

# Chapel End Infant School & Early Years Centre Newsletter

## 21 October 2016

### Half Term

It has been a very busy half term with staff and children working hard on our new topics. Many of you have had the opportunity to see what the children have been learning through sharing assemblies, open evenings and invitations to come in to see special work and we hope that you have been able to see the high level of interest and enjoyment that children have experienced.



We are looking forward to starting our new topics next half term. The year 1 topic will be 'Memory Box' and the year 2 topic will be 'Street Detectives.'

### Children's Clothing

A reminder to please make sure that all your child's clothes have their name in them. The lost property box is full of sweatshirts and cardigans that cannot be returned to children because they have no name in them. Also, we have had a few children who have lost coats and jackets so please can you make sure that if your child brings home anything that does not belong to them that you please return it to school.

### Dates for your diary

**Mon 24 – Fri 28 Oct Half Term**

#### Sharing Assemblies

**Fri 4 Nov** Tigers class

**Fri 18 Nov** Pandas class

**Fri 2 Dec** Owls class

#### Christmas Shows

**Tue 13 Dec** Nursery (times to be confirmed)

**Wed 14 Dec** Reception (times to be confirmed)

**Thurs 15 Dec** Year 1 9:30

**Fri 16 Dec** Year 2 9:30

Last day of autumn term is Wednesday 21 December and school closes at 2:30.

### Attendance & Punctuality

We have had a large number of requests this half term for time off during term time. The school's attendance policy clearly states that holidays in term time will not be authorised and the Headteacher can only authorise a maximum of 5 days absence in an academic year in exceptional circumstances and as long as the child's attendance is good (above 95%). In order to maximise their learning, it is important for children to maintain good attendance.

It is also important for children to arrive at school on time. It is unsettling for both the child who is late and the rest of the class when the session is disrupted due to late arrivals. If you have any problems that prevent you getting your child to school regularly and on time, please come and speak to someone, we may be able to help or signpost you to someone who can.

### Parent Concerns

A reminder to all parents that staff are always available to talk with or meet with parents if they are worried about their child or about anything that happens in school. We do ask that parents do not approach other parents or children directly about incidents that have happened in school. Children are encouraged to talk to an adult in school about anything that happens that they are unhappy about so that it can be dealt with straight away.

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