



Childeric Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are coming towards the end of the school year and I am sure that everyone is looking forward to the summer holidays. It has been another unpredictable year in school but the pupils have adapted so well to all of the necessary changes that were put into place. As always, we have appreciated the support from parents throughout the year with changing procedures and with supporting your children with their learning.

We know that the children have missed out on trips and events over the past 16 months but the staff have worked tirelessly to ensure your children still have exciting opportunities and a varied curriculum within the parameters of the restrictions. Children have continued to receive specialist teaching in Spanish, P.E, Art and singing. I would again like to acknowledge and thank the staff at Childeric for their commitment over the past 16 months and I know that the Communitas Trustees, our CEO, Nick Tildesley, and our Chair of Governors, Chris Owen, are very grateful to everyone.

Over the past few weeks we have been able to give the children some experiences linked with their topics including a Capoeira and African drumming workshop for Year 6, a Viking workshop for Year 4 and a World War II workshop for Year 3. Earlier in the term Year 5 participated in a light workshop. Our Nursery - Year 2 pupils really enjoyed a visit from Spitalfields City Farm on Monday. We also held sports days for Reception - Year 6 pupils and Year 6 had an activity week including a trip to Deptford Creekside. Most of these experiences are showcased on our Twitter and Instagram and new photos will be added shortly. Follow us on Instagram @childeric_primary_school and on Twitter @ChildericSchool.

School Report, New Teacher & Term Dates

Your child will have brought home their school report today and we hope you will be pleased to read about their progress this year. Please talk to your child's teacher if you have any questions. On Tuesday the children will meet their new teacher and you will receive a letter confirming your child's new teacher and class name. We will attach the term and holiday dates for the next academic year to the letter on Tuesday.

Year 6 & Leavers' Presentation

We would like to wish our Year 6 pupils well as they leave Childeric to start Secondary School in September. We hope they have lots of special memories of their time at Childeric. We will miss them and look forward to hearing about their successes in the future. We are holding our Leavers' Presentation in the playground on Tuesday 20th July at 6.00 pm which is a lovely opportunity for them to reflect on their time at Childeric. We hope that many of the Year 6 pupils' families will be able to join us.

Staff Leavers

Sadly we are saying goodbye to some members of staff. Mr Tribble and Ms Fitzgerald are retiring; please see the attached sheet sharing our memories of them.

We are also saying goodbye to Fay Trinick who is leaving to take a new role in a school in Islington. Fay has taught at Childeric for the past 6 years. We thank Fay for her dedication and we wish her lots of success in her new role and for the future.

We wish to congratulate Lea Chillcott on successfully completing her teaching training this year and she will begin her career as a teacher in September at a school in Greenwich. We wish her every success in her new school and thank her for her commitment to the children at Childeric over the past 3 years.

We are also saying goodbye to Claudia who has been a great support in Reception this past year and to our singing teacher, Ms Grant, who has taught the children to sing beautifully this past year. We thank them both and wish them well for the future.

Free School Meals & Food Vouchers

From the week beginning 26th July our free school meal families will receive food vouchers to cover the summer holiday. This is organised through funding from Lewisham Council. If you have not previously checked to see if your child is eligible for free school meals then please complete a new application at <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims>. If you need assistance regarding food vouchers then please email admin@childeric.lewisham.sch.uk or phone 020 8692 3453 and Natalie will assist you.

Lewisham Summer Holiday & Food Programme

We have previously provided information regarding the holiday programmes that are taking place in Lewisham during the summer holiday. The local one to Childeric (for 8 - 18 year olds) is being held at The Woodpecker Youth Club and using the playground at Childeric Primary School. Several of our pupils have registered and will be contacted directly by Youth First. For further information please email info@youthfirst.org.uk. If you have a younger child then please see the email that was sent this week regarding other programmes in Lewisham. For further information please email HAFProgramme@lewisham.gov.uk.

School Uniform & P.E Kits

We expect all pupils to wear full school uniform at all times and will be monitoring this in September. Please make sure that you order school uniform for September as soon as possible via www.schooltrends.co.uk. Pupils will need P.E kits again in September for indoor and outdoor P.E. If you have any difficulties purchasing uniform then a limited supply will be available to buy at school on Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd September between 1.30 - 3.30 pm. Payment will need to be made via ParentPay.

Children can wear their own clothes on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week.

On Monday 19th July we will be holding a playground party which everyone is looking forward to! The children will be seated within their current 'bubbles'. Please make sure that you have paid via ParentPay for your child's meal (if they are not free school meals). Please remember to bring £1 or more and place it in the bucket on Monday morning to help pay towards the snacks for the party and for workshops and experiences for the children - thank you.

The school year ends on Wednesday 21st July at 2.30 pm. Children return to school on Monday 6th September at 8.55 am. Children returning to the Nursery will start on Tuesday 7th September.

In September all children should arrive between 8.55 - 9.05 am and all children should be collected between 3.10 - 3.15 pm. Nursery will be open from 9.00 am - 3.30 pm.

Please continue to read regularly with your child throughout the summer and talk to them about the experiences that they are having. This will really help them when we return in September.

We are hopeful that the 2021 - 2022 academic year will reflect a more normal school year with school trips, school journey, swimming, assemblies and events but will continue to follow the Government guidance and adapt accordingly. If any arrangements change through guidance provided to us in the summer holidays then we will be in touch by email to update you.

If you are travelling abroad with your family during the summer holiday then please make sure that you follow the Government guidance relating to testing, isolating and quarantining. Please make sure that you have allowed time for this to enable your child to return to school on Monday 6th September.

We all hope that you have an enjoyable summer holiday. Stay safe and well and we look forward to seeing everyone in September.

Yours sincerely



Ann Butcher
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