

Chaffinch Brook News

Together towards success!



July 2021

Dear parents and carers,

The month of July has been a short but great one full of fun end of year activities and celebrations of achievement and pupils moving on.

This included lots of offsite trips to local parks, farms and the seaside. In school we had an outside leavers disco, BBQ, picnics and a few pool parties which worked well at cooling us down during the hot weather.

We are sad to see a lot of our students leaving but are happy and proud they have done so well with us at Chaffinch Lower and are ready to progress and move up to Chaffinch Upper or other provisions.

All the staff wish the children and their families a fantastic summer and we look forward to seeing you for the new academic year.

Miss Abbie and Miss Illy ☺

Inductions

You will receive a letter during the summer holidays inviting you to an induction meeting on 6th or 7th September. It is really important that you attend the meeting with your child.

Summer holiday food vouchers

Families who receive free school meals should receive a voucher this holiday. We are still waiting on vouchers to arrive but as soon as they will be sent out to families.

Summer activities

<https://www.legacyyouthzone.org/inclusion-club/>

https://localoffer.croydon.gov.uk/kb5/croydon/directory/service.page?id=_o-NRxAkX6g

<https://youngcroydon.org.uk/>

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

MIND IN CROYDON: www.mindincroydon.org.uk

Supporting those with mental health concerns

CROYDON FOOD BANK TRUSSELL TRUST:

www.croydon.foodbank.org.uk

PURLEY FOOD HUB: www.purleyfoodhub.net

FAMILY LIVES: www.familylives.org.uk - Advice for parents on a range of topics

Croydon's Early Help Offer

There are a range of Early Help services for children, young people and families in Croydon. A member of the team will help you to identify what is available and will help you access the most appropriate support.

<https://www.croydon.gov.uk/children-young-people-and-families/early-help-support/additional-early-help>



For your
Calendar

Induction days- Monday 6th or Tuesday 7th
September 2021 by appointment only

First full day of new term-
Wednesday 8th September 2021

Hedgehog Class

Wow, what a year it has been! Hedgehog Class have certainly ended the year with a bang! We started by celebrating multicultural week. The children got to sample food, music and clothes from other cultures. We were also very lucky to have Noelia (Kwami's mum) come into our class and help us to say our name and age in Spanish! Thank you so much Noelia! We also celebrated activity week. The children began the week with a trip to Ashburton Park, followed by Frylands activity course and finished off with crazy golf at Dragon Quest. All adults were so impressed with all the children's behaviour throughout the week and fun was had by all. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a lovely, safe summer break and we look forward to seeing you all again in September!



Butterfly Class

What a wonderful year we have had in Butterfly Class. It has been an absolute pleasure to see all of you grow and progress into such kind and talented young people. Thank you for making us smile every day! It has been amazing to see how well you all participate and engage in the lessons and the work you have produced has been wonderful. It has been so nice to see the friendships and bonds you have formed between each other. The compassion, empathy and kindness you have showed each other has been really heart-warming to see. Thank you for being such a fantastic class to be around. We have had so much fun this month and really enjoyed seeing our families together at our summer BBQ.



Otter Class

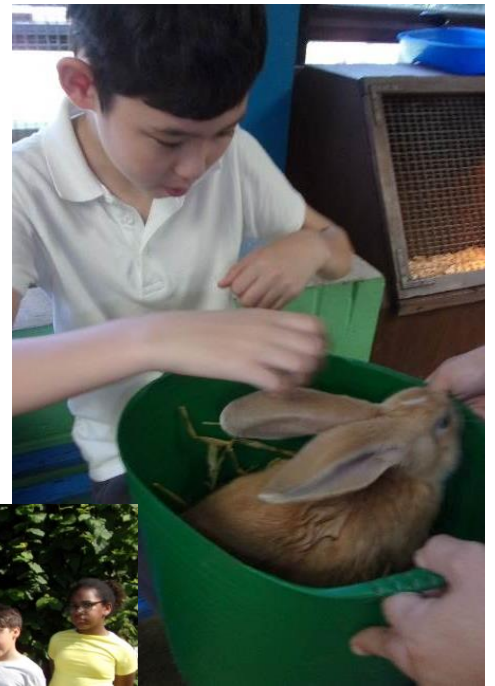
Though it has been a tricky year with Covid-19, Otter Class have had a great year together making memories. We have seen progress in all the pupils and are very proud of the people they are becoming. This year Otter Class have perfected many roles, we have been scientists, chefs, historians, mathematicians, athletes, poets and actors. We wish all the boys continued success in their new classes and look forward to hearing all about their future achievements 😊



Badger Class

This month has been a short and strange one. Since being back, the children have completed their persuasive brochures, based on their tourist hotspot around Croydon.

