

We continue to seek as much normality in school as we can and the children keep working hard throughout. However, COVID is still not going away. We have a number of isolated cases within the school community, within children, staff and parents. Where there is COVID within the family, although your child/ren can attend, we would advise you to arrange for your child/ren to have a PCR test as soon as possible and to monitor your child closely for symptoms of COVID-19.

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are the recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Testing can be arranged by calling 119 or via the NHS website: <u>www.nhs.uk/coronavirus</u>. Please keep us informed of the result of the test.

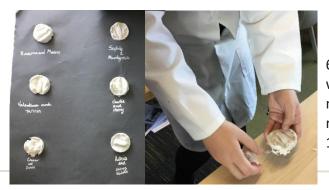
If your child remains well and symptom-free they should continue to attend school as normal, including while awaiting their PCR test result.



As you know, we're using an NHS backed program called myHappymind in our schools, which is designed to support the children's well-being and happiness.

The Founder of myHappymind is running a brand new, FREE, online training series for parents and carers called Happiness Hacks Live. It's all about how to support your children's resilience, self-esteem a nd happiness and you can sign up using the link below.

It's totally free and starts on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October, at 8pm. Here's the link to sign up: <u>https://www.learn.myhappymind.org/happiness-hacks-live-landing-page-1</u>



6P made fossils and realised it was a long time to wait 145 million years for them to be ready. (Even though it was only 10 minutes in our time!)



Year 5 enjoyed trying out their new instruments. A fantastic array of different instruments in their new Year 5 orchestra.

Reception have been working really hard in all areas even when it's raining but the best thing about rain is the muddy puddles!



## **Other News / Information**

<u>School Applications – New Reception 2022 and Year 7</u> <u>Secondary</u>

If you have a child in Year 6, please be reminded that the closing date for secondary school applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021. You can apply online, at

<u>www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admisssions</u> or by paper. For parents/carers looking for a Reception place for 2022-23, applications need to be in by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Please contact the school for a <u>guided tour</u> from the Headteacher or Senior Leader.

## <u> PTA</u>

Over the past few years, the Parent Teacher Association has been significantly hampered by the pandemic, meaning that family events and an additional source of income for the school have been affected. The PTA is looking to reform and consider what they can do this academic year. We would love to see new families join the PTA and will be having the Annual General Meeting next week, on <u>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October, at 6.30pm</u>. This will be held on Microsoft Teams to allow for as many people to join as possible. Further information and the link to the meeting will follow from Mrs Khalifa and Miss Harris. We hope to see as many of you at the meeting as possible.

## <u> Pupil Premium</u>



Children of families in receipt of certain benefits may be eligible for additional funding – the Pupil Premium Grant (PPG), which we can use to provide free lunches for your child and support in other ways. Even if you don't wish to take advantage of any of this, Chester Blue Coat can still claim much-needed funding for those who are eligible. Under current rules, the funding lasts for 6 years, even if your circumstances change in that time. If you have not already applied, or if your circumstances have changed recently, we would encourage you to check eligibility and apply online. Please visit:

https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/educa tion-and-learning/school-meals.aspx



Can you work out which of our core values this is?



Sporting fun is aplenty over the Autumn school break at our multi-sports holiday clubs!

We'll be playing lots of exciting team games with specially themed days including Wet Wednesday and Fancy Dress Friday to up the energy even more! Your youngsters are guaranteed a great day they'll love.

Children will be placed into a bubble on their first day and remain in it for the duration of the camp to reduce mixing of children.

Autumn camps will focus on a wide range of sports and activities and will be about getting outside, getting active and having fun! For more information please view our website, or contact us at seordon@oremier=education.com



All our Activity Professionals are fully insured and DBS checked as well as holding emergency first aid certification.

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## WHEN?

Monday 25th - Friday 29th October 2021 9.00am - 3.30pm

£75 for a full week booking (5 days). £16.50 per day (individual days available to book).

WHERE?

Chester Bluecoats Primary Walpole Street, Chester, CH14HG

Tarporley Primary School Park Road, Chester, CW6 0AN

Farndon Primary School Churton Road, Chester, CH3 6QP

Overleigh St Marys Primary Handbridge, Chester, CH4 7HS



Well done to the children nominated for an Achievement Certificate this week. The children are:

1B – Julia Waszczuk 1MO – Penny Harper Tattum 2SL – Patryja Sieniawska 2MW – Susie Carson 3S – Oscar Henshall 3G – Harrison Wrigley 4P – Sema Rasouli 4B – Max Wheeler 5H – Mason Wong 5LER – Tia Elwaheidi 6P – Sarah Korshid 6PWK – Tatiana Sieniawska