

Message from Mrs Ohene

Dear Parents and Carers,

There has certainly been a festive feel to this week with our trip to the pantomime, 'Aladdin,' our, 'We Three Kings' performances, Christmas lunch and festive jumper day and of course our annual visit from Colonel Custard!

The children have demonstrated our behaviour values of: Ready, Respectful, Safe and Kind superbly this week across all our festive activities. They have done themselves proud in their performance skills, projecting their voices, singing, signing, acting and much more! Thank you for your support with this.

The pantomime proved to be a real hoot as children were up off their seats, booing and cheering in all the right places. It was a joy to watch their reactions to the performance. How lovely to be able to offer such enriching opportunities. It's events like this that can really spark a child's imagination- perhaps one day they will be Aladdin on stage, a dancer, musician or stagehand!

As we continue our Aven reflections, next week the focus is on joy. Joy has been my focus for 2024- how to build in both little and big moments of joy; how to make joy last; how to look for joy in the little things and in nature; how to bring joy to others. Elmtree is such a joyous place to be. The children's spirits capture the heart and I am reminded that our decisions are all made with the children in mind. What better joy can there be than our little people who light up our lives every day?
Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Ohene

Class parties: Nursery (Thursday 19th), wear party mufti and sensible shoes/ trainers; main school Friday 20th , wear party mufti and sensible shoes/ trainers. IF YOU CAN DONATE POPCORN/ SQUASH then we would be most grateful (one bottle of squash per class and a few bags of popcorn). You do not need to buy Butterkist, supermarket brands are absolutely fine.



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CELEBRATION

Happy Birthday

- Patryk - Maple
- Finley - Maple
- Saanvi - Beech
- Sumaiyah - Oak
- Musa - Oak

Headteacher Award

Misbah - Cherry

Mahnoor - Cherry

Ismah - Oak

Jasper - Oak

Winning House- Chiltern with 159 points; wear yellow on Thursday 19th December.



Dates for the diary

13th December Book January School Lunches on Schoolbitez

16th December Nursery Christmas Show 2.45pm

17th December Nursery festive stay and play 9-9.30 and 2.45-3.15

18th December Nursery Christmas Show 9am

19th December Lehan school of rock concert

19th December Chiltern house team to wear YELLOW to school

19th December Nursery Class Party **(Wear party mufti and sensible shoes/ trainers)**

20th December Class parties **(Wear party mufti and sensible shoes/ trainers)**

20th December Last day of term collection 1.30pm

6th January INSET Day

7th January Back to School and Nursery



Attendance

School attendance over the last 7 days is **96%**

Let's aim to be in **#SchoolEveryDay** next week

Champion Year Group: Year 2

This weeks attendance

Reception - 85%



Year 1 - 94%



Year 2 - 97%



Remember that **#MomentsMatter**

We expect all children to attend school for at least 96% of sessions across the year.



ATTENDANCE
EVERY DAY COUNTS!

Expected attendance means having no more than seven days off in the school year!

Attendance matters!



**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



Ordering is now open for January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of the month, we kindly remind you to log in to the school meals portal to book your child's meals for next month.

Booking in advance ensures that your child receives the meals of their choice and helps our kitchen team plan and prepare efficiently.

If you need any assistance with accessing the portal or making bookings, please contact the school office, and we'll be happy to help.

Thank you for your cooperation!

6	7	8	9	10
1) Creamy Gnocchi with Spinach and Peas 2) Jacket Potato with a choice of Hot & Cold Fillings 3) Sandwich with a choice of Cold Fillings: Tuna/Cheese/Ham 4) Turkey Salami Creamy Gnocchi with Spinach and Peas	1) Beef Cottage Pie With Gravy 2) Jacket Potato with a choice of Hot & Cold Fillings 3) Sandwich with a choice of Cold Fillings: Tuna/Cheese/Ham 4) Vegetarian cottage pie with Gravy	1) Chicken Korma with Rice & Poppadoms 2) Jacket Potato with a choice of Hot & Cold Fillings 3) Sandwich with a choice of Cold Fillings: Tuna/Cheese/Ham 4) Vegetable Korma with Rice & Poppadoms	1) Beef and Spinach Orzo with Vegetables 2) Jacket Potato with a choice of Hot & Cold Fillings 3) Mediterranean Orzo with Vegetables 4) Sandwich with a choice of Cold Fillings: Tuna/Cheese/Ham	1) Chicken Bites with Chips and Vegetables 2) Jacket Potato with a choice of Hot & Cold Fillings 3) Sandwich with a choice of Cold Fillings: Tuna/Cheese/Ham 4) Vegetarian Bites with Chips and Vegetables
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Days of Christmas



ATTENDANCE COMPETITION



**All Pupils with
100% ATTENDANCE**



From 5th December-20th December

**Will go into a draw to win prizes from
book tokens to board games**







Colonel Custard - Friday 13th December



Nursery

Come and join your child for some



with our stay and play sessions in Nursery next week:

9.00-9.30/ 2.45-3.15

Tuesday 17th December



Elmtree Pond

Thank You to Chesham in Bloom!

