

# Chilham St Mary's CEP School Newsletter

## Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018

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Well we have certainly experienced the full range of the English spring weather over the last couple of weeks and with April's 'final hurrah' of strong winds and torrential rain on Monday, the Chilham staff team really had to leap into action - emergency calls made, ladders out, buckets and paper towels all in position, waterproof coverings swiftly made for equipment that we really didn't want to get wet and resources rapidly moved away from the incoming leaks! By the time I arrived back at school from a meeting, just before lunch, the whole situation was clearly in hand and under control (unlike the weather) - how very fortunate to have such a super team!

On behalf of everyone at school, I would like to say a big 'THANKYOU' to the Woolpack Inn for their very generous donation of £170 from the proceeds of their Easter Hamper raffle - such a wonderful and unexpected surprise. The children were delighted when I told them and each class is now busy writing their thankyou cards and letters. Wonderful community kindness and generosity - thankyou!

A couple of parents have now approached me expressing an interest in re-establishing a PTA - this would really be a positive step forward. If you are interested in being part of the Chilham PTA, please could you give your details (name, contact number) to the office by Friday 11 May. This is something we are really keen to get going again.

The children have continued to work hard this term and I have been particularly impressed by their musical skills - I loved joining in with the whole school singing session led by Mr Mankelow and Mrs Smith; watching Wrens enjoying Musical Bumps; and hearing the tuneful sounds of ukuleles drifting into my office - well done everyone, music really does make a difference.

Let's hope the bank holiday brings May sunshine and flowers and I wish you all a wonderful, extended weekend.

