

Chilham St Mary's CEP School Newsletter

Tuesday 29th September

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'Jeans for Genes' Day

We want to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated and came to school *decked out in their denim* last week to raise money for people with genetic disorders. As a school we raised an amazing £96.41!

New Sports Council!

Congratulations to our new sports council who have recently been elected. They are: Zöe V, Ellie V, Imogen C, Tom R, Jamie DG and Lily DT.

Upcoming cross country events

- Saturday 7th October at Kent College.
- Tuesday 10th October (Y 5/6) at Godinton House.
- Tuesday 17th October (Y 3/4) at Godinton House.

Statutory Data Return - Pupil Census

The census is next Thursday, 5th October. Please can you ensure your child is in school and we would appreciate it if as many children as possible, particularly in Years R - 2 could have a school dinner as the funding for universal infant free school meals is calculated on the uptake on census days. Caterlink have again designed a fun menu for the children to enjoy.

Pupil Premium (Free School Meals)

We would also ask that if your circumstances have changed, and you think that there is any possibility that your child may be eligible for free school meals, there is a very simple online process to check which you can complete, or Mrs Woodland is happy to complete for you. All she requires is the parent/carers name, date of birth and National Insurance number - the school are simply given a yes or no to eligibility, we are not given any further information about you or your circumstances).

The link is: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals#tab-2>

This enables the school to claim valuable pupil premium funding (of which FSM eligibility is a small part) which we are unable to apply for directly. There is a letter with full details available under the letters tab on the school website homepage, and you can obtain a hard copy from the school office. Again, if this can be actioned before Census day, that would be most helpful.

Data Collection Forms

There are still quite a few to be returned. Please can you send back to school on Monday as the data needs to be updated/input before the Census. *Thank you.*





Wrens

This week our new Wrens have been doing some activities based around the classic story 'We're going on a Bear Hunt'. Come and have a look at the impressive display board they have been helping to put together! They have also been making 'potions' with some of the

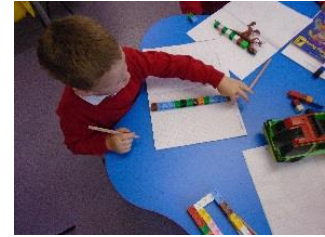


Year 1s and enjoying the good weather under their new Rainbow Canopy. We are so impressed with how they continue to settle into their new class and school.



Hérons

Hérons have had a very busy week! They continued exploring traditional tales with a focus this week on Rapunzel. Children have been role playing this story and 'hot-seating' the different characters.



In Maths everyone has been stretching themselves with the year 1s learning about symmetry (and creating some beautiful symmetrical butterflies) and doing some measuring. The year 2s have been practicing their measuring too and pushing themselves with some word problems.

In science, they have been learning about shadows and having some fun making their own puppets. Today the Herons have been creating their own fossils so stay tuned for more pictures soon!

Martins

In Martins class they have been learning about the Jewish Holy Book (Torah). They found out that when a Torah is being handwritten, if a mistake is made it has to be burnt and started from the beginning – not a laughing matter considering it contains 79,847 words! To get a taste of this, our year 3 and 4s have been writing out their own scrolls, trying not to make any mistakes!



Next week, Martins will be exploring more of the magical and bizarre world of Willy Wonka as they continue their work on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.



Peacocks

This week in Peacocks class we have been learning more about Jewish ceremonies, with a focus this week on Jewish weddings. The class re-enacted their own wedding outside, under a



canopy (or a 'Chuppah'), including the drinking of wine (blackcurrant squash) and the smashing of a glass (plastic cup)! They then designed their own Ketubahs (decorated marriage vows).

Continuing our work on natural disasters, this week the Peacocks also scripted and recorded their own news bulletin about a volcanic eruption in Chile. We used a green screen so that we could choose our backgrounds and Mr Geeves is now busy editing them all to share with the class! Next week we will be making our impressive papier mache volcanoes erupt on the playground!

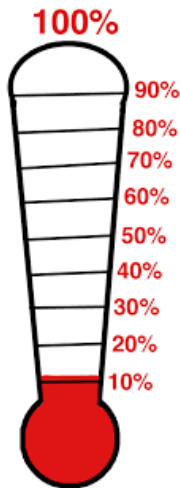
PTA News



The PTA is looking forward to arranging some more fun activities and raising further funds for the school over the new year ahead.

