



Chilham St. Mary's Church Of England Primary School

Newsletter

14th November 2016



Remembrance Service

We are very proud of Shannon F and Thomas R who, with Mrs Smith represented Chilham St Mary's at the Service of Remembrance at St Mary's Church on Sunday. The children read out their moving poems beautifully before laying their poppy wreath at the memorial.

Children in Need

Remember to get Dotty on Friday for Children in Need! You should have received a letter from the school council on Friday with details of their FUNd-raising ideas! With cakes, costumes, colourful hair braids & pictures, it should be spotacular!



There is a definite buzz as preparations for Christmas begin to get underway. We will send more details about the wonderful events we have planned shortly.



Christmas Fair - Notice from the PTA

We have had a number of offers for help at the Christmas Fair since the last newsletter for which we are really grateful, thank you!

This year we are hoping to run the Teddy Adoption Stall again. This was so popular last year that it was sold out 20 minutes after the Fair started! In order to run it we need stuffed animals, but they do need to be almost new or in very good condition. If you have anything that you could donate could you please pass it onto Jess Thomson in the playground, or to the school office who will hand them on to Jess. We are aiming to have a minimum of 50 animals so that the stall doesn't run out so quickly.

We are also asking for more general toy donations for the Toy Tombola which is also a very popular stall with the children. Perhaps you could have a look through your toys to see if there any that are ready to go to a new home; please do pass them onto to Claire Fowle or to the school office, who will hand them onto Claire.

Many thanks, from the PTA



Reception Places for September 2017

If your child is due to start school in September you can apply for a place from now until 16th January 2017 online or by post. There is information about the process on the Kent County Council website, or you can ask for information or a paper application form from the office: <http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places>

Honeypots

If you are hoping your child will be joining Chilham St. Mary's School in September 2017 please bring them along! It is an informal weekly session which you can drop your child to for a play and a story with the current Reception class on Wednesday afternoons between 2.00pm and 3.00pm during term time. You do not need to pre-book for these sessions, but we ask that you arrive promptly as staff will collect the children from the school gate nearest to the Square at 2.00pm and bring them back to the gate for collection at 3.00pm. These sessions help the children to become familiar with the school and each other before they begin their school life with us. It is extremely popular and the children really benefit if they later join the school, from this transitional experience. The remaining dates until Christmas are: 16th, 23rd & 30th November, 7th December. We will resume in the New Year.

Head lice

Frustratingly these pesky little critters are never far away and can return after treatment! **Please could we ask that you check your child's hair regularly & treat if necessary** - for more information see the leaflet on our website or speak to your pharmacist. Unfortunately head lice are very common and most children will have them at some stage. May we remind you that children should not be kept home with head lice; regular checking and prompt treatment do help to minimise the outbreaks.



Dates for your Diary



Friday 18th November: Children in Need Day / Deadline to order school photos

Monday 21st November: Influenza Immunisations for Years 1 – 3, pm

Saturday 26th November: Chilham Remembrance Group Christmas Market & Book Signing Event by the Local Children's Author, Martyn Barr, OWL Village Hall.

Friday 2nd December: Dick Whittington Pantomime, Village Hall – details to follow

Thursday 8th December: Nativity, St Mary's Church from 2.00pm – details to follow

Friday 9th December: Dress Down Day – Bring a Bottle for the Fair

Tuesday 13th December: Christingle, St Mary's Church, 3.30-4.30pm. Everyone welcome

Friday 16th December: Christmas Fair, Village Hall – details to follow

Monday 19th December: School Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 20th December: Last Day of Term 2