

Cheswardine Primary and Nursery School

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Dear parents/carers

Possible Future Diary dates

Thank you to everyone who managed to have a virtual meeting with the teachers regarding your child/ren's progress. Please could I ask you to email admin@cheswardine.shropshire.sch.uk with any comments you have about the meetings taking place virtually. It is always lovely for parents to have a chance to come in and see work and the school, but there are times in the year where a virtual meeting might work better than late evenings which are dark and can be plagued by bad weather. When normality returns we would of course plan in chances for parents to actually see the work and school but considering work/life balance for teachers as well, a mixture of approaches might work better going forward, and I am presently considering all opinions and proposals.

I have recently started a **pupil selector time** in school. This is where I choose two pupils from each class at random to come and show me some of the work they've completed over the week and talk to me about how their learning is going. I have so far achieved two weeks of meetings and I am so proud of the children I have spoken to. They have all spoken so confidently about the work they have done and challenged themselves in their learning going forwards. This is in addition to Headteacher's awards and it is a lovely opportunity to find out how children are doing and what they are enjoying in school presently. So far I have seen: Jack R, Amelia B, Cooper, Lydia, Archie A, Evie, Poppy, Fynn, Connor, Ava, Harvey and Melodie.

Recent Headteacher's Awards have gone to: Nia, Kayden, Poppy, Ellie, Connor, Jack P, Bobby, Reuben, Emily, Noah, Eoin, Evie B, Keian and Billy-Jo. Well done everyone, keep up the good work!

Updates from the DFE regarding COVID restrictions have come into place this week. Advice is still that children should be kept in consistent groups although sporting events are less restricted now in alignment with national changes to sports coaching for children. I am presently updating the risk assessments however can see that there will be little change in practice for us until the next stage of easing, set for June 21st. With this in mind we have some dates planned for events in the next half term in the hope that some sort of normality can return for us all, but **they come with a warning** that they may have to be restricted, amended or virtual (ie filmed for example) if restrictions do not allow them to take place fully.



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Dates for your diary: *(subject to updates, restrictions and DFE guidance)*

- 21.5.21 School Photographs, only children on site.
25.5.21 Class 1 Bee Lady visiting in the morning.
26.5.21 Afternoon Inter-school Football competition between Hinstock and Cheswardine
To take place at Cheswardine. (No spectators).
28.5.21 KS2 Workshop: Learning about Trees – visitor on site.
28.5.21 Half term break.
7.6.21 Return from break.
w/c7.6.21 Sports Clubs and Guitar lessons will start this week.
9.6.21 KS2 Swimming starts at Newport Swimming Pool.
15.6.21 Possible whole school tile making morning.
22.6.21 Rounders' Competition after school at Market Drayton Junior School (no spectators).
25.6.21 Year 3/4 Tennis Competition am (4 pupils).
28.6.21 Sports Day from 1:30pm (spectators possible, dependent on restrictions and guidance).
30.6.21 Sports Day alternative 1:30pm.
1.7.21 Grove School Parents' Evening.
5.7.21 and 6.7.21 Grove School move up days.
6.7.21 Move up day in school (details to be agreed with staff and will be sent out).
8.7.21 New parents' meeting 3:30pm in school (dependent on restrictions and guidance)
9.7.21 Reports out to parents
10.7.21 **FEDFEST** at Cheswardine. From 2pm Family Fun Day across the Federation.
Keep the date!! (Dependent on restrictions and guidance).
13.7.21 Year 6 Leavers' trip to Alderford Lake.
13.7.21 and 14.7.21 Open afternoons – opportunity for parents to come in and see children's work.
(Dependent on restrictions and guidance)
14.7.21 Last KS2 swimming session at Newport Swimming Pool.
15.7.21 Visiting Artist Workshop in school: Malcolm Hague.
20.7.21 Leaver's Performance of 'WOW What a Year!' in the afternoon (times to be confirmed)
(Filmed if restrictions do not allow an audience)
21.7.21 Leaver's Service in St Swithun's Church. 9:30am (Following Church's COVID protocol).
21.7.21 Break up for the Summer Holidays.
2.9.21 Children return to school.

I think we will all end up with a very busy July!! I certainly sincerely hope so.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school and myself if you have any issues or concerns, I really hope that some degree of normality returns to all our lives in the coming months and the children get to experience all they should be experiencing in their young lives without fear and anxiety. We are certainly aiming to get school back on track as a community resource as we move into July.

Yours sincerely,

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Rachael Williams (Executive Headteacher)



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