



CHARLOTTE HOUSE NURSERY, PRE-PREP & PREP SCHOOL

Issue 1

Newsletter

8 September 2017

Welcome or welcome back to you all! I do hope you had a lovely summer despite the weather.

We have had a few meetings over the summer and reviewed our curriculum and routines. We always look to ensure we give the girls the very best education possible whilst giving them a wealth of experiences. After trialling Read Write Inc. in the summer term we have decided to roll out this phonic/reading programme from Nursery to Form II. This will provide the structure for the Literacy lessons for the first three days of each week. For Literacy each class will have access to three adults to enable comprehensive differentiation.

Nursery and Reception will be learning Spanish this year and from Form I upwards the girls will continue to have French as part of their curriculum too.

We have looked at the balance of Speaking and Listening within our English curriculum and made the decision that the term girls are involved in a play they will not have a class assembly. This will allow for more rehearsal time for the plays and the girls will still have two class assemblies a year. Form VI will not have a class assembly in the autumn term as they are preparing for important exams but will have one in the summer as well as their play. We also appreciate that getting to three class assemblies is challenging for working parents.

We have two new members of staff this term. Mr Lange will be covering Miss Toms' maternity leave for the year. He will be teaching the whole school and I know he has lots of super ideas for the music department this term. We have been overwhelmed by the number of girls wanting to take up individual music lessons. I know we now have a waiting list for piano lessons and we are trying our best to accommodate everyone who has requested lessons.

Mrs Dolling will be teaching a mixture of the Humanities to Forms IV, V and VI and is a great addition to our team.

Looking ahead, clubs start next week. Please be prompt picking up from clubs and with the Prep girls they should let the teacher running the club know if/when they are unable to attend the clubs.

On Tuesday we have our Form Information Evening at 7pm. We will all start off in the Jubilee Hall which is accessed by coming through the green gate and walking down the external steps to enter the Hall at the back of the building off the patio. We envisage the evening to be finished by 8pm. It is a great opportunity for the class teacher to talk through routines and for you to ask any questions. If you are unable to attend do let the Form teacher know so they can ensure you are aware of any information given out during the evening.

Please remember it is helpful if the girls in Form V and VI are dropped off to make their own way down into school in the morning, that way parking spaces are made available for the parents of the younger children. We do facilitate a slightly earlier drop off for Forms IV to VI as they are supervised in the Sport's Hall from 8.10am. Larks is still available from 7.35am for all ages.

Please remember to be considerate to our neighbours when parking and leave them enough space to manoeuvre in and out of their driveways and adhere to the no stopping on the yellow zig zags. Please do not attempt to do three point turns on this road or pull into our neighbours' driveways, you can do a short circuit using The Climb and Valley Road.

If you haven't registered for the Moor Park Fun run yet there are not many spaces left in the Under 10 girls' category so do follow the link and register your daughter this weekend if you would like to support this great charity and help us try and retain the shield for the largest percentage of runners from one school! <http://www.moorpark10k.org.uk/race-entry/>

I will end by wishing our Form VI girls sitting the Herts Test on Saturday all the best. They have had three days in school, including a special study day on Wednesday, to get their brains back into action after the holidays. Good luck girls!

Have a super weekend!

Penny Woodcock

The week ahead at a glance

Monday 11 th September	Lunchtime & After-school clubs start
Tuesday 12 th September	7.00pm - Parents' Information Evening
Thursday 14 th September	8.00-9.00am - 2 nd hand uniform sale
	3.30-4.30pm - 2 nd hand uniform sale
Friday 15 th September	8.00-9.00am - 2 nd hand uniform sale

The following letters have been sent home this week

Open Morning letter - Whole school via ClarionCall

Essential information forms - Whole school (except new parents)

HOAC - Forms IV-VI

Letter to Forms I & II Parents - via ClarionCall

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The school uniform sale will be held next week in the Jubilee Hall

Thursday 14 September

8am - 9am

3.30pm - 4.30pm

Friday 15 September

8am - 9am

Any contributions can be dropped into the school office before Tuesday 12th September. They must be in a bag clearly labelled with name and contact details otherwise they will be treated as a donation.

Lunch menu week commencing 11 September 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Minced beef in a rich tomato and root vegetable sauce	Roast chicken breast in a creamy carbonara or tomato sauce	Pork sausage puff pastry plait and gravy	Bread crumbed turkey breast fillet strips	Baked cod fillet in a crispy batter
Soya mince in a rich tomato and vegetable sauce	Stuffed tomato with a creamy or tomato sauce	Cheese and red onion puff pastry plait and vegetable gravy	Homemade falafels, pitta bread and tzatziki	Vegetable risotto and garlic bread
Creamy mashed potato Ham or cheese baguette with salad	Penne pasta Baked jacket potato Egg mayonnaise	Chicken mayo or cheese salad wrap Roast potatoes	Cucumber and red pepper Ham or cream cheese toasted bagel and salad New potatoes	Jacket potato Cheese Tuna Oven baked chips
Mixed salad Steamed broccoli	Mixed salad Fine green beans	Mixed salad Carrots and peas	Mixed salad Baked beans	Mixed salad Steamed broccoli
Cherry and poppy seed cake	Chocolate rice crispy cake	Strawberry yogurt drink & honey oat biscuit	Arctic ice cream roll	Raspberry butterfly cup cakes

Salad bowl – bread & butter - whole fresh fruit and cut fresh fruit available daily