Chilham St Mary's CEP School Newsletter

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Welcome back everyone!

I hope you've all had a restful and enjoyable half term. It's hard to believe we're already at the end of our first week back! There's a lot to look forward to this term, as we approach Christmas, and children have already begun producing some fantastic work. It will not be long now until we begin practicing for our nativity and planning for our Christmas fair. We're also excited to have the pantomime back again this year!

As I'm sure most of you are now aware, my wife and I are (imminently) expecting our second child and so in the next few days I will be temporarily disappearing on paternity leave for two weeks. In my absence we are lucky to have Mr Dawson, the Deputy Head from Aldington, joining us to take over my role as Deputy Headteacher and Peacocks class teacher until I return. If I have not returned in time for parent consultations, meetings for the Peacocks parents will be rescheduled for when I get back.

Mr Geeves

Class News

Wrens

Thank you for all the wonderful Special Book entries from half term week, remember the children share their Special books and Tapestry entries every Monday morning. This week the Wrens began their new topic; Celebrations. We have started by focussing on the Hindu festival Diwali. They loved hearing the story of Rama and Sita, creating repeating patterns on diva lamps and chalking Rangoli patterns. Next week we will focus on fireworks. Now that the weather is getting colder please ensure your child is able to put on their own coat.







Herons

This week we have been sharing and writing about what we got up to in the half term break. We also began our new, exciting topic all about Guy Fawkes and watched a firework display on the interactive board. We've been learning about the Gunpowder Plot and worked in teams to

sequence events from the past. In English, the year 2's practised verbs to describe the actions of fireworks. We used chalk to create firework patterns on the playground. The Herons really enjoyed listening to Max, the firefighter, talk all about fire safety. They wrote command sentences to tell other people how to be extra safe. We will finish this week by making firework splatter paintings and blasting off a coca cola rocket!





Martins

This term in maths we have learning about place value and have been playing the 'nasty' game. In the nasty game we used place value cards to make the biggest number we could. In topic we have been learning about New Zealand, we have had fun learning 'The Haka' dance. In English we have been learning about funny poems. We are writing our own poem about a monster eating a teacher! In science we have been learning about forces and have been finding out how fast toy cars can move along different surfaces.





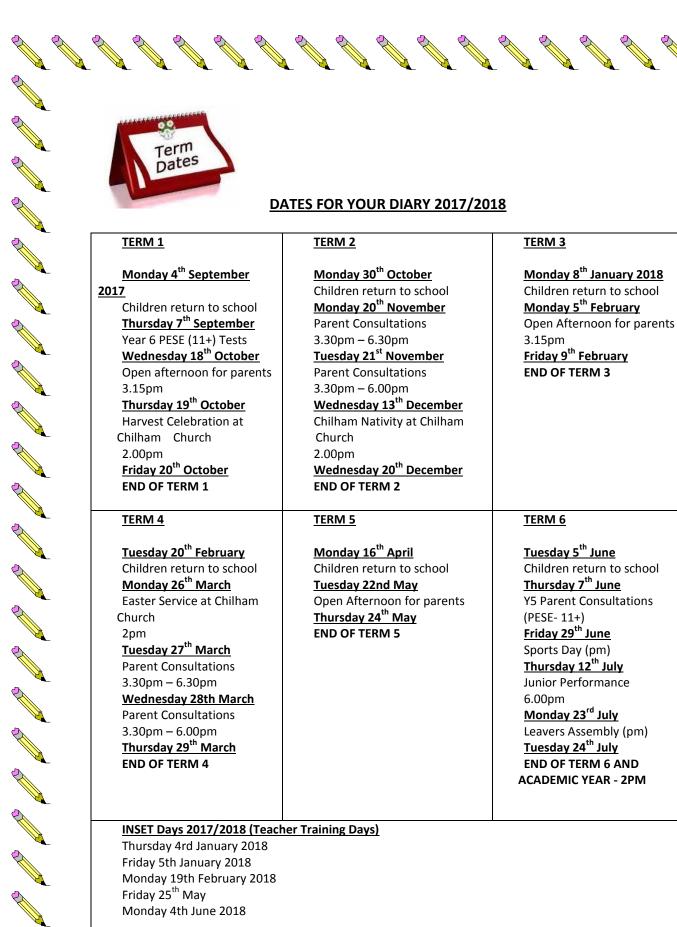
Peacocks

This week in peacocks we have started our new science and topic lessons. In science we will be studying space and solar systems. To learn how science evolved over



time, we acted out the different theories that have progressed as technology has improved. In topic this term we have started studying Antarctica and today we made our own penguins to put on our display board. On Wednesday we had a fire safety talk with a fireman named Max. He taught us that we need to have a fire escape plan that everyone in the house knows, and that we need a working smoke alarm on each floor that everyone can hear. Do you have one?





INSET Days 2017/2018 (Teacher Training Days)

Thursday 4rd January 2018 Friday 5th January 2018 Monday 19th February 2018 Friday 25th May Monday 4th June 2018

All dates are subject to change