

# Chilham St Mary's CEP School Newsletter

## Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January

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### Wrens

The Wrens are enjoying our Travel and Transport topic. They have been very creative building a train to play in. They didn't stop there and moved on to build the Batmobile! The Wrens have also begun going to the Sports Hall for Gymnastics; they just love going and walk down so beautifully.

Thank you to all of the parents who are continuing to complete the reading activities regularly with their child as it really makes a difference with their progress. If you have just got out of the habit, please could we request that to start again! Next week we will begin a junk modelling project so could you bring any old, clean boxes or containers from your recycling. Thank you!



### Hérons

We have had a great start to the new term learning all about Penguins. We made fact files, made our own huddle, and decorated penguin characters for display! We were very lucky to have a visit from Reverend Paul who told us all about belonging to the church and its community. In Science, we have been categorizing animals. We then discussed what humans need to survive, compared to what things are there to make us happy. The Herons have been maths whizzes too; practising our addition and subtraction skills and tackling word problems with division and money. We are delighted to have another new member to the Herons team, and have all welcomed James with open arms 😊.



## Martins

This term in Martins, we are continuing to learn about New Zealand and the Maori tribe. So far we have made some Maori jewellery, and started to think about what is needed to form settlements and the landscape. In maths, we have been looking at decimals and measurements. We have collected data on our hand span and the length of our feet. The focus for science this term is rocks and fossils. We have been looking at different types of rocks and their properties - we have even started to create 'rock characters', like 'Steve Slate', and based his personality on the properties of slate. In literacy, we have been constructing imaginary worlds and focusing on story telling. In P.E, we have started gymnastics, looking at different ways to balance and travel.



## Peacocks

Peacocks class have had a packed few weeks since returning to school. In literacy, we have been using different literary techniques to write our own short, spooky stories and soon we will begin exploring some of the works of William Shakespeare, when we start looking at play scripts and drama. All children have been working hard on consolidating key skills in maths, involving decimal numbers and negative numbers. This week we have moved onto multiplication and division.

This term Peacocks class (and Mr Geeves) will be learning to play the ocarina. We have already 'mastered' Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, so look out for us on Britain's Got Talent!

Our new science unit of Forces is building on children's prior knowledge and lends itself well to lots of practical experiments and investigations. See if your child can explain the difference between mass and weight!



## Eco-Kids

Eco-kids were very busy last term, growing parsnips, tomatoes and beetroots (which the rest of the school had the opportunity to taste!). Well done to Erin Mateer-Millar and Eira Stephenson, who one the Care of Nature award, for rescuing and rehabilitating a wild rabbit.

Our new team of Eco-kids have got off to a very active start. They have shown concern about the number of parents who leave their car engines running while waiting outside school. They would like to politely ask all parents to switch off engines outside school, out of care for the environment, and for the air that they breathe! Posters will be appearing on the school fence as a reminder!



## Headteacher Recruitment

You may be aware that we are currently in the process of recruiting a full time Headteacher for Chilham. The Governing Board hope to be able to give you more news after the February break. Mrs Sweet will continue to work very closely with our school, and ensure a smooth transition to the new Headteacher. We, along with Challock, are fortunate to be a part of the CARE Trust Foundation of 10 schools, and so will benefit from that partnership and the support we are able to offer each other.

## PTA News

We would like to say a final huge 'Thank You' to our current committee who are standing down and taking a much-deserved break after all their 'fun'd-raising and hard work over the past few years. If you may be interested in forming a new committee please let the school office staff know and we will arrange a meeting in due course to discuss what is involved.

## Messy Church Has Moved...

...to Old Wives Lees Village Hall. The times are 3.30 - 5.00pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the Month. The topic in February will be Messy 'Lent, preparing for Easter'.

## Head Lice

These pesky little critters are still doing the rounds! Please could we ask that you check your child's hair **regularly** & treat if necessary. Unfortunately, head lice are very common and most children will have them at some stage. May we remind you that children should not be kept home with head lice; regular checking and prompt treatment do help to minimise the outbreaks.





## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2017/2018

<p><b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>END OF TERM 3</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>TERM 4</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b> Children return to school</p> <p><b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b> Easter Service at Chilham Church 2pm</p> <p><b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b> Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 6.30pm</p> <p><b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b> Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 6.00pm</p> <p><b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>END OF TERM 4</b></p>	<p><b>TERM 5</b></p> <p><b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b> Children return to school</p> <p><b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b> Open Afternoon for parents</p> <p><b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>END OF TERM 5</b></p>	<p><b>TERM 6</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b> Children return to school</p> <p><b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b> Y5 Parent Consultations (PESE- 11+)</p> <p><b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b> Sports Day (pm)</p> <p><b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July</b> Junior Performance 6.00pm</p> <p><b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b> Leavers Assembly (pm)</p> <p><b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>END OF TERM 6 AND</b> <b>ACADEMIC YEAR - 2PM</b></p>						
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