



Headteacher's Message

I can't quite believe it but we've made it to the end of September already. We have had a fantastic first few weeks of the year with lots going on. Our new reception and nursery children have settled in to life at Chatsworth brilliantly and the children in years 1 and 2 have picked up where they left off last year. We have got a very busy term planned, with coffee mornings, parents' evenings, prospective parent tours, Christmas nativities, Christmas bazaar, community Christmas meal and lots more besides. Thank you, as always, for your on-going support.

Apply for Reception and Burnt Oak

All year 2 parents should now be applying for Burnt Oak. All Nursery parents should be applying for a Reception place. You have until 15th January to submit your applications via the Bexley website.

Harvest

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Harvest Festival. We had a lovely display in the hall for our assembly. A member of Bexley Food Bank has collected the donations and they are very grateful. Thank you again.

Beginning of the day

We are helping the children to develop their resilience and independence. Therefore, we ask parents to release their child at the main gate and wait on the forecourt while the children walk down to the yellow brick road. It also gets very crowded on the path if parents are walking their child through the gate.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Grandparents Day

We will be hosting our first grandparents day next Friday. Please complete the form on Ping if your child's grandparent would like to attend.



Bookfair

The Travelling Book Fair is back at Chatsworth. If you would like to attend the Book Fair it will be open on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week, straight from school until 3.45.

Uniform

Please ensure that you have named all of your child's school uniform.

London Transport Museum



Year 2 will be going on a school trip on 10th

October to the London Transport Museum. They will be travelling to London by train. Thank you to our parents who have offered to help with this trip. We have contacted those who were randomly selected to join us, but we very much appreciate all of the offers.

Genes for Jeans

Thank you for all of your kind donations for Jeans for Genes Day. Together we managed to raise £130 for the Ectodermal Dysplasia Society.

Parking

A gentle reminder not to park over our neighbours driveways or on the zig zags outside school.

End of the day

Just a reminder that we do not go out of school through the astro gate, this is because there are no railings or zigzags outside the gate and it therefore cannot be used as an exit.

Spare underwear

We are currently very low on spare underwear. If you have any you no longer need, we would be very grateful for them

Dogs

Dogs are not allowed on school grounds at the beginning or end of the school day. Please keep them outside of school.





Attendance

A significant proportion of our students have an attendance rate of around 90%. Many believe this to be acceptable, but what does it really mean for our students?

A student with a 90% attendance record is absent from lessons for the equivalent of **one half-day every week**.

A student with a 90% attendance rate misses the equivalent of **four whole weeks** of lessons in one school year.

A child who misses school just twice per month will lose out on 18 days' education across the school year – that's nearly four weeks.

Absence

Just a reminder, when reporting your child's absence from school please ensure you leave a detailed reason



for their absence. Thank you.

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every student, every day



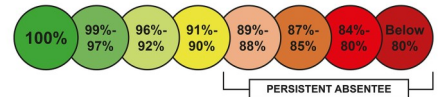
Our current school attendance is

Term Time Absence

Children have missed out on so much during the pandemic over the last 2 years, both academically and socially. We understand that a lot of holidays have been put back and delayed however, please avoid booking any holidays during term time. It is very important that all children are in school with the exception of illness or exceptional circumstances.

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On Time: First Time, Every Time



Which CIRCLE are you in?

THE HAMBLE SCHOOL
ACROSS ENGLAND TOGETHER

Attendance Matters

Who can reach the top of the Chatsworth squirrel?



Who can reach the top?