*Delia Cooper*

### Chilham Sports News

#### Upcoming Events (more details to follow)

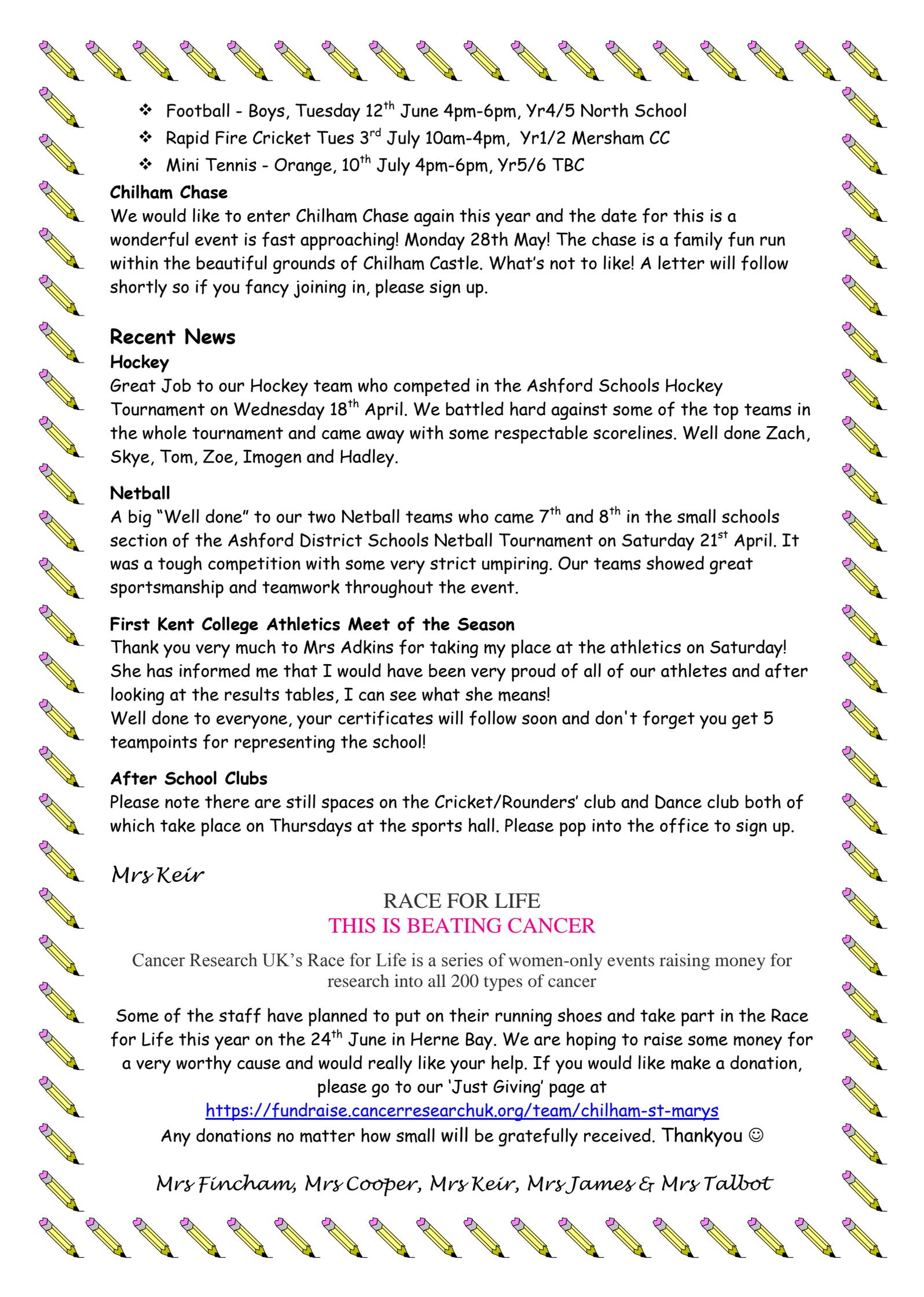
#### Kent College Athletics Meets

- ❖ Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May
- ❖ Friday (4pm-6pm) 8<sup>th</sup> June
- ❖ Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June

#### School Games Events

- ❖ Mini Tennis - Red, Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 4pm-6pm, Yr3/4 North School



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- ❖ Football - Boys, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 4pm-6pm, Yr4/5 North School
  - ❖ Rapid Fire Cricket Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> July 10am-4pm, Yr1/2 Mersham CC
  - ❖ Mini Tennis - Orange, 10<sup>th</sup> July 4pm-6pm, Yr5/6 TBC

### **Chilham Chase**

We would like to enter Chilham Chase again this year and the date for this is a wonderful event is fast approaching! Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May! The chase is a family fun run within the beautiful grounds of Chilham Castle. What's not to like! A letter will follow shortly so if you fancy joining in, please sign up.

### **Recent News**

#### **Hockey**

Great Job to our Hockey team who competed in the Ashford Schools Hockey Tournament on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April. We battled hard against some of the top teams in the whole tournament and came away with some respectable scorelines. Well done Zach, Skye, Tom, Zoe, Imogen and Hadley.

#### **Netball**

A big "Well done" to our two Netball teams who came 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> in the small schools section of the Ashford District Schools Netball Tournament on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April. It was a tough competition with some very strict umpiring. Our teams showed great sportsmanship and teamwork throughout the event.

#### **First Kent College Athletics Meet of the Season**

Thank you very much to Mrs Adkins for taking my place at the athletics on Saturday! She has informed me that I would have been very proud of all of our athletes and after looking at the results tables, I can see what she means!

Well done to everyone, your certificates will follow soon and don't forget you get 5 teampoints for representing the school!

#### **After School Clubs**

Please note there are still spaces on the Cricket/Rounders' club and Dance club both of which take place on Thursdays at the sports hall. Please pop into the office to sign up.

#### *Mrs Keir*

### **RACE FOR LIFE THIS IS BEATING CANCER**

Cancer Research UK's Race for Life is a series of women-only events raising money for research into all 200 types of cancer

Some of the staff have planned to put on their running shoes and take part in the Race for Life this year on the 24<sup>th</sup> June in Herne Bay. We are hoping to raise some money for a very worthy cause and would really like your help. If you would like make a donation, please go to our 'Just Giving' page at

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/chilham-st-marys>

Any donations no matter how small will be gratefully received. Thankyou ☺

*Mrs Fincham, Mrs Cooper, Mrs Keir, Mrs James & Mrs Talbot*

## Wrens

The Wrens have enjoyed a visit from Nurse Ceil. She told us all about the ways in which she can help people and brought lots of real equipment in for the Wrens to try out. Next week two PCSOs will be visiting the class to answer our questions. We have been lucky enough to begin having Musical Bumps music lessons with Mrs Holman. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the first two sessions and have already learnt a lot. In Maths this week the children have been learning about subtraction using a variety of practical resources for find the answers. Now that they are such great writers, we are encouraging them to write in their Special Books themselves when they come home each weekend.



