

CHURCH LAWTON

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm, although somewhat wet, welcome back to all parents and families for this academic year. This has been a long term, eight weeks in total. The school has already accomplished a huge amount in this term alone. We have also welcomed new staff and students into the school and I can honestly say that the term has started extremely well for a majority of our new students.

The Summer produced incredible exam results for all our students and we were very proud of the maths students, 60% of whom took the exam scored a grade between 7-9 (In old money this was a A and A*). The staff and students rightly deserve a huge amount of praise for their hard work and determination in showing everyone what they are capable of. Our new cohort of GCSE students have started their studies and have shown the same levels of focus in ensuring that they start the new academic year in the right frame of mind.

Adventure Learning this term has focussed on climbing at Clip 'n' Climb and by the time you have received this newsletter some of you may have seen the students demonstrate their skills and abilities on the many different challenges available at the activity centre.

Our Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver Award students completed their final expeditions this term, taking in 1 or 2 nights of camping and canoeing. Students in Sixth Form and Year 11 went to Sweden to complete an exchange visit in Rodengymnasiet which is located on the South West coast of Sweden in the municipality of Norrtälje. This is hopefully a long lasting partnership and we hope to continue this fabulous arrangement between the two schools, displaying our focus that supporting students with Autism is at the forefront of all that we do.



The school finally opened our Sports and Sensory Field, thank you to all the parents and friends of the school whom attended the opening ceremony. We are extremely grateful to our funder for their very generous donation and were delighted that they were able to attend the event.

There was a very clear demonstration of our community spirit when the school opened our doors for our 'Autumn Fayre'. The event was extremely well supported and we raised we managed to raise a staggering £600 for the school. A further £169 was raised from our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning. A very big thank you to all parents, families and neighbours who came to the event.

Paul Scales - Principal Church Lawton School





Here are some of the topics for each class for after the October Half Term Holidays so you can begin some preparations, research or visits to the library if you wish over the holidays.

Karen Woodall, Deputy Principal

Class	Subject and topic area.
Churchill and Franklin Primary	Literacy - RWInc speed sounds (2&3 Franklin), (1 Churchill). Writing linked into the theme of Traditional Fairy Tales. Maths - Shape, Space and measure Science - Animals including humans RE - The Nativity Story. History - Beginning to understand chronological order, use of a time line in relation to lives so far. Art and DT - Bonfire night paintings. Fairy tale puppets and houses. Christmas decorations, cards and paintings. Food Tech (Franklin only) - Fairy tale and Christmas themed recipes e.g. toffee apples, mince pies
Hawking and Darwin Middle School	English - Stories set in imaginary settings Topic- The Earth and beyond - the space race and moon landings. Science - Electricity, forces, light and sound. Art - Night sky paintings PSHE - Bridges social communication.
Thompson and Lennon Middle School	Maths - fractions, shape and measure English - explanations, poetry Science- zoo project (animal life cycles, habitats, adaptations) and Solids, Liquids and Gases ICT- Theme Park project (uses MS Word, Publisher, Powerpoint and Excel) Humanities- History The Normans continued inc Thomas Becket, the Crusades and the Peasants Revolt Art- Native North American art inc dream catchers and totem poles Bridges in Social Understanding
English	Pi - Comparing viewpoints, discursive skills & speaking & listening presentations. Theta - Class Reader: 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. Omega - Planning for futures and Sports. Different types of life related non-fiction Gamma - Class Reader: The Eighteenth Emergency - themes are bullying, friendship & self-esteem.
Science	Pi - Homeostasis and Response Theta - Atomic Structure and The Periodic Table Omega and Gamma - Microbiology
Maths	Pi - Pythagoras & Trigonometry, Simultaneous Equations Theta - Statistics, Sequences Omega - Angles & Measures Gamma - Area & Perimeter, Types of Number
Food Tech	GCSE - Kitchen safety, hygiene and complex dishes. BTEC Food - Healthy eating Middle school and Matthews - Seasonal cooking.
Life skills PSHE	PI & Theta groups - Asdan COPE units Omega - PSHE Asdan unit - Relationships Gamma groups - Independence skills using the life skills building.
Media Studies	Music, magazines and video games.
Geography	GCSE group - Bristol case study.
Careers	Pi, Theta and Gamma - Interview skills. Omega - Exploring work places.
Art, Craft and Design.	Pottery
Computer Science.	Groups 1 and 2 - Computer storage, optical, magnetic and solid state. Wired and wireless networks, Packets, Routers and Switches. Group A - Programming techniques, robust programs & computational logic. Matthews group - Publisher.
PSHE Day	Friday 8 th November - Secondary and Middle school - Online safety and awareness
Adventure Learning	Primary - Thursday afternoons - Gymnastics Middle school - Thursday mornings - Gymnastics Secondary - Tuesday 17 th December - Dry skiing

