



# Chalkwell Hall Infant School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

**Happy New Year to you all!** We hope you had a wonderful festive season. It is lovely to welcome back all the children and families who were with us last term, and we would also like to extend a very special welcome to the new families joining our community this month. We are also delighted to introduce two new members of our Nursery team. **Mrs Scott** will be joining us for our morning sessions and **Mrs Nuzzo** will be joining us in the afternoon. We are incredibly excited for the term ahead and look forward to all the fun and learning we will share together.

This term is packed with exciting events, including a visit from a Fire Engine, World Book Day, planting sunflower seeds, and our special Easter bunny hop! We will be sending out more detailed information regarding these events in the coming weeks, so please keep an eye on your inbox.

For those families with children starting school this September, please remember that the **deadline for school admissions is 15th January**. To support this transition, we are beginning our **"School Leavers Groups"** this term. These sessions are designed to help children develop the essential skills they need for their next chapter, regardless of which school they move on to. These groups include circle times to boost listening and speaking, pre-phonics activities, and foundational maths skills. We will also be running **"Story Dough"** sessions, which are a fantastic way to develop communication and the fine motor skills required for early writing.

If you have not yet signed up to **Tapestry**, we ask that you do so as soon as possible. Tapestry is our primary way of sharing updates on your child's progress and, for our new starters, it is where we will share how they are settling in. It is also the most effective way to communicate with class teachers via direct message. Our teachers check these messages at the start of both morning and afternoon sessions, so please feel free to use this for any important questions or updates.

Finally, you will find our **fresh new snack menu** attached to this Ping message. We have made the decision to remove sandwiches and other bread items from our morning snacks, as we found some children were then too full to enjoy their lunch! As always, alternatives are provided for children with allergies or intolerances, so please do keep us informed of any changes to your child's dietary requirements.

We are looking forward to a fantastic term filled with learning, laughter, and wonderful new memories!

Kind regards,

Grace Dalgarno