

Glitter

Sparkle

# Chilham St Mary's CEP School Newsletter

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December

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## Caring & Sharing at Chilham St Mary's

As we enter into Advent it is easy, amongst all the glitter and sparkle, to perhaps forget the true meaning of Christmas. It is heart-warming that here at school the children demonstrate kindness, generosity and a willingness to help others all year round, and we are all proud to be part of this wonderful community. We have already held several fund raising events since September and are delighted to share with you just how much money has been raised for some very worthwhile charities; with many of these events led with great enthusiasm by your children! We would also like to thank you for your support in helping to make these events such a success...

- ☺ **Jeans for Genes** half a million children in the UK are affected a life-altering genetic disorder. Jeans for Genes raises money to transform their lives. **£96.41**
- ☺ **Porchlight** is a charity to help vulnerable and homeless people in Kent. **£228.75**
- ☺ **World Wildlife Fund for Nature** is the leading organisation in wildlife conservation and endangered species. **£100.00**
- ☺ **Remembrance Poppy Appeal** the Royal British Legion provides lifelong support for the Armed Forces community - serving men and women, veterans, and their families. **£48.00**
- ☺ **Children in Need** provide grants to projects in the UK which focus on children and young people who are disadvantaged. **£875.25!**



On Children in Need day we enjoyed lovely autumnal weather for our ramble through the castle grounds and the children did an amazing job over some rough and muddy terrain!

Well done to everyone!

## Non-Uniform Day, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Donations of chocolate for the Christmas Fair Chocolate Tombola would be most welcome please. Feel free to wear your Christmas Jumper if you have one...



Over the next two weeks each class will be making some Christmas crafts to sell to parents during our Christmas Fayre on 15<sup>th</sup> December. Please do come along to support the school and buy your children's lovingly hand-crafted creations!

**A Huge 'Thank You'** to Mr & Mrs Davis-Taylor for very kindly donating three gorgeous Christmas Trees to school again this year.



## And Now For Our Class News...

### Wrens

Christmas has come to the Wrens classroom! We now have a Santa's Workshop role play area. The children have been writing, lists drawing maps, writing cards, making presents, gift wrapping them and much, much more. It is lots of fun and so much learning is happening along the way.



Thank you for your continued support with completing your child's reading at home. Remember more practise leads to more progress! Over the coming weeks due to all the super Christmas events planned we may not always be able to hear your child read on their allotted reading day but we'll always endeavour to catch up through the week.



### Hérons

Hérons finished making their lovely Tudor houses, and also made some wonderful tea-stained 'Wanted' posters to catch Guy Fawkes! We have been enjoying our new text in English, riding on the Polar Express train tracks on the carpet and role playing as the conductor. We imagined that the Polar Express had arrived outside of our own house! Today, we have been visited by a naughty elf sent by Father Christmas to teach him how to be good! We will write some instructions for him. We have also been working hard with multiplication and division, learning our times tables and how to share things out equally.



## Martins

In Martins we are starting to look at script writing. We have been following some scripts and are now beginning to write our own. In maths we have been looking at multiplication and division problems and stretching our understanding through some mastery questions. In science we have been continuing to look at forces and have successfully built boats that move using magnetism. Our New Zealand topic moved on to learning about Maori Gods this week and we have started to carry out our own research to find out what life would be like as part of a Maori tribe. We have also been doing some art work inspired by Peter McIntyre, an artist from New Zealand.



## Peacocks

This week in peacocks we have been feeling festive making Christmas art that is now on display in our cloakroom. Alongside this, we have been writing some lovely descriptive, winter poems using personification. Throughout this week, we have made stain glass windows to decorate our classroom. In maths, we have focused on line graphs and converting measurements using metric units. So feel free to ask your child what metric units are!

We have continued our learning into space during our science lessons and this week were learning about the different stages of the lunar cycle. Check the moon tonight, is it waxing or waning, crescent or gibbous?





## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2017/2018

<p><b><u>TERM 1</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017</u></b> Children return to school</p> <p><b><u>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September</u></b> Year 6 PESE (11+) Tests</p> <p><b><u>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October</u></b> Open afternoon for parents 3.15pm</p> <p><b><u>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October</u></b> Harvest Celebration at Chilham Church 2.00pm</p> <p><b><u>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October</u></b> <b>END OF TERM 1</b></p>	<p><b><u>TERM 2</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October</u></b> Children return to school</p> <p><b><u>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November</u></b> Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 6.00pm</p> <p><b><u>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November</u></b> Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 6.00pm</p> <p><b><u>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November</u></b> Pantomime, children to be collected from Village Hall at 3.00pm</p> <p><b><u>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December</u></b> Non Uniform Day - bring chocolate</p> <p><b><u>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</u></b> Chilham Nativity at Chilham Church at 2.00pm</p> <p><b><u>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December</u></b> Christmas Fair in School 2.00pm - 4.00pm</p> <p><b><u>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December</u></b> <b>END OF TERM 2</b></p>	<p><b><u>TERM 3</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018</u></b> Children return to school</p> <p><b><u>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February</u></b> Open Afternoon for parents 3.15pm</p> <p><b><u>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February</u></b> <b>END OF TERM 3</b></p>
<p><b><u>TERM 4</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February</u></b> Children return to school</p> <p><b><u>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March</u></b> Easter Service at Chilham Church 2pm</p> <p><b><u>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March</u></b> Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 6.30pm</p> <p><b><u>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March</u></b> Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 6.00pm</p> <p><b><u>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March</u></b> <b>END OF TERM 4</b></p>	<p><b><u>TERM 5</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April</u></b> Children return to school</p> <p><b><u>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</u></b> Open Afternoon for parents</p> <p><b><u>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May</u></b> <b>END OF TERM 5</b></p>	<p><b><u>TERM 6</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June</u></b> Children return to school</p> <p><b><u>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June</u></b> Y5 Parent Consultations (PESE- 11+)</p> <p><b><u>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June</u></b> Sports Day (pm)</p> <p><b><u>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July</u></b> Junior Performance 6.00pm</p> <p><b><u>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July</u></b> Leavers Assembly (pm)</p> <p><b><u>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July</u></b> <b>END OF TERM 6 AND ACADEMIC YEAR - 2PM</b></p>
<p><b><u>INSET Days 2017/2018 (Teacher Training Days)</u></b> Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018 Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018 Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018 Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>All dates are subject to change</b></p>		