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Chilham St Mary's CEP School Newsletter

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We have been really busy in school these past couple of weeks with lots of fantastic work in class, sports events and our very moving Remembrance Service in Church. We are starting to get into the festive spirit with fresh displays going up in classrooms and corridors and those tell tale trails of glitter all around the school.

Sparkle

Here is some information about upcoming events and some news from the classes...

Parent Consultations 20th & 21st November

Please remember to sign up for an appointment if you have not already done so. The sheets are now in the school office.

Pantomime 27th November

We are really excited... *oh yes we are...* that Hurricane Productions will be performing Aladdin on Monday 27th November. The performance will take place in the village hall during the afternoon and children will need to be collected from the village hall at 3pm. In the interest of safety, the children will need to be signed out by their class teacher before being released so please can we ask that you are patient to allow everyone to be dismissed as smoothly and quickly as possible.

Flu Vaccination

If your child is in Years 1 - 4 you should have received a letter from the vaccination team with information and a consent form to return. Please can you return these to school as soon as possible for collection. The vaccinations will take place in school on Tuesday 5th December during the morning. For children in Year R, the vaccination team should have contacted you directly.

Christmas Fair & Non Uniform Day

This year we will be holding the Christmas Fair in school on Friday 15th December between 2.00 - 4pm. Parents and carers are warmly invited to join us. Please remember to bring lots of change for the stalls and the lovely items the children will be making to sell. If you are unable to join us before the end of the day, your child may bring a named purse/wallet with some spending money. We will send home more details nearer the time.

We are having a Non Uniform Day on Friday 8th December - donations of chocolate for a tombola stall would be much appreciated. Thank you.

Change to the Morning Routine from Monday

To ensure a calmer start to the day all of the children from Years 1 - 6 will line up to be led indoors by their teacher as they currently do at playtime and lunch break, rather than all 'bundle' indoors together when the pips sound at 8.45am. The member of staff on duty will blow their whistle to indicate that it is time for the children to line up and parents to leave the playground. Any arrivals after the children are led indoors at 8.50am and once the gate is closed will need to come in via the main office. Please can we ask parents to refrain from coming in to cloakrooms with bags etc, as the children can put them at the side of the playground until they are led indoors if they want to. The current routine for the Wrens class remains unchanged. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sports News

Well done to everyone who competed at The Godinton Cross country events in October, and in the Spring Grove junior cross country championships last week. We had an amazing 25 children running and despite the very cold and damp conditions we made a great team effort! Well done especially to Zoe V, who came 2nd in the girls' Year 5 race and Nate T, who came a fabulous 4th in the boys Year 4! We would like to say "Good luck" to Zoe V, who will be competing in the Kent Junior Schools Cross Country Championships at the Detling Show Ground on Saturday!



Class News

Wrens

The Wrens have enjoyed planning and preparing a party this week for our puppet; Reading Ralph. They have written invites, made cards, decorated hats and been cooking. The



party was great fun! We also visited the Library Van in the square and chose some books to bring back to school. Next week we will be continuing the theme 'Birthdays', by looking at how the children have grown and changed. We can't wait to see their baby photos!

Hérons

The Herons have been very busy so far this term! We have been creative making firework splatter paintings and have also begun to create our own Tudor houses. The children wrote fantastic newspaper reports on



Guy Fawkes' Gunpowder Plot! In Science we are learning about



different materials, sorting them into categories and exploring how they feel. The children have been showing off their mathematic skills by comparing numbers and using crocodile symbols for greater and less than.

Martins

This term in maths we have been learning about time. In English we have been writing a synopsis for a short story called 'Lily and the Snowman'. We have also been following instructions to make origami stars. In swimming we have been learning to swim using backstroke. We have also been looking at different jumps. In Science we have been learning about forces, we have been learning about magnetism, friction and buoyancy. In topic we have researched New Zealand, where it is, and about its art.



Peacocks

We have had an amazing few days in Peacocks. Our space unit is progressing well - we have created scale drawings of the solar system and researched each planet. We investigated animals that live in Antarctica and the conditions they cope with. In invasion games we have started to play hockey - the Peacocks have some star players! Delivering our remembrance assembly on Wednesday to the school made us very proud and appreciate everything that we have. We looked at why we wear poppies and continue to mark this special event.

On Friday, all of the children walked up to the church to the War Memorial, where Peacocks led the school in a minutes silence, laid a Remembrance wreath on behalf of the school, and read "For the Fallen", followed by a prayer from Dr Litten-Brown.





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>Monday 27th November</u> Pantomime, children to be collected from Village Hall at 3.00pm</p> <p><u>Friday 8th December</u> Non Uniform Day - bring chocolate</p> <p><u>Wednesday 13th December</u> Chilham Nativity at Chilham Church at 2.00pm</p> <p><u>Friday 15th December</u> Christmas Fair in School 2.00pm - 4.00pm</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> Thursday 4th January 2018 Friday 5th January 2018 Monday 19th February 2018 Friday 25th May Monday 4th June 2018</p> <p style="text-align: right;">All dates are subject to change</p>		