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Friday 23rd September 2022 Newsletter

Dates for the next two weeks in school

Mon 26th Sept	Tues 27th Sept	Wed 28th Sept	Thurs 29th Sept	Fri 30th Sept
3 WEEK MENU.pdf Week 1 Menu	Book Fair - Schooltastics	Book Fair - Schooltastics	Book Fair - Schooltastics	Book Fair - Schooltastics
Mon 3rd Oct	Tues 4th Oct	Wed 5th Oct	Thurs 6th Oct	Fri 7th Oct
Week 2 Menu				

Please note that as of October there will be a Halal Chicken option served at lunch times.

Census Day - 6th October



Census Day is when every school in England has to submit data to the government. One of the areas the government would like statistics on is the number of infant pupils taking a universal free school meal (UFSM).

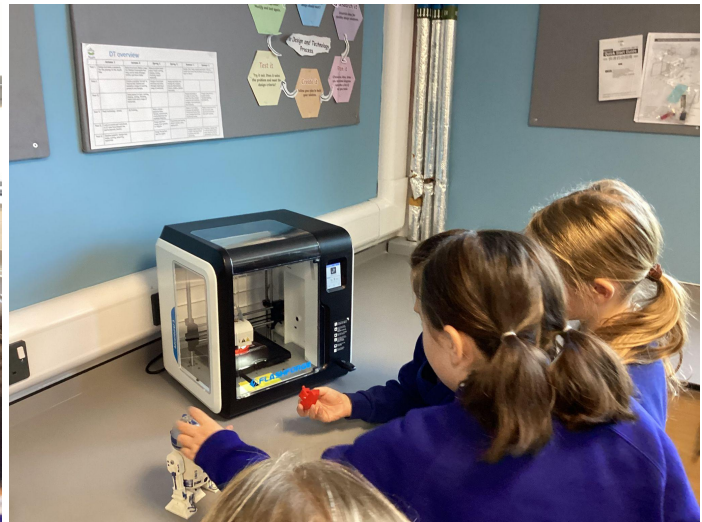
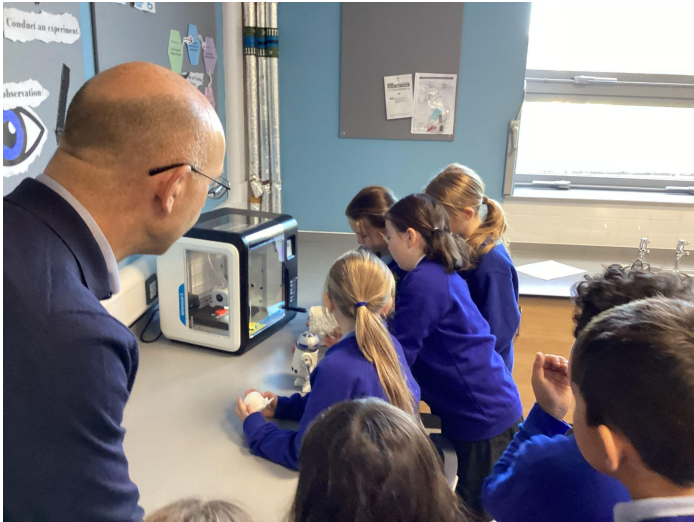
The government needs to know how much funding to allocate to each school to cover the cost of these meals for the year. If they under-estimate the take up on universal free school meals and therefore reduce the amount of funding we receive, the actual cost of these meals has to come from our budget, reducing the money we have to spend in other areas.

The more children that take a universal free school meal on the day, the more funding we receive and the less we have to fund ourselves.

Whether or not your child would usually take a school meal on Thursday 6th October, if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, we'd very much appreciate it if they could take a meal on Census Day.

You may have seen on twitter that we are very excited to have had our new 3D printer installed last week.

Here are some pictures of some of our children testing it out.



