

# Chilham St Mary's CEP School Newsletter

## Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

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### Wrens

The Wrens have settled in well after their week off. The children loved sharing their Special Books with the class, thank you for all the great additions over half term. It was super to see so many of the children doing their own writing in their Special Book. This term we have begun reading lots of fairy tales. This week we read *The Three Little Pigs*, then retold the story. We have also been learning about addition, subtraction will come next!

**Reminder:** Your child only receives free milk until their 5th birthday. If your child enjoys having milk (ask a member of Wrens staff if you are unsure) then please log on to [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com) to order pay for your child's daily milk carton.



### Hérons

We are all ready and set to go for another fun-filled term of learning! We have started our first week back reading *Handa's Surprise*, sequencing the story and using exciting adjectives to describe the different nouns. In maths we have been busy weighing objects and understanding temperature. We worked hard to read scales and thermometers! For RE we are exploring Judaism and started off by discussing what is precious to us, and what Jewish communities treat as special. For Science, we will begin to look at plants, observing those around school to eventually growing our own ☺. Our topic this term is *Our Local Area*, with a focus on Canterbury Cathedral.





## Martins

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a great half term holiday! As some of you know, on Tuesday we were learning about Chinese New Year and were writing about The Great Race as well as writing diary entries. We also made lanterns and received red envelopes with a lucky Chinese coin inside. As a school, we have a value

focus for each term. Our focus last term was on generosity and our value for this term is respect. This term in maths we have been working hard on division and multiplication as well as writing sums and word problems in Chinese. In exciting English, we have been working in pairs to write recounts on our school playtimes and our holidays. As some of you may have heard about, our class have been redecorated and given a brilliant, bright look. This term in super-doooper science, we will be focusing on plants and carrying out fun activities. Our terrific topic is Terrific Tudors and we will be having fun learning about this.

*By Maia*

## Peacocks

This term Peacocks class are stepping back in time in our Topic lessons to learn about the Stone Age! We will be exploring the original 'hunter gatherers' and finding out about neolithic men. Our science unit is 'Living things and their Habitats' so we will be learning about classification codes and making up some of our own classification tools. We are currently learning how to be journalistic writers in Literacy and will be digging deeper into some more challenging mathematical concepts in our numeracy lessons.

This week Peacocks had the first of their six swimming sessions which was enjoyed by all. I was particularly impressed with the swimming ability of some of our year 5s.

Last term there were a few instances when children didn't have a complete PE kit in school. Please can you ensure that your child has a complete kit in school at all times as sometimes our PE day does change.





## Dress up Day

Next Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March will be our dress up as a book character day. The children can come to school dressed as an animal or creature from a story and the best dressed will win a prize!

## Sports News

The Year 5 Sports Council (Ellie, Jamie, Lily, Tom, Zoe and Imogen) had a great time at the Sports Leaders Course at the Julie Rose Centre on 23<sup>rd</sup> January and have come back full of enthusiasm and ideas to get us all enjoying sport and a healthy lifestyle!

They have also decided on their new roles within our School Sports Council;

**Ambassadors** Zoe & Jamie

**Reporters** Lily & Imogen

**Designers** Tom & Ellie

**Statisticians** Tom & Lily

**Change4life Champions** Imogen & Ellie

Watch out in forthcoming newsletters for information about events and clubs that they are planning and running!

We are pleased to announce that we have arranged a Bikeability course for Year 6 children for June this year and letters will go out soon to give Year 6 parents more information.

A big Well Done! to Nat, Zhana, Dillon, Zoe, Finn, Martha, Sammy, Chloe, Ella-Rose and Alfred from the Herons who all attended the Infant Agility competition at The Towers school on 6<sup>th</sup> February.

Kent College Infants and Junior School will be holding their last Cross Country of the season on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February. I am unable to attend this time but am hoping to send a team along with another member of staff.

**Please remember** children from the Herons and Wrens can just turn up on the day (9:30 for 10:00 start)

Massive congratulations to our Martins who came away with bronze medals from the Rapid Fire Cricket competition at The Stour Centre in Ashford yesterday. They showed bags of enthusiasm and determination and managed to come 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 12 teams! "Well Done" Yasmine, Finley, Adam, Nate, Ella, Joel, Eli, Ashton and Jamie! We are sooooo proud of you!

## Parent Governor Appointment

We are pleased to announce that our new Parent Governor is Tom Delahunt. He will join Steve Castle, our other parent governor, on the board. Congratulations Tom, we look forward to working with you.



## Adverse Weather Information

Should it become necessary to close the school during the day, the school will telephone parents and post a message on the school website. **Please do not phone** into school to check as this prevents us phoning you. If we are unable to contact you then your child will be sent home with your 'nominated person' or we will keep your child at school until the normal home time.



If there has been snow the previous day or conditions have worsened overnight, a decision will be made by 8.00am as to whether the school will be open as normal or closed for the day. Please note that we will always endeavour to remain open as, whilst the children may welcome a 'snow day', we understand how disruptive it is should a school have to close.

Please check the school website for details from 8.00am; alternatively, we will also update the school status on [www.kentclosures.co.uk](http://www.kentclosures.co.uk)



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2017/2018

<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>						
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