

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.



Hérons

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?





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 Friday 5th January 2018 Monday 19th February 2018 Friday 25th May Monday 4th June 2018</p> <p>All dates are subject to change</p>		