

# Mail on Monday

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*Reach for the Stars*

Dear Parents and Carers

I can't believe it's another issue of Mail on not quite Monday! This term is flying by!

We have had fantastic success with our teams in Shropshire sporting events over the last half term. A couple of our Cross Country North Shropshire finalists have qualified for the County competition and our Netball team won the North Shropshire qualifier and are now going to the County games on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March. I was so proud of the way in which the children represented Cheswardine and the Netball team not only received first place medals but were nominated for sportsmanship awards as well, winning ones for teamwork, resilience and self-belief. We had a girls' team enter the Sportshall Athletics competition too after winning the local round and their team spirit was commended and they achieved third, which was excellent. I look forward to success at County level now, good luck everyone.

The children have been very busy in school but have found time to think about their mental health during Mental Health Awareness week last week. Thank you very much to Kayleigh Williams for organising yoga and meditation for each class, the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and I enjoyed seeing their poses during Friday's celebration assembly.

Kayleigh Williams requests that parents continue to support the PTFA events and sign up as soon as possible for tickets to the 80's disco taking place in the village hall on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March. Please book tickets through the school office or with Kayleigh herself. We very much appreciate all the fund raising activities the PTFA put on and are trying hard to build up some Lego Wedo in school which will allow us to computer code models which will move around the school - Lego racing cars or animals for example.

Finally, I hope everyone has a lovely half term, please remember that Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> February is a PD day so there will be an extra day at home for the children if not the staff!

*REWilliams*

Mrs Rachael Williams

Executive Headteacher

A polite reminder with regard to after school clubs:

To support independence, children in Year 6 are permitted to walk home alone unless you have instructed your child to wait at school to be collected. Children in Years 5 to Reception must be **collected from the main school door** to enable club staff to see you.

Thank You



for your Kindness

Thank you to Mrs Glover, Mrs Bell, Mrs Hill, Mrs Griffiths, Mrs K Williams and Mr Wilson and his team for their help in school recently.

We always welcome your support in our school. Do speak to Mrs Williams or the school office if you are able to offer help in school.



Celebrating our latest achievements ...



Class 1: Nia, Kayden, Zac, Archie, Matthew

Class 2: Noah, Ava, Harvey, Owen, Ellie, Fynn

Class 3: Louise, Lily, Aimee, Jasmine, Ebony

Nursery: Jamieson,

Remember to use the **Suggestions Box** under the outside board for any suggestions you would like to make to the school.

The school council have also set a suggestions box up for children inside the school, which they are checking and responding to regularly.

### Attendance Achievement

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| Class 1 with Mrs Jones and Miss Dunn     | 95.06% |
| Class 2 with Mrs Tomkinson and Mr Church | 96.48% |
| Class 3 with Miss France                 | 96.67% |

**Our aspirational attendance target is attendance over 98%.**

**Every lesson and day does count. Holidays taken during term time will be unauthorised and scrutinised by the Local Authority's Educational Welfare Officer. Any action taken is totally independent from the school.**

**We are on an aspirational journey to get to "Outstanding" and poor attendance can impact on our overall grading.**

**We are working together as a team and if there is anything we can do to support you please do not hesitate to contact us.**



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|  | Class 3 Spelling Test | Friday |
|  | Class 2 Spelling Test | Monday |
|  | Class 1 Spelling Test | Friday |

**More details on events, activities, school trips, Mail on Monday dates and term dates can be found under the 'Calendar' section on our website.**

### SCHOOL & NURSERY CALENDAR

|  |                                    |   |
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| Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup><br>February   |                                    | Internet Safety Day.  |
| Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup><br>February  | All weekend                        | Village History Weekend.  |
| HALF TERM Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February |                                    |   |
| Monday 24 <sup>th</sup><br>February  | P D Day                            | School closed to pupils.  |
| Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup><br>February   | 3.30 to 5.00 pm                    | Early parents evening by appointment.   |
| Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup><br>February  | 3.45 to 6.30 pm                    | Late parents evening by appointment.  |
| Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup><br>March   |                                    | Year 3 and Year 4 Class trip.   |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March   |                                    | Year 5 and Year 6 Class trip.   |
| Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March   | <b>Dress up on this day please</b> | School World Book Day.  |
| Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> March   | 7.30 pm to 11.30 pm                | PTA 80's Discos at Cheswardine Village Hall.  |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup><br>March   | 6.00 pm                            | Goldstone Federation Spring Term Governing Body meeting at Hinstock Primary School. |
| Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup><br>April to Friday<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> April          |                                    | Cheswardine and Hinstock joint Arthog trip.   |
| EASTER BREAK Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> April to Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April     |                                    |   |
| Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April  | 8.45 am                            | School reopens to all.  |
| Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup><br>April  | Morning                            | Class 1 swimming session 1 of 5.  |
| Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup><br>April  | Morning                            | Class 1 swimming session 2 of 5.  |
| Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May  | Morning                            | Class 1 swimming session 3 of 5.  |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May   |                                    | BANK HOLIDAY - school closed  |
| Week commencing  | During the week.                   | KS2 SATs assessments during   |