School Calendar - Dates for you diary

Autumn Term

Primary parents' meetings	Tuesday 10 th December 2019
Middle school parents' meetings	Wednesday 11 th December 2019
Secondary parents' meetings	Thursday 12 th December 2019

Spring Term Provisional Dates

Primary parents' meetings	Tuesday 31 st March 2020 To be confirmed
Middle school parents meetings	Wednesday 1 st April 2020 To be confirmed
Secondary parents' meetings	Thursday 2 nd April 2020 To be confirmed

Summer Term Provisional Dates

End of Year Reports out to parents	Tuesday 7 th July 2020 To be confirmed
Whole school parents open evening.	Wednesday 8 th July 2020 To be confirmed

IMPORTANT — Please read

Attendance

Please telephone school by 8.30 a.m. ***every morning*** your child is absent, and state the reason for the absence. Where possible, please make any Doctor, Dentist or Medical appointments either before or after school hours. If appointments are during the school day please hand in a copy of your appointment card or letter to the school office, thank you.



Personal Details & Emergency Contacts & Medical Information



Please keep school up to date with any new:

- ◆ email address
- ◆ telephone numbers
- ◆ emergency contact details
- ◆ medical changes
- ◆ changes in medication

Further Information

School Meals:

What are the benefits of claiming free school meals?

School meals are a good way to ensure that your child eats well at lunchtime, and they can also save you time and money. Claiming free school meals also helps the school. We get extra funding, known as the 'pupil premium', for every eligible pupil who is registered. So please, even if your child prefers to bring a packed lunch or qualifies for universal free school meals (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 age pupils), if you are also eligible for Free School meals please submit an application to Cheshire East.



How to register for free school meals:

If you think you may be eligible, please contact Cheshire East Local Authority:

Email: freeschoolmeals@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Telephone: 0300 123 5012



DID YOU KNOW?
For every pupil registered for free school meals, your child's school receives extra funding from the Government? This could be up to £1,320 per child, per school, per year!

BETWEEN RECEPTION & YEAR 13, YOUR CHILD MAY BE ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS & PUPIL PREMIUM

Find out if you are eligible:
Visit www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/FSM
or call 0300 123 5012
(quoting FSM2019)



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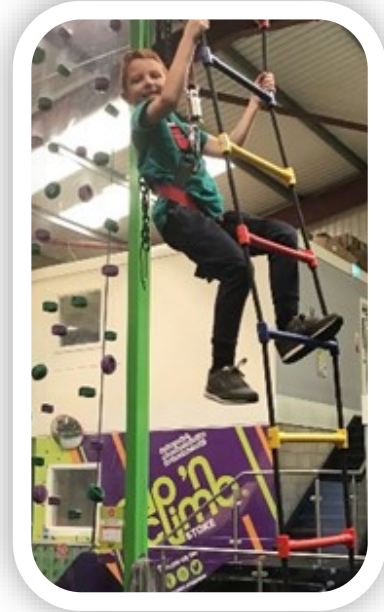
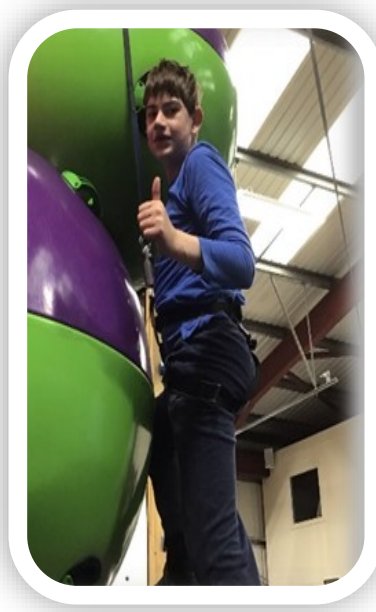
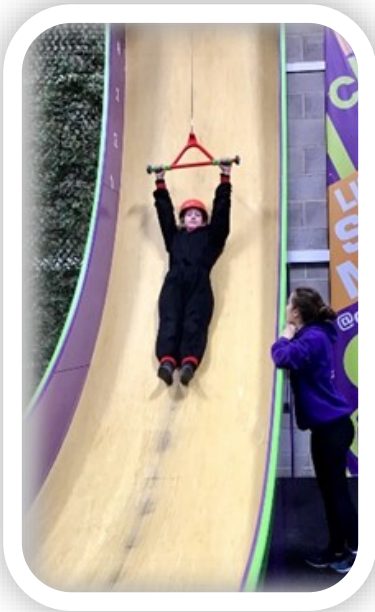
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- ◆ www.mapac.com
- ◆ Click Login/Register at the top of the page, then click register. Follow the simple online steps.
- ◆ You can telephone them on 01923 255525.
- ◆ You can email them at parentcustomerservices@mapac.net