## Hérons



We have been working very hard in Herons so far this term! Year 1 have been conjunction superstars and have been learning different ways of joining sentences. Year 2 have been practising comprehension skills ready for their Special Agent Training - they would also absolutely benefit

from doing this at home by being asked lots of questions and searching for the answers in stories and non-fiction texts. Our UK topic has covered both England and Wales now and we even got a special delivery of a postcard from a school all of the way in Morecambe! We hope they receive our postcard soon. In Science, we tested how seeds travel by making our own helicopter seeds and letting them blow around in the wind. Year 2 are working hard in Maths on their problem solving skills and breaking down tricky questions to figure the answer. A gentle reminder too that children who haven't got a water bottle need to bring one in to school please. Thank you ☺

## Martins

This week in the Martins we have been looking at poetry and how they should be performed. We have started to write our own non-fiction poem about Earth and Space that links to the things we have been learning about in science. We have also been looking at how emotions can be portrayed through music, focusing on movie music and composition. In maths we have been looking at fractions and decimals as well as picking out key information in long word problems to allow us to solve them. In topic we have been having fun looking at a range of artefacts and applying our knowledge of the Anglo Saxons to deduce what they might be! In art we have been practising sewing (the children are already better at it than I am!) and adding texture to our flower artwork. I am currently trying to organise a class trip to The Beaney for Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, more information about this trip will go out on a separate letter soon. I have recently increased the amount of homework for some children and I am aware that home lives can be very busy! Please note that I am not expecting all of the work to be completed every week, I am just offering a range of work to support learning at home. If you have any queries about homework please feel free to contact me.



## Peacocks

This week our year 5s and 6s have produced some wonderful creative writing to conclude our unit looking at 'The Giant's Necklace' by Michael Morpurgo. They have learnt how to write using flashbacks and switching between past and

present tense to create some emotional and thoughtful pieces. We have also been focusing on some quite tricky grammatical concepts such as the present perfect tense and the subjunctive form! See if your child can explain to you why Justin Bieber needs to take some lessons from Beyoncé in this area...

In Maths year 5 have been exploring square and cube numbers whilst year 6 have been finding percentage increases and decreases of amounts of money. In science we have been learning about microorganisms and have begun a week long investigation into the growth of mould on bread. Ask your child if they can name three different types of microorganism.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2017/2018

<u>TERM 4</u>	<u>TERM 5</u>	<u>TERM 6</u>
<p><u>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February</u> Children return to school</p> <p><u>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March</u> Easter Service at Chilham Church, 2pm</p> <p><u>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March</u> Parent Consultations 3.30pm - 6.30pm</p> <p><u>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March</u> Parent Consultations 3.30pm - 6.00pm</p> <p><u>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March</u> END OF TERM 4</p>	<p><u>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April</u> Children return to school</p> <p><u>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</u> Open Afternoon for parents</p> <p><u>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May</u> END OF TERM 5</p>	<p><u>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June</u> Children return to school</p> <p><u>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June</u> Y5 Parent Consultations (PESE- 11+)</p> <p><u>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June</u> Sports Day (pm)</p> <p><u>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July</u> Junior Performance 6.00pm</p> <p><u>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July</u> Leavers Assembly (pm)</p> <p><u>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July</u> END OF TERM 6 AND ACADEMIC YEAR - 2PM</p>
<p><u>INSET Days 2017/2018 (Teacher Training Days)</u></p> <p>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018 Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018 Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018</p> <p>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June</p> <p><i>All dates are subject to change</i></p>		