18 October 2021

Dear Charles Darwin Children, Mums, Dads and Carers,

We’ve made it to the last week of a very long half term; it’s been a great one, with the resumption of normal school life like clubs, assemblies and trips especially pleasing, but I know staff and children alike are all ready for a well-deserved break.

**Coats**

Autumn has well and truly arrived; please make sure all children have a warm and weather proof coat and are wearing appropriate shoes every day. Y1s are going to Marshall's Arm on Thursday so wellies and warm and waterproof clothes will be needed.

**Parents’ Evenings**

Parents’ evenings are today and tomorrow, please remember appointments are for ten minutes only, they will take place in teacher’ classrooms and you can get into school though any of the regular doors except the front entrance. Although we do not have any specific restrictions in place it makes sense to still do what you can to maintain a distance between yourself and other adults, including teachers!

**Taekwondo will be on today but apart from that there will be NO clubs today or tomorrow**.

**Halloween discos**

It’s Halloween disco night on Thursday, tickets will be sold from today Monday 18th until Thursday 21st under the canopy.  Infant tickets are £3.50 (to include 2 drinks, 1 packet of crisp and 20p pick 'n' mix), Junior tickets are £2.50 (ticket only) snacks, drinks and sweets available on the night, children to bring their own money.  Infant Disco 5pm - 6pm and Junior Disco 6.15pm - 7.30pm.  Tickets WILL NOT be sold on the door.

**Swimming**

We have always taken great pride in our comprehensive swimming programme but sadly, Sir John Deane’s shows no signs of reopening. I am however, delighted to be able to let you know that during next 1/2 term we will have our very own “pop up” swimming pool on site (more info to follow). Years 1 – 6 will have “official” swimming lessons and Reception will enjoy water awareness and fun sessions. Please use half term to check those swimming costumes still fit and to get new ones if necessary!

**Felt poppies**

On Thursday and Friday this week our juniors will all be working with Mrs Cowburn, our resident artist, to make felt poppies in time for Remembrance day. They do not need specific art clothes.

**Readathon**

We recently held our 24hr Readathon, sponsor forms were sent home for parents and family members to sponsor their child read.   If you have not yet done so please return your sponsor form and money no later that this Friday 22nd, this money will help us purchase much needed new books for our school library.

**Fantastic Fundraisers**

Thank you all for your support with Harvest Festival; we had a huge amount of donations all of which went to the Northwich food bank. Thank you too for donations both financial and baked to Macmillan where we raised £289 and to £272 for mental health support by wearing yellow.

**Family Learning**

There is a new family learning course starting Friday 5th November 9-11am and will run for 6 weeks 'Developing Family Confidence', if you are interested in attending please send an email to office@charlesdarwin.cheshire.sch.uk

**We close for the half term holiday on Friday 22 and reopen to children on Tuesday 2nd November with Monday 1st being a staff training day.**

Thank you for your support.

Adam Croft

**Headteacher**