

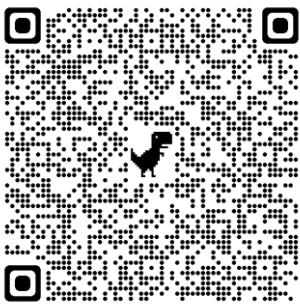
Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

Curriculum

Young Voices at the O2

Our fabulous choir took part in an amazing experience on Friday, where they joined a children's choir consisting of over 8,000 children! The children spent the morning rehearsing ready to perform to a HUGE audience of parents and carers in the evening. If you want a sneak peak of the performance, please scan the QR code below.



Netball



On Thursday morning, a group of year 4 pupils went to a netball festival at Millais, run by their year 9 leaders. The first hour was spent learning the different skills and rules and this culminated in 3 friendly matches at the end. They lost the first, drew the second and won convincingly in the third, showing just how well they could put their new skills into practice. Mrs E Wright.

Congratulations

A massive well done to Kayleigh in Y6, who took part in her 100th park run on Saturday (after a late night at the O2 too). What an amazing achievement showing such determination and perseverance.



Prem Aware Award



We are really proud to become a Prem Aware school. The process has raised awareness throughout the whole school of how common prematurity is and the potential impact it may have on children throughout their time with us. It has made us more aware of how we can support children born pre-term and their families. Mrs J Wright

If you would like to find out more please follow [@ SmallestThings](#) on X or [The Smallest Things Charity](#) on Facebook.

Tax Free Childcare

Tax-Free Childcare (TFC) is a childcare top-up for working parents. It can be used to help pay for accredited holiday clubs, childminders, or sports activities. TFC enables parents and carers to access childcare during the school holidays, saving them money. It is estimated that there are 1.3 million working families who are eligible for TFC in the UK, however only a small percentage are making use of the scheme. Around **75% of families are losing out** on this support.



TFC is available for children aged up to 11, or 17 if the child has a disability. Click on this link [Childcare Choices](#), to see if you are eligible. You can also find out more about the scheme [here](#). Even if childcare is not required throughout the school terms, there is still the option to save up funds which could be used for holiday clubs or out of school care.

Picture News

This week's topic for discussion; "Is fashion important?"



In the news this week

A new BBC television programme, called Style It Out, gives nine young promising fashion designers from all over the UK the chance to compete in designing different outfits. The winner will have their clothes showcased at London Fashion Week. The main focuses of the challenge are creativity and sustainability, with the contestants having to use second-hand materials. As people's awareness of the impact of fast fashion increases, sustainable clothing is becoming more at the forefront of shoppers' minds.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Can you remember the last item of clothing you bought or were given? Where was it from and what was it for?
- What does 'being fashionable' mean to you? Is it important to you? Talk to others at home.
- What do you do with the clothes that you no longer need or that no longer fit?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss



CHARTWELLS ORDER CUT OFF DATES

CUT OFF DATE Thursday 23:59	FOR WEEK COMMENCING
8th February 2024	19th February 2024
15th February 2024	26th February 2024
22nd February 2024	4th March 2024
29th February 2024	11th March 2024
7th March 2024	18th March 2024
14th March 2024	25th March 2024

Diary dates (new dates will appear in bold)

Spring 2024	
Thursday 1 st February	School Council visit to Houses of Parliament
Friday 2 nd February	NSPCC Number day
Monday 12 th - Fri 16 th February	Half term
Monday 19 th February	INSET- school closed to pupils
Tuesday 27 th February	Parent Consultation Evening
Thursday 29 th February	Parent Consultation Evening
Thursday 7 th March	World Book day

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes



Ian Holmes