

Newsletter February 2018



Dear Parents and Carers

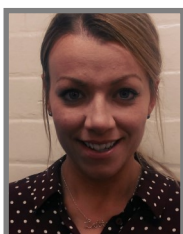
WOW! It may have been a short half-term but we have definitely filled it with LOTS of wonderful memories. As I sit here and reflect on the past six weeks, I feel incredibly proud. Once again our wonderful children have blown me away with their learning and 'LOVEliness'. I am very lucky to have such a happy and hard-working team of committed staff. Every day seems to get better and better!

Now that my feet are more settled into my new role as Head of School, it has been truly wonderful getting to know you all. Parent's Evening was a huge success—thank you for your attendance. At parent's evening we asked you to complete a 'wish heart' for your child's future and they are all hanging proudly by our gate into school. I truly love seeing them all when I arrive into work every morning. If you did not write a heart and would like to do so, please speak to Mrs Lambert in the school office.

A strong home-school partnership is vital for each of our children's progress and we continue to make lots of positive changes to ensure that we are all working closely and effectively together. We have ran a number of successful parent workshops this half-term, including e-safety, phonics, Word Aware and Talk for Writing. All were very well attended. As I write this, I am very excited for our Food Fair to mark the end of Our World Week. Next half-term we look forward to working with you closely on Home Reading—there are lots of exciting events planned!

Following on from our Parent Questionnaires, I have made some important changes to our website. There is a new Parent/Carer tab where you will find lots of useful information about school life. Please have a look and let me know if there are further information items that you would like included.

Please have a wonderful half-term break with your children (I am keep my fingers crossed for better weather!)



We look forward to welcoming you all back on **Monday, 26th February.**

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your ongoing support,

Ms Leach and Mr Gallimore

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 26th February

SCHOOL RE-OPENS

Friday 2nd March

WORLD BOOK DAY

Friday 9th March

GIRAFFES—Dance Festival

Friday 16th March

SCHOOL COUNCIL—Council visit

Friday 23rd March

BREAK-UP

CONGRATULATIONS MISS HEWITT!

I am thrilled to announce that Miss Hewitt gave birth to a baby girl on Saturday, 27th January.

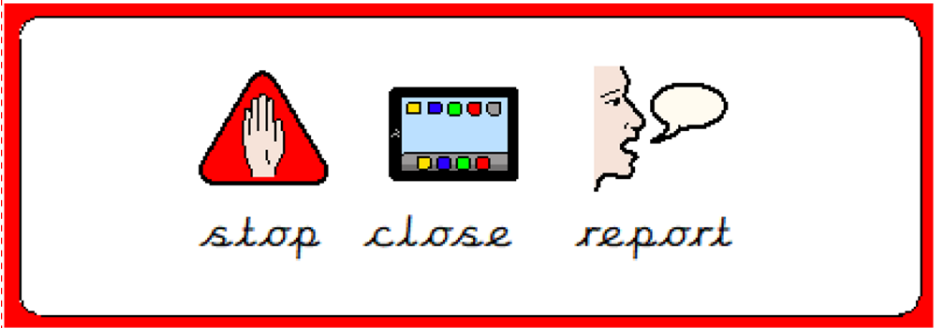
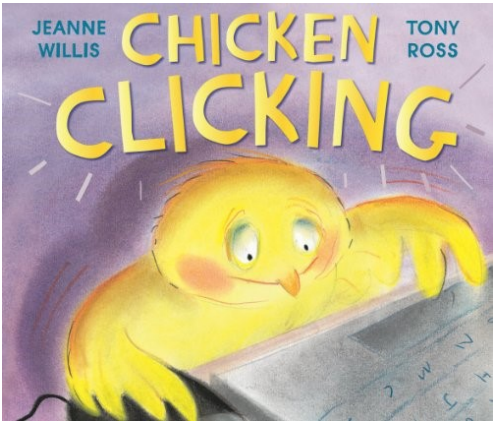


Welcome to the world beautiful Millie! Miss Hewitt, her partner (Will) and baby Millie are all doing very well. We can't wait to meet Millie soon for cuddles!

E-SAFETY WEEK

On Monday, 5th February, we launched our ‘E-Safety’ week across school (*staying safe online*).

