

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the second half of the Autumn term. The clocks have gone back, the days are getting shorter, the weather is getting colder, wetter and windier and the coats are starting to pile up in our lost property box.

On Monday after school, I picked up a brand-new winter coat from the playground. Unfortunately, it does not have a name on the label inside, so I could not return it to the child, who left it behind. Please, make sure that you do write your child's name on their clothing, especially on their coats. This will help us to help you to ensure that clothing items get back to their rightful owner.

This week, the local authority carried out its annual evaluation of Chalkhill Primary School. This evaluation is carried out by our school effectiveness lead partner (SELP) and follows a prescribed agenda, which includes a learning walk. The focus for the learning walk was writing across the key stages. Our SELP visited every class in the school from Nursery to Year 6. She was impressed with the teaching of writing and the writing outcomes. At the end of the visit, the SELP informed us that she would like other schools to see our approach to writing and the outcomes. We also received favourable feedback for the rich personal development opportunities we are offering our pupils, especially our engagement with outside agencies and the funding Ms Anthony managed to raise for a nurture room and breakfast opportunities for vulnerable pupils with attendance challenges.

We are now able to check our attendance on a weekly basis and compare it with other primary schools in Brent through the DfE. Our attendance for the whole school (including N and R) is currently at 95%. Attendance for Y1 to Y6 is at 95.9%, which means we have nearly reached our target of 96%. We are ranked 18<sup>th</sup> out of 51 primary schools in Brent with regards to attendance. Please, keep helping us to ensure the good attendance at Chalkhill Primary School continues.

On Monday, the 6<sup>th</sup> November, at 9am, Year 3C will be presenting an assembly on Remembrance Day. All parents are invited to come and join us. On the same day, the BAFTA Roadshow will be coming to Chalkhill Primary School. Our pupils in Y3 to Y6 will meet some CBBC presenters and get an opportunity to look behind the scenes of a prestigious award ceremony.

On Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> November, Ms Gracio managed to arrange for QPR football club coaches to come in. The coaches will work with the girls from Y3 to start building a girls' football team at Chalkhill Primary school. The boys will be given the opportunity to work on a special Winter DT project at that time. On the same day at 0930, we are holding our annual open day for prospective Reception children and their families in the key stage 1 hall. If you or a member of your family have a child of Nursery age who will be starting in Reception next September, come and join us and find out what Chalkhill has to offer.

On Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> November, Saracens Rugby is coming in for 2 weeks to work with **Year 4**. The children will learn the theory of rugby and experience playing rugby in 45 minute lessons.

On Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> November, at 0900, Reception is inviting parents to a reading workshop in the community room.

On **Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> November**, we will have a special Diwali assembly. We are trying to book the Hindu Council to come and present to us. The kitchen will serve a **Diwali lunch** on this day. The menu is included in this newsletter for your information.

Parents of the reception children have not yet had a parents evening. Invitations will go out next week for you to sign up for a meeting either on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> November or on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> November.

As you can see, we have a busy week ahead of us. I look forward to sharing some of the outcomes with you in next week's newsletter and to seeing you for the assemblies, the Reception open day and workshop next week.

Mrs Shanker

# Boletín de noticias de La Escuela Primaria de Chalkhill



Viernes 3 de  
noviembre  
2023

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2023

### Autumn Assembly Timetable

Monday 6th November - Remembrance - 3C

Friday 10th November - Class 2A

Friday 17th November - Class 2H

Thursday 23rd November - 4U

Friday 8th December - Class 1Z

Friday 15th December - Class 6E

**Staff Inset Days**

**Friday 24th November—Monday 27th November 2023**

**School will be CLOSED.**

### Diwali Lunch

Friday 10th November 2023

Will be provided for the children.

#### Menu

Vegetable Samosa

Pepper Paneer

Mumbai Aloo

Chapatti

Rice

Mango Lassi with Greek yogurt.



### 'Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility'

Here at Chalkhill Primary, we are committed to keeping our children and school community safe.