Please make sure all of your child's uniform is labelled including shoes and bags, thank you.

Adventure Learning

WOW! What a fantastic start to the academic year! Primary and Middle school students have been going to Clip 'n Climb in Stone every Thursday and it is safe to say that they have thoroughly enjoyed themselves (AND THE STAFF!). The majority of the students have excelled in their climbing abilities and have continued to build confidence each week. This was a new environment for them all and the students have adapted amazingly. They can clip themselves onto the different walls independently and away they go! I know a few of the students have been out of school too, which is great to hear. Well done to all the students that have received climber of the week this half term!



Next adventure learning will be Gymnastics in Sandbach!

Churchill

In Churchill class our theme this half term has been, 'All about me'. Sticking with this theme, we have been sharing Jill Murphy stories about the Large Family.

In English we have been learning to identify initial sounds in words and playing games such as eye spy. We have also been practicing our letter formation and pencil grip each day.

In Maths this half term we have been focusing on number and counting songs, ordering and understanding the concepts of more, less and same.

In Science we are learning about Autumn and have been exploring with our senses all the signs of this season.

In Adventure Learning we are visiting Clip 'n' Climb. The children are becoming much more confident with their climbing skills and are learning to take turns on the walls.



Franklin

Over the last half term the boys from Franklin class have been learning all about Autumn. In Sensory Play we made fir cone moulds out of plaster of paris in a sand box. And in Art we made leaf window pictures and leaf stencil painting for our window display. We also made hedgehogs and a big tree to display on our notice board outside Churchill and Franklin class.

In Geography we have been learning about where we live. We have learnt about the capital city, London and found major landmarks on our puzzle of the United Kingdom.

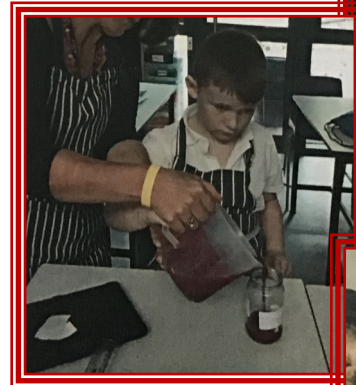
In Science we have been learning about the changing seasons, particularly Autumn and we have been looking at animals that hibernate in the winter.

In Food Tech we have made a variety of dishes including autumn crumble, autumn fruit jam and warming tomato soup.

Maths work has been focused on using a number line, subtraction and multiplication.

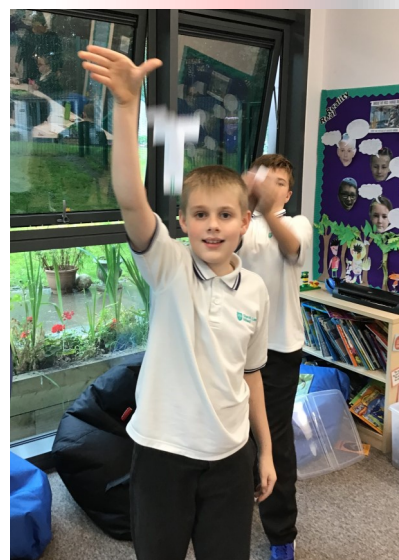
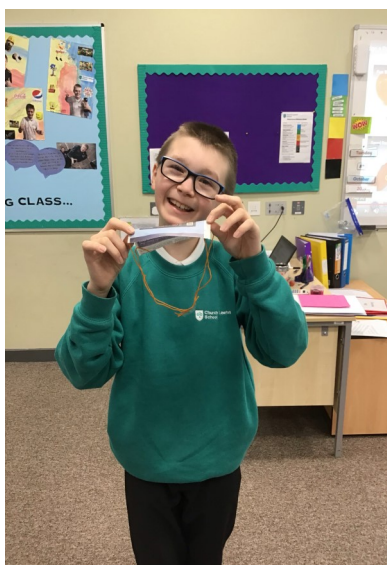
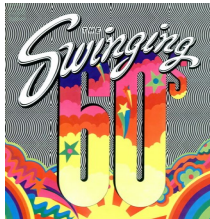
We have enjoyed going to Adventure Learning. This half term we have been going Swimming and to 'Clip and Climb'.

