



Headteacher's Message

It's hard to believe that we have reached February already, but here we are. January and the start of the Spring half term have been as busy as ever at Chatsworth. The children have all been engaged with some fantastic topics. We have also seen the arrival of VR headsets courtesy of The Pioneer Academy. The teachers have all been trained in using them to enhance the curriculum and we are starting to see them being used across the school. If your child hasn't used them yet, they soon will (I am sure you will hear all about it)!

Mrs Patel

We are delighted to be able to share that Mrs Patel is expecting her 1st baby in the Summer. This is such exciting news and I'm sure you will all join us in saying a huge congratulations Mrs Patel and her husband.



Parking

A gentle reminder not to park over our neighbours' driveways or on the zig zags outside school.

Backpacks

We now have Chatsworth backpacks which are available to buy at Caseys at a cost of £13.



Christmas Tree and Christmas Hats

I would like to say a huge thank you to **Matilda's** family and **Carter's** family for buying our Christmas tree. It looked amazing in the school hall. Thank you also for the Father Christmas hats that were given to each child at the end of term. We really appreciate it.



Nursery

Following the successful introduction of 30 hour provision in our Nursery, we would like to explore the possibility of extending the morning session to include lunchtime. This would be under the same conditions as our all day provision, the children should bring a packed lunch and there would be a charge of £5 per day to cover the cost of lunch time supervision. Please could you let us know if this would be of any interest to you. If you have any further questions, please contact the school office.

Pupil Premium

Are you eligible?

It takes just a few minutes to complete the check at:

<https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/>

If you meet the requirements the school will provide you with:

- A full school uniform including: trousers, skirt or dress, shirts, jumper or cardigan, shoes, P.E kit and bag.
- Free school trips and workshops and 50% of residential visits at KS2.
- 50% off Buddies breakfast and after school club.

Nursery

You can now apply for a Nursery place for September 2023. You have until April to get your applications in via Bexley admissions.



Attendance

A significant proportion of our students have an attendance rate of around 90%. Many believe this to be acceptable, but what does it really mean for our students?

A student with a 90% attendance record is absent from lessons for the equivalent of **one half-day every week**.

A student with a 90% attendance rate misses the equivalent of **four whole weeks** of lessons in one school year.

A child who misses school just twice per month will lose out on 18 days' education across the school year – that's nearly four weeks.



Absence

Just a reminder, when reporting your child's absence from school please ensure you leave a detailed reason



for their absence.
Thank you.

Our current school attendance is 95.69%.

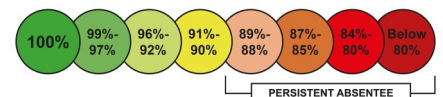
Holidays

Please be aware that any holidays taken in term time will be unauthorised. Any holiday taken for 5 days or more will result in a fine from Bexley Council.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time



Which CIRCLE are you in?

THE HAMBLE SCHOOL

Attendance Matters

Who can reach the top of the Chatsworth squirrel?



100% Perfection

98% Impressive

4 Days off each year

96% GOOD

7 Days off school each year

95% Nearly There

9 Days off each year

94% Needs Improvement

11 Days off each year

90% Concerns

1 MONTH off each year

88% SERIOUS Concerns

2 MONTHS off each year

Who can reach the top?