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| Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May                                |         | this week.   |
| Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May                             | Morning | Class 1 swimming session 4 of 5.   |
| Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May                             | Morning | Class 1 final swimming session.  |
| Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May                             | 9 am    | Bags2School collection.  |
| Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May                              | Morning | Whole school photographs.  |
| HALF TERM Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 29 <sup>th</sup> May |         |  |
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June                             | Morning | Classes 2 and 3 swimming session 1 of 6.   |
| Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June                            | Morning | Classes 2 and 3 swimming session 2 of 6.   |
| Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June                            | Morning | Classes 2 and 3 swimming session 3 of 6.   |
| Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June                            | Morning | Classes 2 and 3 swimming session 4 of 6.   |
| Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July                             | Morning | Classes 2 and 3 swimming session 5 of 6.   |
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July                              | 6.00 pm | Goldstone Federation Summer Term Governing Body meeting at Cheswardine Primary School. |
| Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July                             | Morning | Classes 2 and 3 swimming session 6 of 6.   |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July                               | 3.00 pm | Summer Fair and barbecue   |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July                               | 3.15 pm | School closes to pupils for the summer break.  |
| Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July                               | P D Day | School closed to pupils.   |

While every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of the above information, some events may have to change at short notice. If this is the case, will inform you of any changes as soon as we can.

# CHESWARDINE NURSERY

We have continued with our topic of 'Winter' through the use of the beautiful story 'A Little Bit of Winter'. We have been super busy though, making our 3D map for the Cheswardine History weekend (which you will be able to see during the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of February), as well as celebrating Chinese New Year and participating in the Mental Health Awareness Week.



Practising painting Chinese numerals.



Making lucky New Year envelopes.

For Mental Health Awareness Week we joined in with the meditation session with Class One, we have practised yoga in Nursery and found our brave by being blindfolded and putting our hands into various foods e.g. beans!



Meditating with Class One



Relaxation after our Yoga session.

We have also welcomed a new team member - Louise (Miss Bishop) and are having lots of fun showing her how to get messy!

Parents / Carers, please don't forget our 'Nursery Library'. We have lots of books available for you and your child to share together. Once your child has reached the top of the ladder they will get a reward!

We also really look forward to hearing about your child's 'Wow' moments from home.

Please ask if you require any of the above postcards to take home and we will happily provide you with some.

Quick reminder: Please remember that all dinner monies and Nursery fees should be in a labelled envelope (including date, child's name and what the money is for). The money should also be handed in at the big green gate to the Teacher or TA who is opening up.

Makaton: Our Makaton sign is: "family".

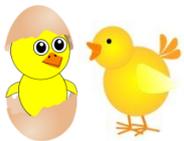


Our Makaton star signer is: Jameson Bennett

Well done!

Many Thanks,

Leanne, Claire and Louise.



### CHES CHICKS:

We had our January session of the Spring Term and celebrated Chinese New Year.



We really enjoyed tasting lots of Chinese foods and getting messy with paints!

Ches Chicks is back and continues to be held once a month on a Monday morning. The new time is 9:15am until 11:15am. [Keep an eye on Facebook for activities and dates in the Spring Term.](#) Please note the new fee of £2.50 per child and £3.00 per family. This is due to the fact that some of the activities are from outside agencies and we will now provide Parents / Carers with hot drinks too. The first session that you attend is still free! Please spread the word about Ches Chicks and feel free to pop in or call the school on 01630 661 233 for any information. Thank you for your continued support!

**From the 20<sup>th</sup> of January 2018 until 30<sup>th</sup> of March 2018**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> of March**

**30<sup>th</sup> of March: Easter (due to unforeseen circumstances the Sing and Sign session will now take place in July).**