



The Piggott School Charvil Primary

Published on: 18th September 2020

No. 132

Charvil Chatterings
The Piggott School — Charvil Primary, Park Lane, Charvil, RG10 9TR Telephone: 0118 932 0033
www.piggottschool.org Email: charvil@piggottschool.org



Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome all children back to school. We know that this is a potentially anxious time for parents and pupils. Our yearly overviews have been sent out today. Unfortunately the situation has meant that we were unable to conduct our meet the teacher meetings so please do take the opportunity to introduce yourself informally at the gate or by e-mail. Our teachers are working harder than ever and in very unusual circumstances. We truly value your support.

It was great to see all the new Foundation starters tucking in to fish and chips today on their first lunchtime at school. The children have settled in brilliantly and are already an asset to The Piggott School: Charvil Primary.

We are unable to hold our usual Harvest festival assembly or collection this year but if you are in a position to make a donation to those less fortunate, we would ask that you make a donation of food to Readifood, our usual Harvest charity. Details of what is currently needed can be found at <https://readifood.org.uk/>.

Mr Gray, Mr Hillerton and Ms May



STAY ALERT ▶ CONTROL THE VIRUS ▶ SAVE LIVES



Upcoming Diary Dates 2020/21

Thursday 1st October 2020

School Census Day—Fish & Chips on menu

Thursday 22nd October 2020

INSET Day - School closed to Pupils

Friday 23rd October - Friday 30th October 2020

Half Term

Monday 2nd November 2020

Back to School

Friday 27th November 2020

INSET Day - School closed to Pupils

Monday 30th November 2020

School closed to Pupils and Staff

Friday 18th December 2020 1.00pm Finish

Last Day of Term

Monday 4th January 2021

First Day of Term

Monday 15th February -Friday 19th February 2021

Half Term

Thursday 1st April 2021 1.00pm Finish

Last Day of Term

Monday 19th April 2021

First Day of Term

Monday 3rd May 2021

Bank Holiday

Monday 31st May 2021 - Friday 4th June 2021

Half Term

Friday 16th July 2021 1.00pm Finish

Last Day of Term

Monday 19th July - Tuesday 20th July 2021

INSET Days - School closed to Pupils

Kennet

133



Loddon

189

St Patrick's

160

Thames

146

Congratulations!

**Head Teacher's Certificates
were awarded to:**

Year 1 — Henry S & Azariah

Year 2 — Paige & Mackenzie

Year 3 — Josh & Jaiveer

Year 4 — Omkar & Isabelle

Year 5 — Freddie & Chloe

Year 6—Jessica & Erin

The Bulletin Board

PE Days are as follows:

Monday:	Year 4
Tuesday:	Year 6
Wednesday:	Year 1 and Year 3
Thursday:	Foundation and Year 5
Friday:	Year 2



Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit. Thank you.

Please remember:

Break-time Snacks

We provide fruit or vegetable snacks at break-time for all children in KS1 and Foundation.

Please ensure that any morning snacks provided for children from home, are fruit or vegetable based and NUT FREE.

Sweets and chocolate are not allowed.

Thank you for your support



vegware

We are pleased to reassure you that our school meals are served in Vegware, completely compostable containers.

Name Labels



Please can we take this opportunity to remind you that **everything** your child brings into school should be clearly labelled with their name. This includes all uniform, PE kit, coats, gloves, scarves, hats, lunch boxes, and water bottles.



School Lunches

Please can you make sure that your child has a lunch each day. These can be ordered online from Aspens, **by the 8.00 am deadline** or a packed lunch may be provided from home.

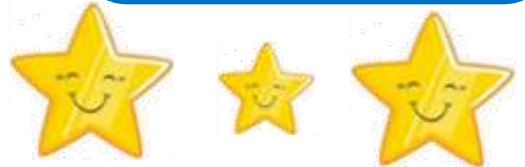
While the kitchen staff will endeavour to provide a meal for those children without a lunch ordered, this does often cause considerable distress to the child and extra work for kitchen, admin and serving staff.

**** NB: If your child no longer requires a school meal, please CANCEL their order so that the school does not get charged. This applies to ALL children, including those in receipt of Free School Meals **** Thank you.

Foundation Class



Well done to all of our Foundation children, for settling into school so well. Mrs Lines and the Foundation Team are really proud of you!



We are the line up crew!





Our Foundation class had their first school lunch today. It was very exciting as the morning and afternoon classes all met and had lunch together.



Check if you or your child has coronavirus symptoms



If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), get a test as soon as possible. Stay at home until you get the result.

Main symptoms

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

What to do if you have symptoms

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

1. Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible.
2. Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get your test result – only leave your home to have a test.

Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get your result.

If you are unsure if you child should attend school, please call the school office on 0118 932 0033.



CPSA Update



Hi everyone,

I hope you're all enjoying the kids being back at school as much as me! I'm keeping everything crossed that there is never a return to home schooling.....

Like the rest of this strange year, this term is going to be a bit different for the CPSA. Fundraising is likely to be more challenging without us being able to hold our usual events (no 'Wine and Wisdom' – gutted!) so we're having a good think about what we might be able to do and what people might like. We're confident that we should be able to do Christmas Cards and Christmas Trees in a COVID-safe fashion, though.