We have also enjoyed our P.E. lessons in the hall and music with Churchill class.



Hawking

This half term, Hawking class have been very busy learning and exploring new things! We have cooked many delicious dishes in Life Skills, explored forces in Science and made our own parachutes, and we have been learning all about the swinging 60's in our Topic and Literacy work.



We helped to plant the plants for the new sensory field, which look fantastic!



DARWIN

We have had a great start to the school year and we have been working extremely hard! We have been learning about the civil rights movement, especially Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King Jr. We have created our own 'I Have a Dream' speech and performed it in our class assembly.

Robots in every house.

I have a dream that every house has a Robot.

Firstly, some people in their houses are lonely and they just need a friend. Robots can hang out with you for as long as you want. That will make people happy.

Some people can't look after themselves, Robot can cook for you and do all of your chores. This could save you time and money \$ this means that old people can live by themselves for longer

Finally, I believe that man and robot can live in peace. Robots can live in peace. Robots can make your favourite music and you can dance with them. Dancing makes you feel amazing!

I HAVE A DREAM

I have a dream that when people get sick we will get better. We lose family members, close friends, even work colleagues to natural diseases. When someone we love dies, what happens? We get sad and sometimes we get sick. If we all get better then we can stay happy for longer.

I HAVE A DREAM

I have a dream that when people get sick we will get better. When we get sick we will spend money on anything that remotely looks like it will help. Like medicine or paying a doctor to give you a prescription. If we always get better we won't have to spend money on medicine. This means more money you can spend on food or treating the family.

I HAVE A DREAM

I have a dream that when we get sick we will get better. If you have a sore throat you will try to relax or if you have a cold you try to stay inside. If you always get better, you can do more things without having to worry about getting more poorly. Also it is better for your health to go outside so if you do more, then you will get better faster.

I HAVE A DREAM

My dream is to get better if you get sick. We all love each other so when you see people sad and sick you feel bad for them. If you never see them sick you won't have to pressure yourself by having these thoughts of heartbreak. You won't have to waste money on treatments and you can spend more time doing stuff. This is my dream.

Mrs Wood has brought in her gorgeous pet guinea pigs, Salt and Pepper! We love having them in our classroom and looking after them!



We have especially enjoyed science, exploring shadows and creating electric circuits and in cooking this term we have made fruit salad, macaroni cheese, cheese pin wheels and flapjacks.





MATHS

In Maths we have been focusing on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We have been practicing different methods to help us solve tricky sums and longer word problems, for example:

A school organises a sponsored run for charity. They want to raise £2,600

124 runners enter the race. Each runner gets sponsored £22

Will this be enough for the school to hit their target? ??



ENGLISH

We have been learning how to improve our stories using a story scaffold. We used the short film Tabula Rasa as inspiration for our own short stories, featuring a robot living or stranded on a distant planet.

HISTORY

This term we have been learning about the Battle of Hastings. We enjoyed making our own shields and recreating sections of the Bayeux Tapestry!



SCIENCE



In Science this term we have been learning about safety in a science lab. Students particularly enjoyed learning how to use a Bunsen Burner safely and demonstrated their skills. We have also been focusing on the properties of solids, liquids and gasses.

ADVENTURE LEARNING—CLIP 'N' CLIMB



Thompson have been going to Clip 'n' Climb this term as part of Adventure Learning. They have all pushed themselves each week, climbing higher and higher. Tackling the tricky walls and braving the stairway to heaven. The drop slide has proven a hit, students have set themselves a target to hit on the last week of Adventure Learning.



Matthews

It's been a great start to the new academic year in Matthews class and all our students have settled well into the new Secondary school routine. We have been busy in all our lessons, as can be seen below.

Maths

- Value of each position of a number.
- Ordering positive and negative numbers including decimals.
- Consolidate knowledge on standard column procedures for number calculations.
- Square numbers and roots, cubes numbers.
- Order of operations.
- Rounding and estimating.
- Standard form.

English

- Analysing music magazine front covers to see how they appeal to their audience using media terminology.
- Looking at different forms of non-fiction writing.
- Practising our descriptive vocabulary techniques to make our writing interesting.
- Preparing and delivering a presentation to the class about an endangered animal.
- Writing a voice over for a nature programme.