NHS

flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child

1. Protect your child
The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia

2. Protect you, your family and friends
Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family

3. No injection needed
The nasal spray is painless and easy to have

4. It's better than having flu
The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record

5. Avoid costs
If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

For more information visit www.nhs.uk/child-flu

Flu i mmunisation
Helping to protect children, every winter

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Flu Vaccine:

After our October half term, we will be giving your child the option to have the flu vaccination. For further information please click on the link below.

More information will be sent to you all individually in due course.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccination-in-schools/flu-vaccination-programme-2021-to-2022-briefing-for-schools>

Great Big Green Week: 24 September – 2 October

Great Big Green Week is the UK's biggest celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature. It provides a great opportunity to talk to children about the importance of protecting our planet and taking action to help nature to thrive.

The Great Big Week Festival is being held at Grosvenor Park on Saturday, 24 September, 11am to 4pm.

Details of all the events can be found on the Council's Climate Emergency Inspire hub. Please visit the below link to find out more:

[Great Big Green Week – 24 September – 2 October | Climate Emergency | Participate Now \(cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk\)](https://cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/great-big-green-week)



We are very proud to be able to display the Queen's Jubilee plaque near the Hive for you all to see. This was purchased by the PTA and it seems rather appropriate to have had it delivered this week after the sad news of our Queen passing.

You are all invited!

The **Scholastic Book fair** will be in school from 27th - 30th September.

Please come to the studio (use the outside door for access please) between 3.15pm -4pm.

A reminder that this will be a cashless fair! Please see the invitation for a preview of some of the books on offer.

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Parent Carer Forum News and Events

Please find attached links below to our Parent Carer Forum News and Events and our Transport Survey.

■ [PCF CWaC News and Events September 2022 - Welcome Back.pdf](#)

■ [PCF CWaC Transport Survey September 2022.pdf](#)

Look how fantastic our **Outdoor Explorers** looked in their after school club on Tuesday.



Outdoor Explorers

BOOK YOUR CHILD'S PLACE ONLINE AT: www.catzclubs.com

Places are offered on a first come first serve basis

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT CAT ALVIN

EMAIL: catzclubs@gmail.com TELEPHONE: 07977 597573

Our Outdoor Explorers club got off to a great start on Tuesday. The children considered The 5 Freedoms and created safe spaces for their little friends.

Year 5 & 6

Kings school are holding an open day for years 5 & 6. Please click on the link below to view their digital flyer.
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/383446778637>

There is also a Year 6 open evening at Upton-by-Chester High School on Thursday 29th September 5:30 - 7:30. No booking is required to attend.

STARS OF THE WEEK

<p>ACORNS:</p> <p>We will be doing individual stars of the week in the New Year</p>	<p>CONKERS:</p> <p>We will be doing individual stars of the week in the New Year</p>	<p>ASH: Jasmine Morgan for listening to feedback to make her writing even better, well done for remembering fingers spaces Jasmine! .</p> <p>Roman Curran for listening very carefully at carpet times and putting his hand up to share his ideas.</p>
<p>YEW: Joshua Campbell for his efforts in phonics and writing this week. We are so proud of his resilience and hard work.</p> <p>Thomas Furnifer for always making everyone smile and for his amazing RE home learning. He has fantastic dance moves!</p>	<p>SYCAMORE: Alfie Broadbent for being helpful, ready to learn and enthusiastic all week.</p> <p>Sam Arnold for fantastic effort and application in Place Value.</p>	<p>BEECH: Elsie Thomas for always putting 100% into her work and for consistently making good choices!</p> <p>Beatrice Stanley for always having a positive attitude towards her learning and for being super kind to everyone!</p>
<p>CEDAR: Archie Kelly for a lovely animal riddle in English</p> <p>Sam Thomas for always pushing himself each lesson in Maths</p>	<p>HAWTHORN: David Martelli for always being ready to learn and trying his best in all lessons.</p> <p>Cade Precious for his wonderful poem and writing in English.</p>	<p>JUNIPER: Lyla Jones for her positive and conscientious attitude to all school-work and home learning. An impressive start to Year 3.</p> <p>Stanley Fletcher for his positive and conscientious attitude to all school-work and home learning. An impressive start to Year 3.</p>
<p>LIME: Jaden Klogo for settling well into Upton Heath and Year 4.</p> <p>Willow Williams for her wonderful presentation, handwriting and for her positivity.</p>	<p>HAZEL: Louie Lamont for helping Mrs Buckland with jobs and organising her desk.</p> <p>Sonny Lynch A brilliant start to Year 4. He always takes pride in his work.</p>	<p>ELM: Ethan Kativhu for his enthusiasm and motivation in all his lessons and approaching everything with a smile</p> <p>Ava Williams for the care, thought and attention put into all her work which she approaches all with quiet determination. An excellent role model.</p>
<p>BIRCH: Harry Turner for showing amazing resilience and maturity this week and trying his best in all his tasks.</p> <p>Jack Nicholson for seamlessly joining Birch class and making lots of new friends in Upton Heath.</p>	<p>CHESTNUT: Bella Turnbull for always working hard and taking pride in her work. An excellent Year 6 role model.</p> <p>Amelia Evans for always listening carefully, offering answers to questions and being an enthusiastic member of our class.</p>	<p>OAK: Sophie James for working hard and setting a great example in everything she does</p> <p>Billy Morris for being brave and overcoming a fear in his swimming lesson</p>

