



# Chilham St Mary's CEP School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we embark on our fifth week of learning I would like to share with you all some of the wonderful things that have been going on so far at school and some of the things we have to look forward to.

### A Very Special Visit:

We welcomed the Rt Reverend Trevor Willmott, Bishop of Dover, to school on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September and he was accompanied by Reverend Paul and Dr Heather Ratcliff. The Fruits in Action Group (Harry, Finley, Erin, Chloe and Sammy) were excellent ambassadors and, after whole school worship, they took our guests on a tour of the school and then enjoyed tea and cakes with them in the library. Bishop Trevor was very impressed with the children's contributions and responses to his questions during worship and how focused on their learning they all were when he visited their classes. It was a lovely afternoon and I was extremely proud of all the children.

### School Council:

Tom and Eva (year 6) have been elected by the children to lead the School Council this year and they have already been very proactive in working with us to review our Good Behaviour for Learning Policy. Together with the other members of the School Council (Roy, Zhana, Ella and Eli), they have devised a new reward system linked to team points - this received a very positive response from each class when they introduced it on Friday afternoon! The children will now be working towards achieving individual bronze, silver, gold and platinum awards as they earn their team points for good work, effort and behaviour. We will be continuing with our class marble rewards as this proved extremely popular last term. I'm really looking forward to handing out the first bronze certificates in the near future 😊

### Sports Council:

The Year 5 Sports Council (Nate, Joel, Finley, Jayleigh, Dylan and Yasmine), have been responsible for organising lunchtime play equipment on Tuesdays and Thursdays which has received positive feedback from all the children, providing variety to lunchtime games. We look forward to working with them throughout the year to continue to develop and improve our lunchtime games and equipment.

### Forthcoming Events:

This week we look forward to celebrating **National Poetry Day** on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> and then taking part in the **Children in Need Ramble** on Friday afternoon through Chilham Castle grounds - do please join us if you can (meet at the Castle gates at 1:20pm).

Next week, Mr Mankelow will be leading **Clicker 7 parent workshops** on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 2:30pm and 5:00pm - well worth attending so that you can fully support your child with this learning resource. Mrs James will be holding a **reading meeting for Wrens parents** on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 9:00am.

Our **Harvest Festival** on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October at the church promises to be a really lovely event and I do hope to see as many of you there as possible. This year we are proud to be supporting Porchlight - a charity that helps vulnerable and isolated people in Kent get support with their mental health, housing, education and employment.

Please take note of all the key dates for this academic year and I look forward to seeing you at the various events between now and the end of this term.

This year's theme for National Poetry Day is 'Change' - I hope that doesn't impact on the weather just yet as I'm definitely enjoying this early autumn sunshine!

Best wishes

*Delia Cooper*



*Bishop Trevor with the children, and enjoying tea & cakes with our 'Fruits in Action' group*





## Dates for your Diary 2018/19

<u>TERM 1</u>	<u>TERM 2</u>	<u>TERM 3</u>
<p><b><u>Monday 3rd September</u></b> Children return to school</p> <p><b><u>Thursday 6th September</u></b> Year 6 PESE (11+) Tests</p> <p><b><u>Friday 5th October</u></b> Children in Need Ramble</p> <p><b><u>Wednesday 17th October</u></b> Harvest Celebration at Chilham Church, 2.00pm</p> <p><b><u>Thursday 18th October</u></b> School Photographs</p> <p><b><u>Friday 19th October</u></b> END OF TERM 1</p>	<p><b><u>Monday 29th October</u></b> Children return to school</p> <p><b><u>Friday 2nd November</u></b> Peacocks Celebration Assembly 2.00pm in Church, followed by open afternoon in school. Everyone Welcome</p> <p><b><u>Wednesday 14th November</u></b> Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 6.00pm</p> <p><b><u>Thursday 15th November</u></b> Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 6.00pm</p> <p><b><u>Wednesday 28th November</u></b> Pantomime, Village Hall (pm)</p> <p><b><u>Sunday 2nd December</u></b> Carols in the Square, 6.00pm</p> <p><b><u>Thursday 13th December</u></b> Chilham Nativity at Chilham Church, 2.00pm</p> <p><b><u>Wednesday 19th December</u></b> END OF TERM 2</p>	<p><b><u>Monday 7th January</u></b> Children return to school</p> <p><b><u>Friday 8th February</u></b> Martins Celebration Assembly 2.00pm in Church, followed by open afternoon in school. Everyone Welcome</p> <p><b><u>Thursday 14th February</u></b> END OF TERM 3</p>
<u>TERM 4</u>	<u>TERM 5</u>	<u>TERM 6</u>
<p><b><u>Tuesday 26th February</u></b> Children return to school</p> <p><b><u>Friday 22nd March</u></b> Hérons Celebration Assembly 2.00pm in Church, followed by open afternoon in school. Everyone Welcome</p> <p><b><u>Friday 29th March</u></b> Easter Service at Chilham Church, 2.00pm</p> <p><b><u>Wednesday 3rd April</u></b> Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 6.00pm</p> <p><b><u>Thursday 4th April</u></b> Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 6.00pm</p> <p><b><u>Friday 5th April</u></b> END OF TERM 4</p>	<p><b><u>Tuesday 23rd April</u></b> Children return to school</p> <p><b><u>KS1 SATS</u></b> Throughout May</p> <p><b><u>KS2 SATS</u></b> 13th – 17th May</p> <p><b><u>Friday 24th May</u></b> END OF TERM 5</p>	<p><b><u>Tuesday 4th June</u></b> Children return to school</p> <p><b><u>Friday 7th June</u></b> Y5 Parent Consultations (PESE- 11+)</p> <p><b><u>Phonics Check</u></b> 10th – 14th June</p> <p><b><u>Wednesday 19th June</u></b> Wrens Celebration Assembly 2.00pm in Church, followed by open afternoon in school. Everyone Welcome</p> <p><b><u>Friday 21st June</u></b> Sports Day (pm)</p> <p><b><u>Thursday 27th June</u></b> Peacocks Performance. Village Hall at 6.00pm</p> <p><b><u>Wednesday 3rd – Friday 5th July</u></b> Year 6 Residential</p> <p><b><u>Friday 19th July</u></b> Back-up Sports Day (pm)</p> <p><b><u>Monday 22nd July</u></b> Leavers Assembly (pm)</p> <p><b><u>Tuesday 23rd July</u></b> END OF TERM 6</p>
<p><b>INSET Days 2018/2019 (Teacher Training Days)</b></p> <p>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January      Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January      Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February</p>		

*All dates are subject to change*