



Chase Lane Primary School and Nursery

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As we come to the end of the Spring Term, we would like to take this opportunity to share some events that have taken place at Chase Lane in the past few weeks. The Summer Term is always extremely busy so important dates will be shared with you when we return after the Easter holiday.

The school will be closed from Monday 3rd until Friday 14th April.

Chase Lane Digital Leaders

On Monday 27th March, the Digital Leaders delivered an assembly about online safety to the KS2 children. They spoke about the importance of communication, especially with parents, carers, teachers and other trusted adults. They encouraged everyone to share their online experiences, both the good and the bad to make sure they always have someone to go to for help.

Well done to the Digital Leaders for speaking so confidently and helping to spread this important message.



A huge congratulations to the Chase Lane swimming team, who recently won the Harwich inter-schools swimming gala. The team practised incredibly hard in the weeks before the event and performed amazingly well on the day. The mixed cannon race was particularly exciting.

Another huge well done to the year 5/6 indoor athletics team who finished in a fantastic 9th place at the Essex county finals in Southend. The team should be incredibly proud of their efforts.

Chase Lane entered a year 5/6 team into the recent inter-schools sports quiz, being hosted for the first time at Mayflower. The team revised on several topics and actually ended up winning the event, a brilliant effort from the team, well done.



Gallopier Wind Farm Grant

We were thrilled to receive funding from Gallopier Wind Farm which will enable us to repair and improve our woodland bird hide and shed. In addition, 4 volunteers spent a day tackling an enormous bramble patch and clearing out the polytunnel.

It was amazing how much they managed to achieve in just one day. They have certainly made a difference which is already having a positive impact on our children's outdoor learning.

Important information - Term time holidays

Improving school attendance is a key priority for all schools across Essex. Where families choose to take a family holiday during term time, this can detrimentally impact a pupil's progress and can prevent them from fulfilling their true academic potential.

Our school attendance policy, available via our school website, clearly sets out the process that parents should follow if they wish to apply for leave during term time. Please note that applications should only be made, if you feel that there are exceptional circumstances which mean that the leave cannot be taken during the school holidays.

We would ask all parents to note that, where families choose to go on holiday during term time and the absences are coded as unauthorised, Essex County Council may not issue penalty notices and may instead proceed to prosecution and place the case directly before the Magistrates for their consideration in court. If found guilty by the Magistrates, parents could face a fine of up to £2,500.

School Council trip to the Houses of Parliament



On Wednesday 15th March, both the current school council and newly appointed members visited the Houses of Parliament.

We had a tour which included walking up the King's steps, visiting the robing room, the Lord's Chambers, House of Lords and Westminster Hall.

We were not able to go inside the House of Commons as Rishi Sunak was delivering the new budget. At one point we were just 100 metres away from him and lots of Members of Parliament!

We did manage to get ourselves onto the BBC news though as we walked through the Member's Lobby.

After this we took part in a debate – Should we have a three day weekend? Everyone agreed that the day was very enjoyable and inspirational.



Red Nose Day

Thank you so much for your kind donations towards Red Nose Day.

The children looked wonderful in their colourful clothes and red noses.

Chase Lane raised £214.50