

CFS Weekly Bulletin





Thursday 29 September 2022

Important Dates and Events for Week Beginning 3 October 2022

- **Whole School: All week** – House event – Food for Thought, foodbank brief
- **Whole School: All week** – Space week, model making competition
- **Year 6: Monday 1345 - 1430** – Open afternoon
- **Whole School: Tuesday** – Bag2School collection
- **Year 1: Tuesday** – Geography park trip
- **Prospective Reception: Wednesday 0930** – Admission tour
- **Years 5 & 6: Wednesday** – Bookfest Author visit
- **Secondary and Primary siblings: Wednesday 1400** – School finishes early
- **Prospective Year 7: Wednesday 1800 - 2000** – Open evening
- **Prospective Year 7: Thursday 0900:** Open morning
- **Years 3 & 4: Thursday** – Bookfest Author visit
- **Year 7: Thursday** – Bookfest Author visit
- **Secondary: Thursday lunchtime live** – MP careers talk
- **Year 8: Thursday** – Boys football
- **Prospective Year 7: Friday 0900:** Open morning
- **Secondary: Friday** – Stitchtopia trip to Alexandra Palace

Week 1 timetable for Secondary pupils.

House Point Totals

	 Aquila	 Noctua	 Pegasus	 Phoenix
Previous week	1418	1334	1379	1520
Year to date	4374	4096	4485	4318

Congratulations to **Phoenix** who last week achieved the most House Points, but well done to all Houses.

Updates and Reminders

- **All:** Bag2School collection is on Tuesday at morning drop off. Please donate your unwanted clothes, shoes, accessories, to the helpers at the main pupil gates. If you have a car full (which we hope you will), please drive it straight round to main reception.

- **All:** We have our prospective Year 7 Open Evening on Wednesday 5th October. On that day, **all Secondary pupils and Primary siblings (if they wish) will finish school at 1400**. Primary pupils who do not have siblings in the Secondary phase finish at normal pick up time and Primary after school activities are also running as usual (unless specified on the activities timetable).
- **All:** School photos are going home to parents this week. The deadline for order is 11th October. Orders can be placed on line (preferable), or handed back to the school office.
- **All:** We have kicked the House programme off amazingly, each taking part in the Welcome Back to School quiz. Lots of answers and points came in and after tabulating the scores we have our first house event winner! A huge well done to Phoenix House for winning the first House event of the! They have won 100 House cup points. Second was Pegasus, third Aquila and fourth Noctua.

Our next House event will be **Food for Thought**, working with our local food bank to help those in need this winter - more information next week!

- **Year 6:** This message is only for those parents who have signed their child up to Bikeability. Please be aware that Level 1 Bikeability will now **not** be on Thursday 6th and Friday 7th October. All Bikeability training will now fit into the week of Monday 10th October. Further details about what pupils should wear and the days they will need their bikes, will be shared early next week with you. If you have yet to return the consent form that was emailed out on Monday, please can you return this to Mr Angell **by Monday 3rd October** at the very latest.
- **Secondary:** This Thursday, as part of our Lunchtime Live Careers talks, we are excited to announce that the Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP will be visiting school to talk to discuss his career to date, including what life is like in the world of politics. Secondary pupils will have the opportunity, in tutor time, to request a seat at this amazing event by giving a reason as to why they would like to attend. Please discuss this opportunity with your child as the request deadline will be Tuesday tutor time. The session will also be recorded as a Podcast and shared at a later date for parents, should they wish to listen.
- **Secondary:** Thank you to all parents/carers of Secondary pupils 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. The contributions include Year 10 GCSE pupils taking DT, Food or Art GCSE. We would be grateful if any outstanding contributions can be paid as soon as possible, using your ParentPay account. Parents/carers of pupils who receive financial assistance may contact our Finance Office in confidence on finance@chichesterfreeschool.org.uk if the payment is likely to cause difficulty. Further information can be found on our website: <https://www.chichesterfreeschool.org.uk/back-to-school/>

Lost Property

We are only at the end of week 4 of term and already the lost property is piling up. The majority of items are unnamed which makes it very difficult to reunite them with the owner so please ensure that all your children's items, including PE bags and coats, are clearly named. If your child misplaces something, in the first instance, ask them to check the lost property boxes which are located in either the Primary entrance and near the Secondary main entrance. After a while these boxes will be cleared and named items returned to the pupils and unnamed items put into second hand uniform or stored ready for our next Bag2School collection. There is now a dedicated email address lostproperty@chichesterfreeschool.org.uk which will be monitored on a weekly basis by our volunteer, Mr Carter, so if your child is unable to locate their items themselves, please send an email with a description of the missing item and Mr Carter will try and find it for you.

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.