



30<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to September's newsletter. As always, the first one of the year is a busy one! Please do take time to read this as it has information on new guidance, statutory procedures, key dates for the autumn term, promotional material...among many things!

### Uniform

As mentioned in July's newsletter – our uniform policy has now been reviewed and can be found here: [Uniform Policy – September 2024](#). There are no changes to the expectations of uniform in school and, I have to say – again, that the children are looking very smart indeed. Thank you for supporting us with this.

### Wraparound provision

We've now had a month of being able to offer Wraparound provision to all children – and it's genuinely a joy! Our system for booking Breakfast Club and Tea Time Club is going very well and I'd like to thank parents for adapting to this so well. **We have some theme nights planned in for Tea Time Club which look fantastic... pumpkin carving, treasure hunt, fireworks night and more! These will be shared on Facebook and on posters around school: the children will love these so sign up to avoid disappointment!** For any parents/carers interested in our Wraparound provision, our full brochure can be found here: [Wraparound Provision Brochure](#)

### Team points

This year we have decided to relaunch the team point system in school – this is aligned with our behaviour policy. We have 4 team groups: Team **Ruby**; Team **Emerald**; Team **Jet** and Team **Diamond** – the colours of our Team Cheveley badge! Children all belong to one of these teams and will be awarded team points for showing how they are rising to the challenge of our Curriculum Drivers and following our school rules.



Throughout school, we are also focussing on 'Being brilliant with the basics!' We're aiming for children to be confident and competent with the basic skills appropriate to their age and ability. Star of the week awards and team points will be awarded for children who are mastering this.

### Friends of the school

The Friends of Cheveley Park have come up trumps...again ☺

Following on from the fundraising events over the summer term (Sports Days and Summer Fun Afternoon), the Friends have very kindly donated £250 to each class to go towards the cost of one of their school trips this academic year. This amount of money will make such a difference to the price we are asking parents and carers to pay and we are unbelievably grateful for their generosity...that's £2000 in total and this means so very much to us. Thank you.

### Our School Rules

1. Care for everyone and everything
2. Show respect
3. Follow instructions the first time

## Online calendar

It's crazy to think that the autumn term dates include Christmas events as well as Santa visits! It'll not be long! Please do make sure that you click this link: [School Calendar](#) to be able to see the dates for the term we have booked in so far. Additional dates will be added and further information regarding some of these events will be shared with parents/carers closer to the time.

## Attendance

In August 2024, 'Working together to improve school attendance' became statutory. We will continue to monitor children's attendance (including minutes lost) on a half-termly basis (or more frequently where there are concerns) and will communicate with parents and carers. We also aim to communicate more regularly where children's attendance is positive. We saw some real successes with improved attendance last year and we'd like to thank you for working with us. Thank you also for accepting our policy regarding evidence being required for appointments during the school day: providing this has really improved authorised absences overall. If you have any questions regarding attendance, please don't hesitate to contact me or Karl.

## Contacting staff

If parents/carers would like to speak to teachers, please either catch them at the door at drop-off/pick-up, call the school office and leave a message (the teacher will call you back at their earliest convenience) or send an email to the school email address ([cheveleypark@durhamlearning.net](mailto:cheveleypark@durhamlearning.net)). Please do not email teachers directly. Thank you.

## Site reminders

Just a few reminders regarding the school site and surrounding areas:

- No dogs are permitted on site (this includes puppies and any dogs being carried)
- Our site is a smoke-free zone. Vaping is not permitted either.
- The school car park is for staff only – please do not use the school car park for dropping off or collecting children. Please also park considerately around the neighbouring streets and ensure there is access to the main school gates (this is always needed for emergency vehicles).

## Reading books

We'd like children to bring their school reading book and reading diary in their book bag every day. While children may have certain 'reading days' – staff try to take as many opportunities as they can to provide time for children to read so having their books readily available is ideal.

## Skipping ropes

We've been given the opportunity for parents and carers to purchase skipping ropes – please click on the following link for more information: [The Skipping School](#)

## Belmont Library

Belmont Library have the following activities taking place:

- Under 5s story time (term time): Thursdays 2:15 – 3:00
- Crafts: after school any night
- Lego club: Saturdays 10:00 – 12:00

## Fantasy Characters

Mrs Errington-Pace is on the hunt for any pre-loved fantasy characters such as Bing, Ben and Holly, Bluey, Hey Duggee – and any others! She'd like to use these in nursery and reception and would welcome any that are going spare.

Warm wishes,

Amy



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