We are very happy to have him as part of our teaching team. We would like to Welcome Miss Green as PE Apprentice. We are please to have her join our teaching team. We would also like to welcome back Mrs Mitchell from her maternity leave. The children are very happy to have you back. A final welcome to all our new children and parents. We are so please to welcome you to our school and hope you settle in quickly.

Lunch time

At Charlton Manor we offer a healthy and diverse menu. Each lunch time there is a choice of hot meals and all children are welcome to help themselves to the salad bar. We understand that as parents to small children it can be a worry about whether your child will enjoy the school meals. Please can I assure you that if the staff have any concerns, they will inform you. Alternatively, if you would prefer for your child to be packed lunch please make sure that it is healthy. We do not allow cake

General notices

Lateness

Thank you to all those parents who have been bringing their children to school on time and are lined up ready to start the day at 8:55am. If for any reason you are late please may I remind you that you will need to wait in the reception with your child until assembly is over at 9:30am.

Parking

Please be considerate of our neighbours when you are parking at the start and end of the day.

School Dinner Money

School lunches cost £13 per week (£2.60 per day). Please pay this in advance on ParentPay. If you think you may be entitled to free school meals, then please collect a form from the school office. If your child is in Reception to Year 2 you do not need to pay for their school lunches.

Year 6 School Journey

If your child is in Year 6 then you will have received a letter on ParentPay regarding their upcoming residential to PGL Bawdsey Manor. If you wish for your child to attend this trip the please pay a £50 non-refundable deposit on ParentPay by Thursday 26th September. If you think you may be entitled to a grant for this

or chocolate in the packed lunches however cereal or oats bars are a great alternative.

School Gates

The School gates will be open to parents in the morning at 8:50am and in the afternoon at 3:10pm. Please remain outside before these times. If you wish to speak to the school office, you may do so once the gates are open. If for any reason you need to enter the gates before they open, then please make sure the gate is closed behind you. This is to ensure the safety of the children and to avoid disruption to outside PE lessons. When collecting or dropping off Nursery children at lunchtime please keep your child alongside you to ensure they do not run ahead to press the buzzer. It can be difficult for the office staff to see which children are with their correct adults when the children run ahead. Thank you.

Birthday's

As a sugar smart school, we ask parents not to bring cakes or sweets for your child's birthday. However, if you would like to provide a small gesture, we suggest dried fruit, oat or cereal bars. We have also had some parents come up with creative and fun ways to prepare fruit which have been shared on our twitter page @charltonmanor.

After School Clubs

After school clubs have started back this week. It's great to see so many children participating in extracurricular activities. Please may I remind parents to save any snacks for after the club. Children will not have time to eat a snack between the end of the school day and the start of clubs.

PE Kit

Please make sure you child has their PE kit in school on their PE days. If you are unsure of your child's PE days then please speak to your child's teacher after the children have been dismissed. Please provide a PE kit if your child is participating in after school sporting clubs. Unfortunately, for the safety of the children they will not be able to participate in the afterschool club if they do not have the appropriate clothing.

School Uniform

If you need to purchase new uniform for your child, then please go to the Charlton Manor website and find the link to the School Shop under the Information tab
<https://charltonmanorprimary.co.uk/information/school-uniform>.
Where possible uniform will be taken to your child's class by the following day.

trip, then please come to the main office to collect a form.

Swimming

If your child is in year 5 then they will be swimming this term. For this they will need a swimming hat, towel, clean underwear and a one-piece swimming costume or shorts.

Pick up

If you are sending someone else to pick up your children, please inform the class teacher at the start of the day. If you are unable to then please call the school office to inform them of the name of the person collecting. For the safety of your child we cannot release a child to an adult who we are not expecting to collect them.

Trips

If your child has a school that needs to be paid for you are able to do so on ParentPay. Please try to pay by the date given. Thank you.

Secondary School Open Days

If your child is in Year 6 then please look on the Greenwich website for a list of dates for when you can visit potential Secondary Schools. We advise that you visit any Schools that you wish to apply for. For Schools outside of Greenwich please check the individual schools' websites. Please inform the school Office if your child will be absent for one of these visits. This will not affect your child's attendance.

Fruit Tuck

Fruit Tuck is available for children in Year 3-6 at breaktime. If you wish your child to receive a piece of fruit, then please sign them up on ParentPay. The cost of Fruit Tuck is £1.25 per week. This needs to be paid by 9am Monday morning for them to receive this the same week.

Weekend activities

If you're struggling to find things to do at the weekend to keep your children entertained, then please have a look at the following free events and places that are all accessible by public transport.

- Mudchute Farm and Park
- 22nd September – Car free day in London. There will be no cars at Tower Bridge, London Bridge and the City of London from 10:30 – 5pm. Why make the most of no cars and take your bikes and scooters up town.
- Tate Modern
- National Maritime Museum.

Books for Africa

Mr Turner-Wing and a group of Councillors from Royal Greenwich Council have been working to facilitate international links with two Schools in Ghana. Both Schools are in desperate need of children's books and educational texts / study guides. Between Monday 30th September and Friday 4th October, we are planning a book collection across a number of Schools in Royal Greenwich and will be arranging to ship the books to Ghana as soon as possible. We would like to ask for your support with this effort. If you have any unwanted books or study guides that you are able to donate, please bring them to the school office. Any contributions will be very much appreciated by the pupils and staff of the Schools in Ghana. Thank you!

Harvest

The Harvest Assembly for the children will be held on Thursday 19th of September. This event is for the children only. As part of this event we collect food to donate to the Manna Society who provide for homeless people. If you are able to contribute to this amazing cause, then please refer to the list of suggestion to find out what the charity needs at this time.

RHS

On Tuesday 10th September eight of our school children attended the RHS 'Back to Nature Festival'. The grand opening of a new play garden for children at Wisley Garden centre. The 'RHS Back to Nature Garden', co-designed by Her Royal Highness, The Duchess of Cambridge, has now been set up on a permanent basis at Wisley following it's inauguration at The RHS Chelsea Flower Show and subsequently it's time at the RHS Hampton Court Palace.

The children were able to partake in traditional games, have a go at gardening and planting as well as many other activities including dancing round a maypole, balloon artists and animal petting along with sandwiches and homemade cakes.

Kate Middleton attended the garden opening and our children had the amazing opportunity of talking with her and even helping her plant a tree and then travelling with her for a short tractor ride. Everyone had a fantastic trip with the added surprise of meeting the Duchess.