If you have a concern regarding a child or adult please contact us immediately.

For urgent Child Protection matters, outside of school hours, please contact:

**Brent Family Front Door - Tel: 020 8937 4300**

or email: [brent.lscb@brent.gov.uk](mailto:brent.lscb@brent.gov.uk)

Thank you for contributing to keeping our school community a safe place.

**Mrs Butler (Designated Safeguard Lead)**

### **School Matters!**



## Attendance award

**Week commencing  
30th October 2023**

goes to:

**4F**

**With  
98.3%**

**Attendance**

Whole school attendance

**94.7%**



**Chalkhill Primary School Motto**  
**— LEARNING TOGETHER TO ASPIRE AND**  
**ACHIEVE.**

Our new school values;

**Respect, Empathy, Aspire, Courage, Honesty.**

The initials of the five values chosen form the word **REACH**, an acronym that will help us all to remember what we are aiming for within our school community.

— **Reach for the stars.**

### School Arrears

**Please make payment via School Money to clear any outstanding payments!**

**All payments for Trips, Clubs and Breakfast Club must be made on time.**

### Breakfast & Afterschool Club - Y-tec

Is available at Chalkhill Primary School. For further information/register you may contact Y-Tec directly.

**Moji contact number is 07459 339 445 / 07440 204 540**

**Please make sure all payments are made on time if you wish to use this.**

# DIWALI MENU

**Starter:**

Samosa

**Main course:**

Pepper paneer (mixed peppers, Indian cheese)

Mumbai Aloo (potatoes in a rich tomato sauce)

Mungh dhal (yellow split lentils)

Salad selection

Chapati and rice

**Dessert:**

Mango Lassi (made with Greek yoghurt)

This menu will be  
served on Friday,  
10th November,  
2023.



# Brent Children and Families Information Service



• Childminders  
• Nurseries • Schools

Wraparound before  
and after schoolcare

Holiday schemes  
including the Holiday  
Activity and Food  
Programme (HAF)

Family Wellbeing  
Centres

Support for all the family

Careers in childcare

15/30 hours free  
entitlement to early  
education for 2, 3  
and 4 year olds

Help with the  
costs of childcare

Inclusive activities  
for children with  
special needs

Activities for  
children and young  
people

Parenting programmes

[www.brent.gov.uk/cfis](http://www.brent.gov.uk/cfis)  
0208 937 3010  
[cfis@brent.gov.uk](mailto:cfis@brent.gov.uk)



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# Chalkhill Primary School

## Academic Year: 2023-2024



Autumn Term	Dates	Information
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023</b>		
First Half Term 6.5 weeks 33 days	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Teacher training (school closed for children)
	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Teacher training (school closed for children)
	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	First day of school- gates opens at 8.30am
	23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2023 – 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Half Term holiday
Second Half Term 7.5 weeks 37 days	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	First day of school- gates opens at 8.30am
	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Teacher training (school closed for children)
	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Teacher training (school closed for children)
	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	Last day of term- school closes at 1.30pm
Spring Term	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2024- Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Christmas holidays
	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Information</b>
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b>		
First Half Term 5 weeks 24 days	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Teacher training (school closed for children)
	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	First day of school- gates opens at 8.30am
	12 <sup>th</sup> February 2024- 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Half Term holiday
	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	First day of school- gates opens at 8.30am
Second Half Term 6 weeks 29 days	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Last day of term- school closes at 3.15pm
	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Easter holidays
Summer Term	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Information</b>
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024– Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024</b>		
First Half Term 6 weeks 29 days	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	First day of school- gates opens at 8.30am
	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Bank holiday (school closed)
	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2024 – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2024	Half Term holiday
	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024	First day of school - gates opens at 8.30am
Second Half Term 7.5 weeks 38 days	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Last day of term- schools closes at 1.30pm
	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 – Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2024	Summer holidays
<b>Total 190 days</b>		