

# NEWSLETTER

13th September 2024



## Welcome Back!



A very warm welcome to the new school year at Chase Bridge! We are especially excited to welcome our new children joining us in Nursery and Reception – it's a joy to see their bright faces as they begin their learning journeys with us. They are welcomed by our brand-new nursery garden that was completed over the summer. It's already proving to be a wonderful space for the children to explore, play and learn outdoors.

Each class has launched their exciting new topics with some amazing 'stunning starts'. We have already hosted workshops, themed days and begun our local trips. The children are diving into their new learning adventures, sparking curiosity and creativity across the school. We're proud of the enthusiasm and engagement we've seen already!

We have welcomed some new staff to Chase Bridge with Miss Butler and Miss Hassan joining our Early Years Team and Mrs Fedoronchuk joining us in Key Stage One. I know you will all extend a warm welcome to them and ensure they feel part of the Chase Bridge family.

We'd also like to remind parents of Year 6 children about the secondary school visits. This is a great opportunity to explore the fantastic schools Richmond has to offer and help you make an informed decision about your child's next steps. Be sure to take advantage of these visits and open days over the coming weeks.

Thank you for your continued support and helping us to start the new academic year so positively. We're looking forward to a fantastic term ahead, filled with exciting learning opportunities and fun for all.

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## Times, dates and places for your diary

- Monday 16th September - **Clubs resume**
- Tuesday 17th September - **4K swimming**
- Wednesday 18th September - **6B to Teddington Lock**
- Thursday 19th September - **6D to Teddington Lock**
- Friday 20th September - **FoCB Uniform sale**
- Monday 23rd September - **Year 1 catch up Hearing tests; SEND Coffee morning**
- Tuesday 24th September - **4K swimming**
- Friday 27th September - **FoCB Welcome Discos - Nursery & Reception**

### Holiday dates for the academic year 2024-2025

- Monday 28th - Friday 1st November **HALF TERM BREAK**
- Friday 20th December - **TERM ENDS**
- Monday 6th January - **INSET DAY**
- Tuesday 7th January - **TERM STARTS**
- Monday 17th - Friday 21st February - **HALF TERM BREAK**
- Friday 4th April - **TERM ENDS**
- Tuesday 22nd April - **TERM STARTS**

## Transfer to Secondary school: September 2025

The admissions brochure highlights key information relating to the secondary transfer process for September 2025 - click [here](#) for the Richmond Admissions brochure. If you have any questions about the application process, Ms Chadwick will be happy to answer them; she will be available outside reception at pick up or drop off on Tuesdays and Fridays, or questions can be emailed in.

A reminder for parents that applications for secondary school places need to be made this term! You must submit your application form by **Thursday 31st October 2024**.

## Congratulations to Nursery & Reception

Well done to the new children in both Nursery and Reception for making a great start to their time at Chase Bridge. We have been very impressed with how well they are settling in and learning the rules and routines of the school. We have enjoyed getting to know the children and welcoming them to our school community.

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DONE**

## Calling All Librarians



As we start the new school year, each class has been eager to pay a visit to our wonderful school library. We are proud of the range of texts, authors and cosy spaces we have created for the children to enjoy a love of reading.

We appreciate and welcome **any help** that can be offered to help keep our library an inviting space for the children. If you have a background in this, or have a helping hand you can lend, please contact Mrs Kan by emailing us at [info@chasebridge.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:info@chasebridge.richmond.sch.uk).

## Seesaw, Tapestry and keeping in touch with teachers

Just a reminder that this year our primary platforms for keeping in touch with you about your child's **learning** will be through Seesaw and Tapestry. The messaging service allows for broadcasts and reminders to be sent to you via the teachers; for any replies to these messages, teachers will aim to respond within five working days. For urgent messages, please continue to call on 020 8892 1242 or email [info@chasebridge.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:info@chasebridge.richmond.sch.uk)

## School Immunisations

Help children get a healthy start to the new school year by ensuring they are up to date with all their routine vaccinations.

When your child starts or returns to school, they will have increased contact with other children. If they are not up to date with their routine immunisations, they may be at risk of catching preventable diseases, including measles, whooping cough, meningitis, diphtheria and polio.

Please check that your child is fully up to date with their routine immunisations before they start or return to school. You can check if your child is up to date with immunisations by checking their Red books or contacting your GP surgery. For a full checklist of vaccines and when they should be given visit - **NHS vaccinations and when to have them.**

- Immunising primary school children- **Postcard**

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## What does a healthy breakfast look like?

A healthy breakfast is essential for fuelling children's bodies and minds, setting them up for a successful day at school. By including a balance of fruits, whole grains, and proteins, kids can stay energised and focused throughout the morning. Start the day right with nutritious options. Attached with the newsletter is some additional guidance to help you create a balanced, nutritious breakfast for your family.

## Healthy packed lunch leaflet

We encourage all parents to check out our healthy packed lunch leaflet for ideas on creating balanced, nutritious meals for your children. Please remember that our school is a nut-free zone to ensure the safety of all students and staff, therefore we ask for you to avoid including any nut-based products in packed lunches. Attached with the newsletter is some additional guidance.

## Young Carers

A young carer is a child or young person who helps to care for a family member with a physical illness, mental health condition, disability or has a sibling with a SEN need. If you think your child may be a young carer, please take a look at the attached letter and complete the Google form. For further support or guidance, please feel free to speak to Miss Gray, who is here to help.

<https://forms.gle/HydMnAKQqn9en75S9>

## ‘Helping children with...’ Webinars for parents 2024/25 Achieving for Children’s Mental Health Support Teams are delivering a series of webinars for parents of primary-aged children.

The ‘Helping Children with ...’ series of webinars will cover a range of common difficulties experienced by children and will aim to share evidence-based strategies to help parents and carers support their children with these difficulties. Attached is a list of webinars on offer over the coming months.

## SEND COFFEE MORNING

**Monday 23rd September from 9.15-10.15am**

We are delighted to share our first SEND coffee morning of the year for parents and carers of SEND children. This will be a chance to hear from our Mental Health Support Team who will be focusing their session all about **sleep and routines**.

We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible - Mrs Gilbert (SENCO).

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## Messages From The School Office

**Filming and photography at school.** Whilst we appreciate the joys of capturing memories of our children taking part in school events, the school has in place a Filming and Photography Policy which safeguards all pupils and complies with data protection laws. This policy can be found on our [website](#) which we encourage all parents and visitors to the school to read.

**Dogs on school site.** For the safety of all visitors to the school, please be reminded that no dogs (with the exception of assistance dogs) are allowed on the school grounds. This would be as soon as you enter the school grounds from the public pavement.

**Pedestrian gate.** Our site managers have noticed that this particular gate has been propped open allowing people to enter our site without using the security intercom system. This gate should be closed at all times except for during drop off and pick up periods.