



# Chilham St Mary's CEP School Newsletter

## Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018

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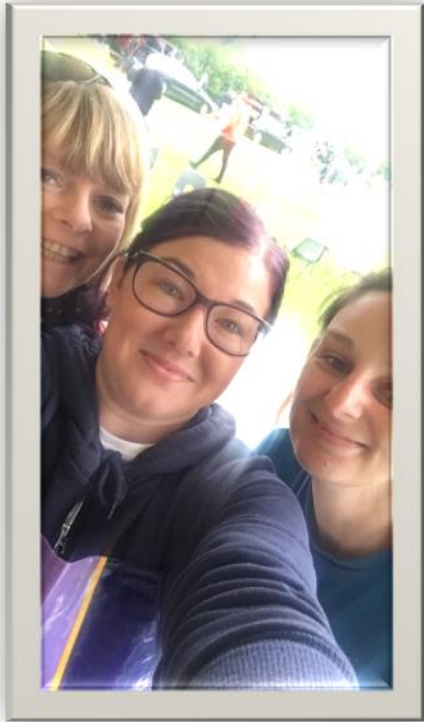
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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy term - so many achievements and so much to be proud of! Very well done to all the Special Agents in Year 2 who worked so hard to complete their missions - there were some tough challenges and it was great to see them all trying their best. Year 6 also worked very hard during their SATs week and I commend them for their efforts - we are very proud of them too and they certainly deserved their cream tea at Shelly's. Wrens have welcomed some visitors this term - a nurse, a vet, the Police - the children have learnt so much and we are really grateful that such busy people made the time to come and visit the children - these learning opportunities and experiences are so important and such a bonus. Martins have been enjoying using the new iPads - all sorts of excitement as they developed their computing skills through film making and editing. As part of their learning about the United Kingdom, Herons have been busy planting shamrock seeds - I can't wait for them to grow - not only will their vibrant green leaves and small yellow flowers look beautiful but we can learn more about their link to St Patrick. Year 5 have continued to work hard and I have been so impressed with their attitude and determination - this is really reflected in the quality of their work. Well done all of you.

The children have been out and about too - Peacocks had a wonderful day at Kent Life learning about the Stone Age and Martins had a trip to The Beaney Museum in Canterbury where they made an Anglo Saxon dragon and had the opportunity to look more closely at historical artefacts. Wrens have been busy around the village - posting letters and visiting the mobile library. Needless to say the children were all superb ambassadors for the school, whether they were out and about or welcoming visitors to school.

Katherine Turner, a children's author and illustrator, came in to school on Wednesday to share with all of the children her first book - 'Daddy's Brilliant Beard'. She read her book to each class and the children had the opportunity to ask her questions, find out more about being an author and the process involved in writing, illustrating and publishing a book. We now have a signed copy of her book in our school library!



A really big thank you to 3 superstar mums who all set their alarm clocks incredibly early last Sunday (20<sup>th</sup> May) to be at the boot fair on the sports field by 6:00am so that they could cook and serve bacon sandwiches, teas and coffees to all the traders and customers - fantastic effort and an amazing £339.85 raised for the school. What a way to get our new PTA started - thank you so much Louise, Sara and Kirsty. The next boot fair is on 24<sup>th</sup> June and anyone who is able to help with the catering for that event should contact the school office. I now have a list of names of parents who have put themselves forward for the PTA - I will be contacting you in the very near future to arrange our first meeting.

Term 6 will see the launch of The Daily Mile - each class will be walking a loop of the village twice a week with the aim of getting fitter, benefitting from more fresh air, and being able to focus better back in the classroom. As our mile will involve being out on the road we will be sticking to a brisk walk with the challenge for each class to improve on their time each week. It will have the added bonus of developing road safety awareness - such a vital life skill. Each class will always be accompanied by a minimum of 2 adults - who will also be getting fitter!

I have certainly had a great first term at Chilham St Mary's - it has been lovely getting to know the children, the staff, the governors and all of you as parents and carers. Thank you for taking the time to complete your parent questionnaires - we will be looking at your comments and feedback during our staff development days and using that to develop our School Improvement Plan.

Have a wonderful spring break - enjoy the lovely long days and I look forward to seeing some of you at The Chilham Chase and then all of you again on June 5<sup>th</sup> when we return for term 6.

Best wishes

*Delia Cooper*



## 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> <b>END OF TERM 4</b></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> <b>END OF TERM 5</b></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> Peacocks 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> <b>END OF TERM 6 AND ACADEMIC YEAR - 2PM</b></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>		