

The Archer

School Newsletter NO 1

DEAR PARENTS/CARERS

All the children and staff are now settled back into pre-COVID routines, which has been quite challenging following 18 months of strict COVID regulations.

It has been great to see the children able to interact with their peers at playtimes and lunchtimes and to have each of the key stages together for assemblies. These are the things we have so badly missed.

In returning to the pre-COVID times, we have had a few teething issues in relation to congestion at the entrances and exit points and with the capacity for KS2 packed lunches. These are all issues we have pro-actively responded to and solved. I appreciate it when parents contact me with constructive comments or queries rather than generating negativity through WhatsApp or Facebook groups.

MEET THE TEACHER

As I outlined in my previous letter, we are very pleased to welcome back parents to our Meet the Teacher meetings next Wednesday. This is an opportunity to put a face to a name, be informed of the programme of study and expectations and to share any relevant information. Meetings organised as follows;

| | 3.30-4.00pm | 4.15-4.45pm |
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| Key Stage 1 hall | Year 1 | Year 2 |
| Key Stage 2 hall | Year 3 | Year 5 |
| Library | Year 4 | Year 6 |

17th September 2021

CHLOE POOLEY – OUTSTANDING ARTIST

Last term I reported on how successful our children had been in the Royal Academy's Young Artists' competition, with a number being selected to have their work exhibited at the Royal Academy's summer show. Over the summer, the public were given the opportunity to vote for their favourite artworks from the exhibition. I am extremely pleased and proud to tell you that Chloe's painting 'Curious Girl Gazing at the Horizon' was one of two artworks that received the most amount of votes and won the 'People's Choice' award.

Chloe has won a £50 art materials voucher and a workshop for her class led by the Royal Academy's artist educators – Well done Chloe!



OPEN EVENING – your help please?

I have pencilled open evenings in for November. However, before these are advertised, I need your help.

Pre-pandemic, we had face to face reviews, during the pandemic, these were held virtually. While some of you would prefer face to face meetings, some of you appreciated the value of being able to log in remotely from home or work.

What would you prefer - face to face, virtual or a blended mix of both? [Click here](#) to complete the survey.

MRS BAKER – ENRICHMENT ADVOCATE

We have created an ambitious and innovative new role for Mrs Baker as our Enrichment Advocate. In this role she will be providing support and challenge for different groups across the school attempting to ensure that all our children, regardless of their ability are supported in becoming the best that they can be. This role will be evolving during the course of the year and will encompass positive support for parents and teachers as well as the children.

RECONNECT EVENT – FAMILY PICNIC AND INFLATABLES

All of us sacrificed a great deal during the lockdown periods. Over the last 18 months, the children had to comply with all aspects of the Government guidance relating to the management of COVID in schools. In order to support the local authority's 'Reconnect' programme we are holding an inflatables evening after school on 1st October. Flyers have been issued. Please come and join us.

COVID

May I remind you to please not send your child(ren) to school if they have any symptoms of COVID, however mild. If they display symptoms, please undertake a PCR test. If the PCR test is negative they may return to school, if it is positive, they should continue to isolate under the advice of track and trace.