- We used the book, ‘Chicken Clicking’ to teach the children about ‘stranger danger’ online
- Our PCSOs Will and Rich led an assembly on how to stay safe when using the Internet e.g. not sharing passwords and which apps they should/should not be using
- Miss Gilsenan led a parent workshop to promote e-safety—thank you parent and carers that attended, your feedback was amazing!
- Miss Gilsenan and Mrs Sohanpal took a group of children from Key Stage 1 to The Quad to take part in a computing and e-safety morning
- The children were taught what to do if they saw something scary or came across something that they didn’t like when using the Internet: **STOP, CLOSE, REPORT**
- Every child was asked to name five adults that they could talk to if they were worried/scared about something that they had seen on the Internet



USEFUL ADVICE FOR PARENTS

- We now have a section on our school website to support with e-safety

Minecraft



• <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/minecraft-a-parents-guide>

Advice and support from the NSPCC

NSPCC Advice

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-games-helping-children-play-safe/>

What are the risks of online games?

- Children may view inappropriate or upsetting content if they play games that aren't suitable for their age. This could include sexual or violent material. It might be in-game content or produced by other players.
- Some players can be abusive towards others or try to exclude them from the game. Some players may also hack another user's account or try to steal and destroy their virtual possessions. This can be as upsetting for a young person as if it happened in real life.
- Children may play with adults they don't know. People of all ages play games. Some adults may exploit this and try to build an emotional connection with a child for the purpose of grooming.
- Some children may find it hard to stop playing games or find that gaming is getting the way of them doing other activities.

SCHOOL DINNERS UPDATES

Last term I reported that we were looking carefully at the range of food options that are offered to our children during lunchtime. Our parent questionnaires especially queried the variety of vegetarian options that are available and this is an issue that we want to tackle positively. At present, our school dinners are managed by an outside catering company but served on-site by our wonderful kitchen staff. Over the past four weeks, we have been speaking with parents, children and our lunchtime staff and asking for views and opinions on the quality and range of meal options available. Last week, a meeting was held with myself, Mrs Sohanpal and the Head Chef from the catering company. Following ideas suggested by staff, parents and children, new meal options are currently being trialled. Our new school council are currently running Pupil Surveys and we are encouraging children to leave suggestions/ideas to help us to improve our menu. A further meeting has been arranged to allow all feedback to be shared. It is very important that we listen to our children and parents—we want our mealtimes to be healthy and enjoyable for everybody! Thank you for your ongoing support.



Osmandos New Export Summer Term Menu				
Week 1 (16th - 22nd March)	Week 2 (23rd - 29th March)	Week 3 (30th March - 5th April)	Week 4 (6th - 12th April)	Week 5 (13th - 19th April)
Monday 16th Chicken & Potato Casserole New Potato New Potato New Potato	Tuesday 17th Lentil & Vegetable Curry New Potato New Potato New Potato	Wednesday 18th Chicken & Potato Casserole New Potato New Potato New Potato	Thursday 19th Lentil & Vegetable Curry New Potato New Potato New Potato	Friday 20th Chicken & Potato Casserole New Potato New Potato New Potato
Saturday 21st Chicken & Potato Casserole New Potato New Potato New Potato	Sunday 22nd Chicken & Potato Casserole New Potato New Potato New Potato	Monday 23rd Chicken & Potato Casserole New Potato New Potato New Potato	Tuesday 24th Lentil & Vegetable Curry New Potato New Potato New Potato	Wednesday 25th Chicken & Potato Casserole New Potato New Potato New Potato
Thursday 26th Lentil & Vegetable Curry New Potato New Potato New Potato	Friday 27th Chicken & Potato Casserole New Potato New Potato New Potato	Saturday 28th Chicken & Potato Casserole New Potato New Potato New Potato	Sunday 29th Chicken & Potato Casserole New Potato New Potato New Potato	Monday 30th Chicken & Potato Casserole New Potato New Potato New Potato
Tuesday 31st Lentil & Vegetable Curry New Potato New Potato New Potato	Wednesday 1st Chicken & Potato Casserole New Potato New Potato New Potato	Thursday 2nd Lentil & Vegetable Curry New Potato New Potato New Potato	Friday 3rd Chicken & Potato Casserole New Potato New Potato New Potato	Saturday 4th Chicken & Potato Casserole New Potato New Potato New Potato
Sunday 5th Chicken & Potato Casserole New Potato New Potato New Potato	Monday 6th Chicken & Potato Casserole New Potato New Potato New Potato	Tuesday 7th Lentil & Vegetable Curry New Potato New Potato New Potato	Wednesday 8th Chicken & Potato Casserole New Potato New Potato New Potato	Thursday 9th Lentil & Vegetable Curry New Potato New Potato New Potato
Friday 10th Chicken & Potato Casserole New Potato New Potato New Potato	Saturday 11th Chicken & Potato Casserole New Potato New Potato New Potato	Sunday 12th Chicken & Potato Casserole New Potato New Potato New Potato	Monday 13th Chicken & Potato Casserole New Potato New Potato New Potato	Tuesday 14th Lentil & Vegetable Curry New Potato New Potato New Potato
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KINGS AND QUEENS