Science

- Learning about balanced diets and the different food groups.
- To know how the digestive system works..
- Difference between animal and plant cells.
- Plan and carry out an investigation as part of AQA Entry Level Award in Science.

Food Technology

- We have been learning about basic hygiene in the kitchen and yes some of us needed practise with our washing up skills!
- We also made some delicious foods from around the world such as Toad in the Hole, Macaroni Cheese, Fried Rice, Dutch Apple Cake, Halloween Pizza and Quiche Lorraine.

I.T.

We have been learning all about E Safety, with some very mature class discussion, we also made a class video about the topic which we played to the rest of Secondary School in our class assembly. We are currently preparing guidance leaflets as to how to keep ourselves safe when using the Internet and social media.

On our PHSE day at the start of the school year we had to negotiate our way through a classroom crisscrossed with string without touching it. Max chose to jump his way over!



We had fun launching water rockets!



In PE we have been practising our catching skills and playing team games.



We have drumming on Wednesday afternoons - we have even made some of our own rhythms and played them as a class.



Reece preparing the bacon for his Quiche Lorraine.

Learning how to make a hot drink safely in Life Skills.



LENNON

This half term in Science we have explored the possible careers available working with animals such as vets, zoo keepers, etc. We have also learnt how to use the equipment safely in a laboratory.

In Food Tech we have learnt how to cook a wide range of dishes from sweet to savoury.

Also this half term we have been learning about the Battle of Hastings in 1066, we have created an assembly presentation around the 3 kings.



We have really enjoyed Adventure Learning this term at Clip 'n' Climb.





Newton

Newton students started the year by welcoming new students and getting to know each other through team building activities to varying degrees of success. The strategies used to work through the mission impossible style 'laser' maze were particularly interesting.

Many of our students are at a very important stage in their education, looking to the future and working towards qualifications that will set them up for the future.

Lewis has started his weekly day sessions at Reaseheath College where he has been getting to grips with a new educational setting, meeting new people and, most importantly, gaining excellent hands on experience with the animals. He has shown great enthusiasm and hasn't even let a 'few' spiders sway his determination to learn and demonstrate his capabilities.

Our other students have also shown a real drive and desire to do well in their upcoming GCSE exams, creating revision timetables, undertaking independent study and showing really promising work across all their subjects.

In other news, Newton have been making great use of the MUGA, Sensory Field and go-karts. Some students are getting quite good at football now and will one day be able to score past Mr Taylor.

Ollie has also continued to pursue his passion for sport outside of school by moving up through the basketball team ranks and is now competing across the country, as well as starting a journey into refereeing.



BRANSON

This has been a busy term for Branson class. Tom visited Sweden and met with children and staff from our Swedish sister school. Tom and the other exchange students visited the Viking Village, enjoyed the sights around Nortalja and had an absolutely fantastic time.

Ethan, Tom and Taylor have completed their Silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition, learning key skills and working together as a team.

We have been visited by the Cheshire Police this term to talk about the roles and responsibilities of police officers. The children were given an online safety talk by the police officers, and got to try on the uniform and test out some of the police equipment.

Some of our students have started having music lessons on a Tuesday morning. Alex has started learning to play the drums and Brandon is learning to play the guitar.



Austen

It's been a busy half term in Sixth Form! Here is some fabulous news from a couple of our students!

This half term some of the students from Austen went to Sweden. We met lots of people and explored so much about Sweden. It was my first time flying and a great experience.



I was so grateful for the opportunity to go to visit Sweden which is a beautiful country full of over 90.000 lakes. We had so much fun throughout our trip visiting various places from the Viking village to an intense game of bowling as well as meeting the many lovely and welcoming inhabitants.



SWEDEN 2019

Some of our students have been involved in our Erasmus+ project and had an amazing opportunity to visit Sweden this half term. Rodengymnasiet School was lovely and the staff and students were very welcoming. We explored the town of Norrtälje and the oldest café in town, café Hornan, the cakes were amazing.

Activities followed at an outdoor education and learning centre Norrtälje Naturcentrum, using tools to complete tasks. Fun and games continued at the Viking Village, Vikingabyn where students participated in some traditional games and bread making on the fire. The trip finished off with a game of bowling and dinner together back at the hotel.

The whole experience was socially enhancing for the students and they will take away many happy memories. They were all a credit to our school.

