

Chilham St Mary's CEP School Newsletter

Monday 16th November 2018

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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to all the children who took part in the Remembrance Service at the church - they were an absolute credit to their families and the school and I was incredibly proud of them all. Our school contribution of poppies that children across the school had made added to the beautiful displays that were already in the church and I would like to thank Mrs Smith for all her hard work in co-ordinating our display. Thank you to Ceil Rushin for making our school wreath for the War Memorial - it was beautiful.

As you may have heard, Reverend Paul and Heather Ratcliff are leaving Chilham and moving to a new parish. They have both been integral to the life of the school for the last few years and we will all be very sad to say goodbye to them. If you would like to make a contribution to their gift or write a message in their card, please do so at the school office. These will be presented to them at the end of the Nativity on 13th December in the church.

A huge thank you to The Chase Committee who have made a very generous donation of £500 to the school - we will let you know what this will be spent on in due course.

The Children in Need cake sale on Friday raised £93.15 which, when added our Countryfile Ramble, gives us a grand total of £1119.15 for this incredible charity. Well done everyone - a tremendous achievement!

PTA Update

We would like to start off by thanking all the parents that have attended meetings so far this term, have offered help and generally been super supportive - the PTA really is about all of us pulling together to raise funds for the school and the children and we have some fab things planned:



Film Night- Friday 23rd November at the Village Hall where we will be showing 'Incredibles 2'. Details have gone out on a flyer and tickets are £3 per child - available in the playground, please speak to one of us if you would like more info or to purchase a ticket, we are

supplying popcorn and drinks and there will even be refreshments for the children!

Plans for the Christmas Fair are in Full Swing. The fair will be held on FRIDAY 14th December at the Village Hall from 2pm, more details to follow closer to the time. In the meantime we need lots of help, please speak to one of the committee if you can offer a hand setting up, running a stall, baking cakes or tidying away at the end, many hands make light work and we welcome help of any kind. We are currently having weekly planning meetings in the run up to the fair, these are being held on a Wednesday at 2pm in the dining hall, please feel free to pop along if you can make it.



One of the stalls that will be returning this year is the Adopt a Teddy stall and as such we would like to ask you to donate any teddies you may have that need a new home, Kirsty Austen is collecting these from now over the next couple of weeks until a few days before the fair and would love to take them off your hands.

Friday 7th December will be NON UNIFORM DAY in return for donations for the CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA, this stall was a big hit at the fair last year and we would love it to be just as successful this year, don't worry, we will remind you closer to the time!



Flu Vaccination Forms Reminder

The consent form must be completed and returned to school by Friday 23rd November at the latest. If you do not return your form before they are collected by the School Nurses, your child will not be able to have their vaccination in school.

Head Lice

These pesky little critters are doing the rounds again! Please could we ask that you check your child's hair regularly, & treat if necessary. Unfortunately head lice are very common and most children will have them at some stage. May we remind you that children should not be kept home with head lice; regular checking and prompt treatment do help to minimise the outbreaks.



Delia Cooper



Dates for your Diary 2018/19

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

All dates are subject to change