



Chilham St. Mary's Church Of England Primary School

Newsletter

25th November 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, may I say a huge thank-you to you all for making me feel so welcome during my first week as Interim Headteacher of your school. If I haven't met you already, please do pop over to say hello! As you know, I will continue my role as Headteacher of Challock Primary School, but I fully intend to be in both schools throughout the day.

It has been so lovely getting to know the children over the last few weeks and I am totally committed to do all I can to ensure they continue to be well educated, well looked after, but most of all, happy and safe at school.

You will no doubt be aware, Mr Geeves, who currently teaches at Challock, will be coming to Chilham in January as Assistant Headteacher alongside our existing Assistant Headteacher, Mrs Sole. Mr Geeves will also be teaching in Peacocks from January, whilst Miss Ratcliffe takes over his class at Challock.

Mr Geeves will be visiting school over the next few weeks to ensure a positive and enjoyable transition for the pupils. In fact, he has been in school today helping Peacocks develop and introduce our new Positive Behaviour Strategy throughout the school. Whilst on this subject, I must say a massive well done to our Year 5 and 6 pupils for trialling the system and leading our celebration assembly today to inform the rest of the school as to how it works! We are looking into changing the school website and you will be able to find the Positive Behaviour Strategy on there once the website is complete. We will let you know as soon as the new website goes live.

I must say, I have been so impressed with the school and I am thrilled to be working with such a great team of children and staff. I look forward to a very exciting and fulfilling year ahead.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Sweet





Christmas Fair - Notice from the PTA

Thank you for all your donations so far, please keep them coming! There will be a Dress-Down Day on Friday 9th December – please can you send in a bottle of whatever you like – it can be drinks, bubble bath... all donations gratefully received!

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: 30th November and 7th December. We will resume in the New Year.

Christingle

Please note that unfortunately we have had to cancel the Christingle service on 13th December.

Dates for your Diary



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, 1.30-3.00pm

Thursday 8th December: Nativity, St Mary's Church, refreshments from 1.30pm – Everybody Welcome

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

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

Monday 19th December: School Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 20th December: Last Day of Term 2, School Closes to Children at 2.00pm