Our half-termly Kings and Queens continues to be a huge success. At the end of every half-term, a King and Queen is nominated from each class. These children are rewarded for consistently showing Golden Behaviour and our LOVE values.

This half-term, our Kings and Queens were:

Zara and Aariz (Pandas)

Zaiydan and Rebecca (Monkeys)

Arman and Amaarah (Tigers)

Jamal and Misbah (Frogs)

Aneesa and Ismail (Giraffes)



I would like to say a huge thank you and well done to Mohammed Usman who does a fantastic job as our general!

SCHOOL COUNCIL (The LOVE Council)

Although we are an infant school, I am VERY keen for our children to have a ‘voice’ in how our school is run and managed. The children are at the heart of what we do and St Chad’s and I want every child to feel valued. This half-term, we have introduced a new school council. This is a very important role assigned to our children in Year 1 and Year 2.

I am thrilled to announce that our new school council members are: Khadija and Amaarah (Tigers); Keira and Sulayman (Frogs) and Eshal and Adam (Giraffes). The children have decided to call themselves the LOVE Council to link with our school vision and ethos, LOVE. They have their own display board and school council table in the hall and are running fortnightly Pupil Voice surveys. So far they have asked their peers: *Do you know who your school council members are? Do you like school dinners?*

The councillors will have planned meetings with myself and Miss Wright half-termly. On our next agenda is feedback from school dinners and sticker options for Golden Book rewards! The children would also like to look at the quality and range of playtime equipment available during playtimes and lunchtimes. Sulayman would also like to see more plants and flowers in our field.

On Friday, 16th March, the LOVE Council will be visiting the Council House and holding an official meeting in the Council Chambers. They may be 5, 6 and 7 year olds but they are already proving what powerful ambassadors they are. I am immensely proud of them already. Future politicians in the making...



LOVE OUR COMMUNITY

This half-term, we have been very lucky to build an excellent relationship with Pear Tree Police Station. Their PCSOs have become regular visitors in school over the past six weeks and we are very grateful for their support and commitment to us. I would like to say a special thank you to PCSOs Will and Rich who have led several assemblies to help with the children's learning on the topics: People Who Help Us, Staying Safe Online, Responsibility and Our Community.

We were very lucky to have their police car ('Florence') spend a day on our wet and muddy field! The children were allowed to try on lots of items of uniform, learn about different police equipment and they got to sit and 'drive' the police car. The highlight was of course playing with the very loud and bright siren!

The PCSOs even visit every week to have a school dinner with our children (and help clear away the tables)! #Real Life Heroes



OUR WORLD WEEK

This week, we have been celebrating Our World Week. Children have been learning about themselves, their family and our community. On Monday, we welcomed Derby's Youth Mayor, Tiny, into our school. Tiny is 16 years old and still attends school herself! She spent the whole afternoon in school and brought her Youth Mayor medal for the children to look at and try on. Her story is incredibly inspiring and the children loved getting to know her. Tiny led a meeting with our School Council and spent time in our Key Stage 1 classrooms. She then led an assembly and spoke about how she became Derby's Youth Mayor. The children asked some very thought-provoking questions, including: Where do you keep your medal? Do you get paid? Is your medal heavy? Do you get scared when you have to talk to strangers? Do you still manage to do your homework? Thank you Tiny!



As I finish writing this newsletter, I am getting very excited about our 'big finish' to Our World Week—our international food fair! We are incredibly proud of the diversity of our school and we value and welcome all faiths, languages, religions and cultures. I cannot wait to discover, learn about and sample new food dishes—especially 'family favourites' that are loved at home by you and your children. A great end to an AMAZING half-term. THANK YOU PARENTS AND CARERS!

