



Chester Blue Coat CE Primary School

News Autumn Week 8

Doing everything in love, go and do likewise.

The nights have really closed in and the temperature is dropping as we move into the second half of the Autumn Term. Unfortunately, we are seeing an increase in the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the school. Several staff members have been affected and a number of pupils, although transmission is low at the moment between pupils. We ask you to continue to be vigilant and to think carefully about the main symptoms – a new continuous cough, a high temperature or loss of taste/smell. Should your child/ren have any of these symptoms, please continue to keep them at home and seek a PCR test as soon as you can.

As a reminder, the recommendation is that if one individual in a household tests positive, any children and young people in that household who attend school or college should:

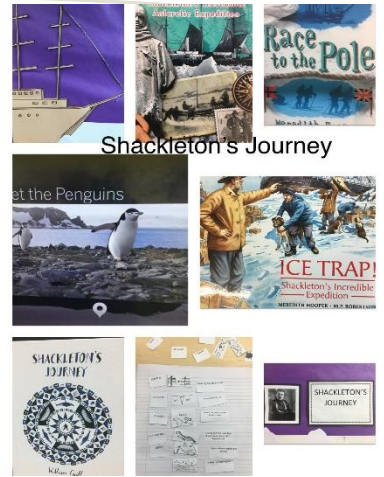
- Take a PCR test (ideally on Day 3-5 after first exposure), and
- Take a daily LFD test for 10 consecutive days from the date of first exposure
- Continue to attend school provided that their test results (PCR and LFD) are negative
- Self-isolate for 10 full days from the date of the test if any of their test results are positive
- In the event of a positive LFD test result, obtain a confirmatory PCR test
- If the confirmatory PCR test is taken within the two days following the positive LFD result and PCR result is negative, the young person can return to school/college.

Remembrance Day

A huge thank you to everyone who bought poppies or poppy merchandise.



The children observed the two minute silence impeccably and respectfully learned about the reasons why we mark Remembrance Day. Mrs Peters, who organises and runs this every year, is absolutely thrilled with earning a massive £462.96 for this fantastic cause. Thank you everyone!



Year 6 have embarked on their new topic called 'You can do it!' We have started learning about Shackleton's journey to Antarctica and today we learn lots of new vocabulary. 4P looked at the work of George Seurat and used his pointillism technique to create wonderful paintings of well-known monuments.



Other News / Information

Chickens

Gertie, our new resident chicken, has settled in fabulously over the last week or so. Many children have the opportunity to visit her and see her new enclosure and coop. Mr Hover will be picking up three new chickens this Saturday, to create a new school flock. These are rescued battery hens, from the British Hen Welfare Trust, and all come from different places, meaning that when they come together, they should develop into one, joint flock. Thank you to everyone who has signed the online Consent for handling and feeding the chickens. Please complete the survey if you haven't already done so or contact the office if you are having difficulty. Thank you also to those who have stated they would be willing to look after the chickens at weekends and in holidays – a Google Form to sign up for this will be issued next week.

Christmas Tree

The Chester Cathedral Christmas Tree Festival returns from the end of November to the beginning of January, with over 50 Christmas trees that will sparkle and shimmer throughout the Cathedral. 3G have started designing and making their decorations for the school tree around the theme of 'love'. If other children would like to contribute to this, please feel free to make a decoration at home and bring it in to school as soon as possible.

Water Bottles

Please could we remind you that children need a water bottle in school at all times. It is essential for them to keep hydrated throughout the day.

Chester Season Ticket

We have been fortunate to be given four Chester Football Club Season Tickets for this year. Pupils are nominated for excellent showing our PE and Sport Values of teamwork, resilience, respect, self-belief and determination. This week's winner is Ateeg and they get the tickets for Chester's home match against Darlington FC.

Football Competition – Year 4

It was an absolute pleasure to take a group of Year 4 girls to the School Sports Partnership Football Competition this week. The team competed really well, and represented the school fantastically in their first ever football competition. Well done to Itziar, Lottie, Evie, Autumn, Susannah and Caroline.

Cross Country

Well done to Jackson Y3, Suzanne Y4, Shie and Charlie Y5, and Alice Y6 who took part in the West Cheshire Cross Country races on Saturday. They all did amazingly well and were a credit to the school. The next race will take place at Ellesmere Port Sports Village, Stanney Lane, Ellesmere Port on Saturday, November 27 at 10am. It is open to any Y3-6 who would like to take part. Children can collect a school vest from either Mrs Harrop or Mrs Page at school during the week before the event.



'Reading and writing is taught so differently from when I went to school!'

Sounds familiar?

Would you like to find out how you can support your children's learning, brush up on your own English skills and work towards an adult Functional Skills English qualification?

If your answer to these questions is 'yes', then this free, fun and friendly **Family English** course could be for you!

Taking place online, every Friday morning, from 7th January – 1st April 2022, 9:30am – 11:30am

To book a place on this course, please email emma.cawley@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk by Wednesday 15th December. The course will run on **Microsoft Teams** and once you have signed up, your tutor will be in touch to discuss details.

Please note:

So that we can offer this course free of charge, you will be required to complete some paperwork. You will also need access to a pen and some paper during each session. You will need to use a device that has a working video camera, which must be turned on for the entirety of the course.



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

1B – Shaurya Dwivedi

1MO – Logan Peters

2SL – Aiden Mcgolgrick

2MW – Alice Zerdzinska-Piercy and Felicity Dawe

3S – Nok Wong

3G – Elizabeth Yilmaz

4P – Max Stacey

4B – Lena Gorecka

5H – Corey Edgar

5LER – Eryk Zablocki and Rutendo Mawoyo

6P – Seth Jones

6PWK – Olek Sadowski