Please do consider using Amazon Smile and easyfundraising to help out – the only cost to you is an extra click of the mouse and the small amounts really add up if everyone does it. Don't forget that you can pay for surprising things through easyfundraising, especially beneficial when they are large sums of money, such as holidays (!) or home and car insurance.

We are very mindful that many families will be finding things a bit tight financially so will plan the tone of our fundraising accordingly. However, there may be some of you that have not been adversely affected financially by COVID and are even spending a bit less than usual. If you feel that you are able to make a one-off or regular donation to the school via the CPSA, however small, we'd be very grateful – please get in touch.



Alex Mclean, CPSA Chair



charvilPSA@gmail.com

Help raise money for our school while you shop!



Supporting: Charvil Piggott School Association

www.smile.amazon.co.uk



Raise donations for Charvil Piggott School Association whenever you shop online



www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Raise £6,000 to help fund a Daily Mile Track for our School



We are a group of parents and teachers running the Reading Half Marathon to raise money for the Charvil Piggott School Association to install a Daily Mile Track at Charvil Piggott Primary School.

The Daily Mile is simple and free and gets children out of the classroom for fifteen minutes every day to run or jog, at their own pace, with their classmates, making them fitter, healthier, and more able to concentrate in the classroom.

The Daily Mile Works! It takes place in 15 minutes, with most children averaging a mile, or more, each day. Children run outside in the fresh air – and the weather is a benefit, not a barrier. There's no set up, tidy up, or equipment required. No staff training is needed and there is no extra workload for teachers. Children run in their uniforms so no kit or changing time is needed. It's social, non-competitive and fun. The children return to class ready to learn. It helps to improve fitness and achieve a healthy weight and supports emotional wellbeing. It encourages children to be aware of their health. It's fully inclusive; every child, whatever their circumstances, age or ability, can succeed at The Daily Mile.

Please support the runners who are currently training and inspiring each other to achieve this incredible goal so Charvil Piggott School can have their own Daily Mile track to implement this wonderful initiative for the children of the school.

To make a donation please go to:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/cpsadailymile>

Thank you,

Charvil Piggott Running Group



Let's stay one step ahead

Dear Parent/Carer. Returning to school is both exciting and daunting for us all as we tackle a world with Covid-19.

You will know – better than most – the impact lockdown has had on our children's mental, physical and emotional health. Being physically active improves physical and mental health and boosts our body's natural immunity to fight off viruses, including Coronavirus.

As you prepare your child for school here are 3 reasons to consider trying walking or cycling with your child this autumn.



1. Moving boosts your brain!

Children who do some form of exercise, especially a walk before school, do better in class because they arrive refreshed, fit and ready to learn. Exercise connects more neurons together to increase brain power and this improves concentration, creativity and memory.



2. Moving makes us happy!

People with high levels of regular physical activity have been shown to have higher levels of positive emotions. A recent Wokingham Borough Council survey showed residents moved more often in lockdown and it made us feel happier.

3. Kids need an hour a day to get active!

The Department of Health recommend all children do at least 60 minutes of vigorous activity per day, but over half of children between 5 and 15 don't achieve this. Adults are supposed to do at least 20 minutes of activity a day so using the school journey to get active can make a real difference for the whole family.



And it's not too far! The average walking journey to a primary school in Wokingham Borough is 26 minutes and by bike only 10 minutes! That's a distance of 1.3 miles. In lockdown 85% of trips in Wokingham Borough were over 30 minutes.

Can you use the journey to school and keep moving to stay healthy? Walking and cycling is the perfect way to get you and your children safely back into action, off screens and out of the house and exercising together.

Have a look at how you could walk, cycle or scoot with your child at www.myjourneywokingham.com



WOKINGHAM
BOROUGH COUNCIL



Back to School Travel

Welcome back to the new school year. It is a time for making some positive changes, especially in light of the Covid 19 pandemic when we all need to socially distance and stay healthy. So, why not take this time to make a change to the way you and your children travel to school?

Walking, cycling and scooting have many benefits for your children and local community:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ It is good for their physical and mental health. It helps tackle health problems such as obesity, heart disease and depression. It helps in the development of strong muscles and bones. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ It is good for the environment, by reducing pollution and congestion. Climate change is one of the greatest risks we face, and sustainable travel can help make a difference. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sustainable travel also helps children learn to travel independently. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Children who have had some exercise on the way to school are able to concentrate better. This has a positive impact on their schoolwork and learning. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Walking, cycling or scooting to school can help children to make better travel choices as they grow up. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Walking or cycling to school with others is a great way for children to build relationships. |

So, why not consider making a pledge to change how you and your children travel to school? If you can walk, cycle or scoot to school, then please consider doing so. Even if you can only do that one day a week, that is great! Or maybe you could park and stride instead. Every little counts!

You can fill in the pledge card below and come back to it later. Did you stick to it? How did it feel?

School Travel Pledge

This term / year, I pledge to . . .

.....

.....

.....