We are thrilled to share the exciting progress happening right here on our school grounds! Thanks to the incredible efforts of *Chesham in Bloom*, our long-anticipated pond project is well underway. Over the past few weeks, their team has begun the digging process, transforming our vision of a vibrant and nature-rich space into a reality.

This pond will become a key feature of our outdoor learning environment, providing a haven for local wildlife and a hands-on learning opportunity for our pupils to explore nature up close. We are immensely grateful to Chesham in Bloom for their hard work, expertise, and dedication to enhancing our school grounds.

As the project moves forward, we need your help! In January, we will be organizing a **Big Dig Day** to complete this wonderful project, and we are calling on our amazing parent community to get involved. Whether you have a green thumb or simply a willingness to help, your support will make all the difference in bringing this space to life.

If you are available to volunteer in January, please contact the school office for more details. Together, we can create a lasting legacy for our school and a beautiful space for our children to learn, explore, and thrive.

Thank you once again to Chesham in Bloom, and thank you in advance to all the parents who will join us for this exciting next step. Let's dig deep and make it happen!



OUT WITH STRANGER DANGER IN WITH CLEVER NEVER GOES



TEACH THE CLEVER OPTION AT HOME

CLEVER NEVER GOES is the new, child-friendly lesson that teaches children how to stay safe from abduction when they are outside (e.g. walking to or from school), or online.

It's been created to help parents/guardians talk to their children about staying safe in a simple way.

Instead of creating a fear of people it teaches them to recognise the danger in a situation, regardless of who's involved.

THE RULE:

If anyone asks you to go - even someone that you know - if it hasn't been agreed, remember: CLEVER NEVER GOES



The **CLEVER NEVER GOES** rule means children shouldn't go anywhere with anyone - even if they know them - if it hasn't been agreed in advance by a parent or guardian.

And please remember, children learn through repetition so make sure you remind them regularly of **CLEVER NEVER GOES** when they're going outside or online.

For more information, ideas and resources to have that clever conversation go to: clevernevergoes.org

WHY CHANGE?

Since it was introduced in the 1970's, the 'stranger danger' message has been fundamentally flawed.

Most strangers will help rather than harm a child, and many people that do pose a risk to children are not strangers.

Furthermore, it demands that all strangers should be treated with suspicion, which breeds fear in our communities. This has led to children spending less time outdoors, fuelling a rise in obesity and mental health problems.

Add to this, children are spending more time online, increasing their risk of being groomed. Now is the time for a new approach that creates safer, happier and healthier children.

Backed by more than 1,000 schools across the UK, **CLEVER NEVER GOES** is more practical than stranger danger and gives children the skills and confidence to safely explore their outdoor and online worlds without fear. And gives parents the reassurance to let them.

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'Clever Never Goes'

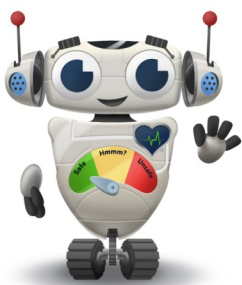
We have launched our new child safety initiative called 'Clever Never Goes' during this week in our, 'I am safe, I feel safe assembly.'

The 'Clever Never Goes' programme has been developed to replace the out-dated 'stranger danger' approach. Research shows that teaching children simply to avoid strangers fails to keep them safe. Strangers are often more likely to help a child than to harm them. Conversely, it can often be people known to children that pose the greatest threat.

'Clever Never Goes' moves the focus away from strangers and instead teaches children to recognise when someone (whether they are known to the child or not) is trying to persuade them to go with them. The programme is designed to be fun and positive, whilst at the same time delivering a serious message and giving children practical safety skills and confidence to engage with the outside world.

In addition to the schools lesson **you too can help your child to understand the Clever Never Goes message.** You can download (free of charge) a Clever Never Goes home pack at the website www.clevernevergoes.org/parents. The home pack contains some great ideas for how to approach this topic with your children as well as games and activities. On the website, you can also see a series of cartoon sketches which are a good way of reinforcing the Clever Never Goes message and checking that your child has understand the key Clever Never Goes message. Please do make use of these resources.

If you have any further questions about the programme please feel free to come and chat to me further.



Meet CLEVER.

CLEVER is just like you. He loves to have fun, be friendly and play outside. And as you probably guessed from his name, he's very clever!

What makes him so clever is that he can recognise when someone is trying to get him to go with them. This means he can have fun without worrying.

He also has very clever features on his body that help him stay safe.

But first let's learn the rule for staying safe...



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I feel safe



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HP5 1LR**

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Ages: 5 - 12 year olds

Cost:	FULL DAY	EXTENDED DAY
	9:00am - 3:30pm	8:30am - 5:30pm
	£26.00 a day	£34.61 a day

Additional info: Please note that we can only accept children in current year 1 - 6 classes as per our Ofsted guidelines. As an Ofsted registered site, you can also book online using childcare vouchers!

PLEASE BRING

A packed lunch
Plenty of water
Suitable clothing
Loads of energy!

Over the winter break, there will be lots of festive fun to enjoy too.

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