



Chilham St. Mary's Church Of England Primary School

Newsletter 10th February 2017

Staffing News

Well, as you know, we are going through a period of great change here at school and after 14 years as a teacher at Chilham St Mary's, Mrs Glover has decided it is time for her to move on to pastures new. Mrs Glover has been an amazing teacher for our children and I know she is highly respected by all and will be greatly missed. Mrs Glover's final day at school will be Thursday 2nd March and I am sure you will all want to wish her the very best of luck as she moves on to her new school.

We are fortunate to have secured Mrs Jane Lawrence to teach Heron's class from Monday 6th March until the end of the academic year. Mrs Lawrence has a wealth of experience and was previously the Year 1 and 2 class teacher at Challock. She is an outstanding teacher and has been acting as a consultant to both Chilham and Challock School over the last year.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Murphy today, our teaching assistant in Herons, as she is moving on to a part time position at one of our local schools. We will miss her too and wish her well in her new school. Mrs Abercrombie will be joining Mrs Lawrence in the Herons. Mrs Abercrombie is a qualified teacher and will be working as the teaching assistant until the end of the year.

We understand that this will be an unsettling period for you as parents; however, please rest assured, your children will be in very good hands! We will organise a 'Meet the Teacher' event for you next term.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Sole for all her hard work stepping up as acting Assistant Headteacher in addition to her SENCo role since September. She will return to her role as SENCo from Term 4.

Mrs Sweet

Monday's Open Event

We were absolutely delighted that so many of you were able to come in to school for our open event on Monday. It was lovely for your children to be able to show you their fantastic work. We would also like to thank you for your positive feedback and kind comments, they are very much appreciated. We look forward to the next event later in the year.





Parent View Questionnaire

Thank you to all of you who completed the parent questionnaire we sent home before Christmas, we found your answers and comments really useful. We are sure that you will have noticed lots of changes recently and would love to hear your views about school now.

The questionnaire is very short and will only take a few minutes to complete. Thank you.
<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Busters Book Club

Week 3 and still going strong! We are so impressed with the children's enthusiasm, not only reading for their target number of minutes, but so many of them are reading way beyond their targets!

Drum roll please.....

- ☺ **The overall number of minutes read this week is 2134**
- ☺ **The winning class are Herons.**
- ☺ **The overall individual 'Star Reader' is Oscar P.**

Remember to record those minutes on your child's bookmark every Wednesday! Let's see how quickly we can contribute to the county target of 1,000 000 minutes!!



Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers 2017

It's back!
Please remember to send in your vouchers so that we can exchange them for fabulous resources for our school!

Thank you



Change in Lunch Menu for Mondays

In response to the children's comments, we have changed Monday's school lunches from the 'Meat Free' option to a 'Meat' option. There will still be a vegetarian dish available as usual. If you would like a copy of the amended menu please ask at the school office.

- ☺ **Week 1** - Sausages with New Potatoes and Gravy
- ☺ **Week 2** - Beef Spaghetti Bolognese
- ☺ **Week 3** - Beef Burger in a Bun with Herby New Potatoes

Dates for your diary...

Friday 10th February: Last Day of Term 3

Monday 20th February: Staff Development Day, School Closed to Children

Tuesday 21st February: Term 4 Begins

Wednesday 29th March: Easter Service, St Mary's Church – details to follow