

# Mail on Monday

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*Reach for the Stars*

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas; it's hard to believe we've been back two weeks already!

The term has started well and written work in Classes 1 and 2 especially has been fantastic, look out for Class 2's non-chronological reports on mountains and Class 1's work on the Gingerbread Man, they have done really well. Class 3 were really happy that Mr Taylor has returned ready for a new term and those children going are looking forward to their upcoming trip to Arthog in Wales on the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> February. I hope they have got lots of warm clothes for the adventure! Mr Taylor and Mrs Freeman-Evans will be accompanying them.

We had a fabulous response to the start of guitar lessons in school and I really hope children can continue with this and get as much enjoyment out of music as they can. It is always great to have a wider offer in school than just academics, and Cheswardine children are certainly talented in all sort of areas, which we really hope to explore. Last week a group of children represented us at the Sportshall Athletics in the Maurice Chandler Centre they tried really hard and were a credit to the school and their teachers.

This term we hope to run a couple of events which will involve parents coming into school and sharing concerns and enjoyment with the children. On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February it is national internet safety day and we would like to hold a relaxed afternoon tea and coffee session for parents to come in and talk about concerns regarding computers. These could include gaming dangers and social media issues and there will be some guidance on support and safety alongside an opportunity to discuss any worries with others who may well be experiencing the same concerns. Thursday March 7<sup>th</sup> is World Book Day and we hope that children will come in dressed up for the day as a favourite book character. We would also like to invite parents to come into school on that day at about 2:45pm to DEAR (Drop Everything and Read). Parents will be invited to bring in their favourite books and share these and the children's books around the school. I hope you can join us.

Parents evenings are to take place at the end of February and letters will go out shortly for you to arrange an appointment. We will also be working on producing interim progress reports for parents which can be discussed at these meetings and will give guidance as to what your child is doing well and how you can help them improve.

I am really looking forward to an exciting and full term working once again with the lovely children of Cheswardine and getting to know the community a little better.

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Mrs Rachael Williams (Acting Interim Headteacher)

## WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

We welcome back Tempest Photography to our school on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January. We commence with preschool children at 8.30 am and ask you speak to Leanne to arrange a staggered time of arrival to help prevent too much waiting around. As before, where there are siblings in School and Nursery photographs will be taken as a family group. If you also require separate photographs of your child please advise the school office who can update their list to ensure separate photographs are not missed. Thank you.



*Celebrating our latest achievements ...*



*Headteacher Awards in the last fortnight have been awarded to:*

*Class 3: Lily-May Farmer, Evan Rawlings (twice awarded for hard work and effort), Leon Jackson, Tyler Murphy, Lucy Swinnerton, Lauren Griffiths and Sam Jones.*

*Class 2: Katelyn Parsons, William Reddall, Joel Farmer and Melodie Yates-Dunbar*

*Class 1: William Nadine, Cooper Mazan, Archie Arnold and Sophie Nadine*

*Nursery: Autumn Oliver and Jameson-John Bennett*

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 one up for children inside the school, which they will be checking and responding to regularly.

### *Attendance Achievement*

<i>Class 1 with Mrs Tranter and Mrs Jones</i>	<i>93.63%</i>
<i>Class 2 with Mr Church</i>	<i>93.27%</i>
<i>Class 3 with Mr Taylor</i>	<i>99.19%</i>



*Congratulations to Class 3!*

*Our attendance target is attendance over 96%*



	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

Fridays from 18.1.19	11:15am - 3pm	Guitars in school
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	2:30pm	Internet Safety Day: Afternoon tea and coffee discussion for parents
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	11:15am-3pm	Replacement Guitar lesson for Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> .
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Am	Whole School Photographs
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	3 days	Arthog Residential trip for 19 Class 3 pupils Arthog trip
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	3:15pm	Break up for half term holiday
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February		HALF TERM
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	8.45 am	School re-opens to all
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	3.30 to 5.30 pm	Parent Evening – by appointment
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	3.30 to 5.30 pm	Parent Evening – by appointment
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	11:15am – 3pm	Guitars for second half term begin.
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March		World Book Day
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	2:45pm-3:15pm	DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) Afternoon.
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	5.00 – 5.10 pm	Spring Term Governing Body meeting. Surgery for parents. Please advise the school office prior to Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February of items for the meeting Agenda.
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	All day	Red Nose Day for Comic Relief (School Council organising this)
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	3.15 pm	School closes for the Easter break
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	8.45 am	School re-opens to all

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've had a very busy two weeks since coming back after our Christmas break. We have been reading the 'Gingerbread Man story' and have been doing lots of activities around this story.



Making Gingerbread Men



The Gingerbread Man even came to visit us but we weren't at Nursery because he came when it was dark!



We also went on a walk around the village and found some herbs to smell!

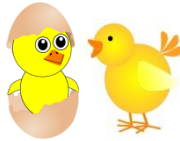
Leanne, Claire, Lisa and Cathy.

Makaton:

One of our signs of the week is: 'to play'.



Our star signer is: Clara Mazan! Well done Clara!



Ches Chicks:

This week we used our whole outdoor area and found characters from the *Gingerbread Man* and then had a *Gingerbread Man* for snack!

Please note Ches Chicks continues to run on a Monday. The time is also now in the morning from 9:30 am until 11:30 am.

The next 'Mail on Monday' will be due on the 4<sup>th</sup> March.  
Also, keep watching the website for updates on School and Nursery news.