



Chuter Ede Primary School

"Valuing everyone and aiming for our best."

Mission Statement: "Valuing Everyone and Aiming for our Best" –
WE VALUE BEING EQUITABLE, INCLUSIVE, ASPIRATIONAL and KIND

Friday 19th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you are well and staying warm in these cold temperatures!

Last Friday we had a bit of a surprise visit at Fernwood site- Robert Jenrick, MP for Newark came for a tour with his assistant, who just so happened to be an ex Chuter Ede pupil who had jumped at the chance of a visit the Fernwood site of his old primary school! We were delighted to welcome our ex pupil and see all that he has achieved since leaving us. He was so happy to see some old faces and reminisce with teachers from his childhood days.

Political views aside, it was an opportunity for us to raise awareness of some of the challenges schools are facing regarding funding, adequate provision for all pupils and the well being of staff and pupils. Mr Jenrick was happy to listen and in response will be meeting at County level in a couple of weeks time. At this meeting he will raise some of the concerns brought to his attention by myself and other staff at Chuter Ede.

Part of his visit involved speaking to some of the pupils around classrooms, in the dinner hall and out on the playground. Pupils demonstrated their ability to converse, ask relevant questions and articulate to Mr Jenrick what it is like to be a pupil at Chuter Ede- all positive things which were lovely to hear!

A group of Year 6 pupils also spent some time with Mr Jenrick and we were so impressed with their knowledge and understanding of politics generally.

One child asked him whether he knew Rishi Sunak and whether or not he liked him- that made us smile!

Another referenced Margaret Thatcher and Grantham which led to a discussion about William Gladstone and the person our school is named after, James Chuter Ede. Google him if you didn't know!



The children also talked to Mr Jenrick about what the Houses of Parliament are like and what he actually does in a

working week. We were so proud and impressed by the children and the way they conducted themselves, not to mention their intelligent and knowledgeable questions and understanding.

Since November 2014 schools have been directed to teach British Values following DfE guidance. Mr Jenrick's visit has also given us an opportunity to further explore these with our children at an age appropriate level. Who knows what future politicians may be amongst our pupils?

Have a lovely weekend.

Warm Regards,
Bernadette Hunter
Headteacher

Date?	What's happening?
W/C 5 th February 2024	Children's Mental Health Week
Friday 9 th February 2024	Last day of Spring half-term
Monday 19 th February 2024	Return to school
Tuesday 20 th February- Friday 23 rd February 2024	Year 5 Whitby trip
Thursday 7 th March 2024	World Book Day
Monday 11 th March 2024	Parents Evening
Friday 15 th March 2024	Comic Relief
Monday 25 th -Wednesday 27 th March 2024	Year 6 PGL trip
Thursday 28 th March 2024	Last day of Spring term