As always, anyone is welcome to attend our meetings which are usually on a Tuesday or Wednesday in the dining room at 1.30pm but, as we know not everyone is free at those times, you are welcome to speak to any of the core committee members (Leona Adams, Sue Fowler, Gail O'Connor, Sarah Shoults and Louise Washford) at any time about PTA activities or leave a message with Mrs Woodland. We always need volunteers for events and you might want to run an event yourself or form a group to do so.

Recent funding has assisted with ...



- ☺ We were pleased to keep parental contributions down for the summer term's class outings by funding the cost of the coaches and a few other expenses (a total figure of just over £500) and we helped financially with the production of Alice too (with a £155 donation).
- ☺ We have so far contributed £2,600, and Zöe and Ellie's father, Trevor V, donated £400 after running an antiques fair entirely for the benefit of the school, towards the cost of the new interactive Genee smartboards, already installed in Herons and Peacocks class with the Martins excited to be getting theirs installed over half term.
- ☺ Over the summer we continued to provide refreshments at the car boot fairs down at the Recreation Ground, raising just over £1400 in this way. Many thanks to all the volunteers including the cake bakers who made this possible.
- ☺ We're continuing to fund singing lessons at the school at present as we did throughout the previous school year.

AGM

All parents and staff are invited to our AGM which will be held in the Chilham Village Hall on Tuesday 10th October at 7.30pm where there is the opportunity to become involved in planning PTA activities for the year ahead by joining the committee itself, sharing ideas, offering to help at events or just showing your support.

As at every AGM all positions in the committee are up for re-election with the positions of chair and secretary currently available and there are also the formal positions of vice-chair and treasurer. If anyone is considering putting themselves forward for any of these positions please let us know by next Friday 6th October so we can prepare for any voting required on the night.

Best wishes

Chilham St Mary's PTA



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2017/2018

<p><u>TERM 1</u></p> <p><u>Monday 4th September 2017</u> Children return to school</p> <p><u>Thursday 7th September</u> Year 6 PESE (11+) Tests</p> <p><u>Wednesday 18th October</u> Open afternoon for parents 3.15pm</p> <p><u>Thursday 19th October</u> Harvest Celebration at Chilham Church 2.00pm</p> <p><u>Friday 20th October</u> END OF TERM 1</p>	<p><u>TERM 2</u></p> <p><u>Monday 30th October</u> Children return to school</p> <p><u>Monday 20th November</u> Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 6.30pm</p> <p><u>Tuesday 21st November</u> Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 6.00pm</p> <p><u>Wednesday 13th December</u> Chilham Nativity at Chilham Church 2.00pm</p> <p><u>Wednesday 20th December</u> END OF TERM 2</p>	<p><u>TERM 3</u></p> <p><u>Monday 8th January 2018</u> Children return to school</p> <p><u>Monday 5th February</u> Open Afternoon for parents 3.15pm</p> <p><u>Friday 9th February</u> END OF TERM 3</p>
<p><u>TERM 4</u></p> <p><u>Tuesday 20th February</u> Children return to school</p> <p><u>Monday 26th March</u> Easter Service at Chilham Church 2pm</p> <p><u>Tuesday 27th March</u> Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 6.30pm</p> <p><u>Wednesday 28th March</u> Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 6.00pm</p> <p><u>Thursday 29th March</u> END OF TERM 4</p>	<p><u>TERM 5</u></p> <p><u>Monday 16th April</u> Children return to school</p> <p><u>Tuesday 22nd May</u> Open Afternoon for parents</p> <p><u>Thursday 24th May</u> END OF TERM 5</p>	<p><u>TERM 6</u></p> <p><u>Tuesday 5th June</u> Children return to school</p> <p><u>Thursday 7th June</u> Y5 Parent Consultations (PESE- 11+)</p> <p><u>Friday 29th June</u> Sports Day (pm)</p> <p><u>Thursday 12th July</u> Junior Performance 6.00pm</p> <p><u>Monday 23rd July</u> Leavers Assembly (pm)</p> <p><u>Tuesday 24th July</u> END OF TERM 6 AND ACADEMIC YEAR - 2PM</p>
<p><u>INSET Days 2017/2018 (Teacher Training Days)</u></p> <p>Thursday 4rd January 2018</p> <p>Friday 5th January 2018</p> <p>Monday 19th February 2018</p> <p>Friday 25th May</p> <p>Monday 4th June 2018</p> <p>All dates are subject to change</p>		