The children have enjoyed a leavers assembly and playground disco and enjoyed a very intense sports day. As a class team, we wish Badger class a lovely summer Break!



Beaver Class

Thank you very much for all of your help and support throughout this academic year, we have all had so much fun and learnt so much together over the last year. We have had a very enjoyable last week at school, the children have really enjoyed activity week and it has been lovely to see all their friendships blossoming. We spent a lovely morning in Beckenham Place Park, playing cricket and playing on the swings and playground in the park. The children also enjoyed their water fight and had an amazing time. We hope you have a lovely and restful summer break!



Fox Class

What a fantastic July we have had in Fox class! We have had a fabulous last month together with lots of memorable moments. We have completed Romeo and Juliet and made our own Maths games and accomplished many maths challenges. We also celebrated multicultural day where we learnt lots of fantastic facts about Jamaica and Trinidad and Tabago. In addition to this, we all participated in Sports day! During activity week the boys have enjoyed a Ready Steady Cook challenge, Tie dye and an obstacle course at Frylands. To top it off we had a brilliant day at Brighton, splashing in the sea and eating lots of treats! We also spent the day at Lloyds Park playing and having a scrumptious picnic for lunch. We would like to say a big thank you to all our children in Fox class for an incredible year during testing times. We wish you the best of luck for next year and we know that you will continue to make us all very proud. Thank you to our parents for your continued support. Have a great summer break and stay safe!



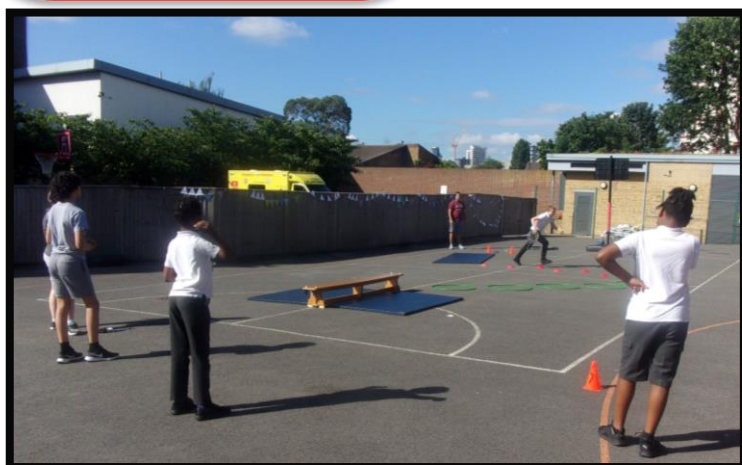
SPORTS DAY 2021

Hi there it's Miss Wendy...I just wanted to say a BIG thank you and WELL DONE to all the children who participated in our on-site mini sports day morning; It was lovely to return to such a positive and enthusiastic school of children.

There was lots of great sportsmanship, teamwork and sporting abilities from each class across all the fun sporting zones...**Rapid Races**, **Super Shots** and **Awesome Agility**. We definitely have some rapid racers, super shooters and skillful egg and spoon racers.

I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did and I'm already looking forward to next year's one.

Keep up the physical activity throughout your summer holidays! Walking, playing outside, going to the park, swimming are but a few ideas and remember
a HAPPY BODY and a HAPPY MIND = HAPPY FACES 😊!!!



Miss Judith opened Chaffinch Brook 8 years ago and has worked tirelessly to make our school a wonderful place to be for all of the children and staff. Her passion, energy and enthusiasm for supporting children with autism is reflected in the work we all do with the amazing children and families! We would like to say a big thank you to Miss Judith for showing us all how excellent we can be with the right mindset and approach. Miss Judith now has her hands full with her many 4 legged friends she looks after as part of her new project! Who knows, maybe they will come to visit Chaffinch Brook in the future!



Dear children, parents, guardians and friends,

It is time for me to leave Chaffinch Brook and to work on a new project! I will no longer be Deputy Executive Head teacher for the Beckmead Family of Schools from September 2021, although I will still be an advisor for the Beckmead Trust. I have set up an alternative provision for children with complex needs which is based on therapeutic animal assisted learning.

Chaffinch Brook will always be a very special place for me with lots of happy and fun memories, mainly down to the passionate, caring staff and the wonderful children who make up our school community.

I wish you all the best for the future,
Miss Judith



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