



Chilham St Mary's CEP School Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers

A very warm welcome back - I do hope you all had a wonderful summer spending time with your family and friends. A special welcome to our new Wrens who all came into school on Wednesday with such a spring in their step and smiles on their faces - they really have had a super first week. We also welcome some new children and their families further up the school in Herons, Martins and Peacocks - it's lovely to have you and we very much look forward to getting to know you all.

This year Miss Harris begins her teacher training course through the School Direct Programme. She will be working in Peacocks Class with Mr Geeves and will spend one day a week at university. She is certainly going to be an asset to the profession and we are delighted to be supporting her at this stage in her career.

Please do read through your child's class newsletter and have a look at their curriculum map for the term - there is lots of information to enable you to really support your child's learning this term.

The children across the school have come back with energy, enthusiasm and such a positive attitude - we are going to have a great year!

Best wishes

Delia Cooper

A few things to remember at the beginning of term:

Drop Off and Collection Arrangements

The school gates and office open at 8.35am. Children are supervised by a member of staff on the playground until 8.45am when they go into their classrooms. All children must be here by 8.50am to ensure they are in class ready for the start of the day and registration at 8.55am. Children arriving after the gates have been locked **MUST** be signed in at the school office by an adult and a reason provided.



Accessories

In the interest of safety, earrings should be of the small sleeper or stud variety. Earrings must be removed for PE sessions, taping of ears is not acceptable for health and safety reasons. If a child cannot remove their own earrings it should be done so at home on the day the child has PE as staff are not permitted to remove earrings. Children will take part in a related activity if their earrings are not removed on such days. All other jewellery, make up and nail varnish must not be worn in school please.

Shoulder length hair must be tied back with a plain band. Large flowers and hair fashion accessories must not be worn in school. Small discrete bows and plain headbands preferably in school colours are acceptable.

Names in Uniforms

Please ensure your child's uniform and school equipment are all named. We already have quite a collection of unnamed uniform in lost property!

PE Kit

PE is a compulsory part of the curriculum so we would be very grateful if you could ensure that your child has the correct PE kit in school at all times. Ideally, they should be sent in at the start of term and taken home at the end of term - we will send kits home for washing in between times if they really need it! Thank you for your co-operation.

After School Clubs

Look out for the letter tomorrow. Please can you return to the school office by Thursday morning and we will confirm which clubs your child has a place for on Friday. Generally, the clubs will run from next week to the end of term, but please do check carefully for any exceptions.

School Lunches (Years 3 to 6)

The cost has remained at £2.05 per day. In the past we have been able to allow a little flexibility in terms of payment; however, Caterlink do not offer credit facilities and due to the high levels of outstanding payments last term, meals will now have to be paid for on the day or in advance. We know that some of you have expressed an interest in an online payment system so we are meeting with Caterlink to discuss their options and will advise once we have further information. In the meantime, payment can be made by cash or cheque made payable to Caterlink Ltd. You can check your account balance by asking in the school office.



TERM DATES 2018-2019

TERM 1

TERM STARTS: Monday 3rd September (Years 1-6)
TERM FINISHES: Friday 19th October

New Wrens (Reception) Home Visits 3rd & 4th September
Mornings Only: 5th - 7th September (until 12.00pm)
Morning and Lunch: 10th & 11th September (until 1 pm)
First Full Day: 12th September

TERM 2

TERM STARTS: Monday 29th October
TERM FINISHES: Wednesday 19th December

TERM 3

TERM STARTS: Monday 7th January
TERM FINISHES: Thursday 14th February
STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS: Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th January
Friday 15th February

TERM 4

TERM STARTS: Tuesday 26th February
TERM FINISHES: Thursday 5th April
STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY: Monday 25th February

TERM 5

TERM STARTS: Tuesday 23rd April
TERM FINISHES: Friday 24th May
BANK HOLIDAYS: Monday 22nd April, Monday 6th May

TERM 6

TERM STARTS: Tuesday 4th June
TERM FINISHES: Tuesday 23rd July
STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY: Monday 3rd June