



CFS Weekly Bulletin

Thursday 08 September 2022

Important Dates and Events for Week Beginning 12 September 2022

- **Whole School: All week** – Welcome to School introduction quiz
- **Reception: Monday** – Reception pupils start school
- **Year 2: Monday** – Reptylers visit
- **Whole school: Thursday** – School photos
- **Year 9: Thursday** – Football offsite
- **Year 2: Friday** – Monster dress up day
- **Year 5 & 6: Friday** – Chichester Planetarium trip (tbc)
- **Year 8: Friday** – National History Museum art project trip

Week 2 timetable for Secondary pupils.

Updates and Reminders

- **All:** It's whole school photos on Thursday so can all pupils please come to school in full uniform (bringing PE kit with them if it's a Primary PE day).
- **All:** On-site pick up - we know the first week of the school year is always a busy one, but can we please remind all parents/carers to not arrive too early on site - particularly if collecting Secondary pupils. By arriving early, it causes hold ups as Primary parents are unable to get through the car park to collect. As a reminder, normal collection times are as follows:

2.45pm - Reception (will be directed to park up and walk in to collect)

3 pm - Year 1 (will be directed to park up and walk in to collect)

3.15pm - Year 2 - 6 (please do not arrive on site before 3pm)

3.30pm - Year 7 - 11 (please do not arrive on site before 3.15pm)

If you are collecting both Primary and Secondary pupils, the Primary pupils will wait inside the gates for the Secondary pupils to collect them and will come out together at 3.30pm.

- **Primary:** The first instalment of £20 towards primary trips and visits was due by 31st July. We have some trips and visits planned for the next two weeks and really need more contributions in order for the trips to be able to go ahead.
- **Secondary:** Thank you to all parents/carers who have paid their DT/Food/ART contributions for this academic year. The contributions cover food ingredients and Design Technology/ Art equipment that is essential in order for pupils to carry out their practical work. We would be grateful if any outstanding contributions can be paid as soon as possible, using your ParentPay account. If this payment is likely to cause difficulty, please contact our Finance Office, in confidence, on finance@chichesterfreeschool.org.uk.
- **Secondary:** Any pupils that don't have a locker but would like one, please bring a padlock or combination lock to school next week so that a locker can be allocated.

- **Year 7:** We are currently having a technical issue with the tills in the Canteen which means that Year 7 pupil balances and purchased meals are not being correctly allocated. We are working to fix this with our till license provider, but unfortunately this is taking longer than expected. If you have paid money on ParentPay for your child, your child will still be able to purchase food, but we are having to manually record this at the moment. You will therefore not see your child's balance reduce on their account on a daily basis. We hope to resolve this as soon as possible. Please bear with us as we manually input any meals purchased. Thank you.
- **Year 7:** Unfortunately, the British Army are now unable to run the Year 7 team building day planned for next Wednesday. This is a fantastic day which we want the year group to experience so we are waiting on the Army confirming a new date for later this term. Once this is secured, we will let you know.
- **Year 8:** The University day planned for 29th September has had to be postponed due to the University now unable to make the date. The event will be re-scheduled for later on in the term.

Update Covid Reminders

As we continue our movement to 'Living with Covid', the School will continue to follow the latest NHS guidance and ask that parents consider the following:

- Testing is no longer recommended for children, unless specifically directed by a medical professional.
- Children with mild respiratory symptoms, those associated with a cold or possibly Covid, no longer need to isolate or take a test. Children only need to stay off school if one of the symptoms is a high temperature, where they should remain at home until they no longer have a high temperature, or of course if they simply feel too unwell to attend (as with any other illness).
- Where testing has occurred - for example on the direction of a medical professional - and is positive, children should remain home for three days after the date of the test. They may return to school after the three days, regardless of any further test results, as long as they do not have a high temperature and feel well enough to do so.
- Schools are no longer coding Covid absence differently to any other sickness on registers. Absences should be reported in the usual way on a daily basis, unless a 3 day isolation period has been confirmed with Mrs Wickenden meaning communication is not needed for the 2nd and 3rd day.
- Adults in the School are no longer advised to take any different action to other respiratory illnesses, and will attend school if they have mild respiratory symptoms and are well enough to work - again in line with current guidance.

As always, we will closely monitor the situation and make any changes as necessary.