23/09/2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

Another exciting week in UHPS this week, as we prepare for our first football match, over 80 children are going to work with and support Cheshire Phoenix Basketball team this weekend, interviewing for the new Headteacher role and preparing our Open Days for New Intake families September 2023!

Car parking and parents / carers dropping off with a car is still causing some safety issues, despite repeated requests to support the school by applying for a car parking pass or to renew one via the admin office. It has been brought to my attention that some drivers are ignoring Mr Kearney or Mr Mahoney, who manage the flow of traffic in and out of school to keep our children and community safe, and just entering the school premises, which then causes congestion and potential danger to our children and community. Consequently, should this situation continue, we will have to physically close the main entrance gates and manage the flow of traffic accordingly. Therefore, should you not have a car parking pass, please **DO NOT** drive onto the school premises; unless pre-arranged with myself. Should you require a pass, please do apply for a pass and if your application meets the criteria, you will be allocated one. I **thank you for respecting** this request and for your understanding.

Our COVID Keeps **one way system**. I have asked families to honour our one way system around the school when picking up and dropping off children. This system works well and assists with the mobilisation of over 800 people in a short period of time. Your support with this request is very much appreciated, as we have had several concerns raised by parents about bottlenecks and having difficulty getting around the school site. Whilst I appreciate this may mean some people walking a little bit further, please do adhere to the one-way system. Thank you again for your **respect** and support of this request.

As many of you will be aware, Ms. Dolz has been absent from school for some time. After meeting with her over recent weeks, I am delighted to say that she is now in a position to return to work. We will be starting a phased return for her in partnership with Miss Tunna, who has been covering her absence for us. Hawthorn class parents have been informed, as have the children and a plan is in place to welcome Ms. Dolz back into the team. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Tunna for her dedication to our children and school over the last few months, she has been an excellent addition to the team, and I know those of you who have had her as your child's teacher will wish her well.

Yours faithfully

Mr Conrad North

Headteacher

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Leave of Absence Request Leave of absence during term time will not be authorised unless the reason meets the exceptional criteria. In response to your leave of absence request, a decision will be made and a letter sent to you within 5 working days. If leave of absence is authorised, a date to return must be agreed with the Headteacher. A child who is absent longer than the agreed date can be legally removed from the school register and the parent may be liable to prosecution. When the leave of absence is 'unauthorised' and a child incurs 10 unauthorised absence marks in a term, i.e. five school days, the Local Authority may be informed and a fixed term penalty notice may be issued. The current rates payable by parents are £60 where the amount is paid within 21 days and £120 where the amount is paid within 28 days. This charge is per parent/carer per child. If the fixed penalty notice remains unpaid this could lead to prosecution in the Magistrate's Court