

Dear Parents / Carers

19<sup>th</sup> December 2018

What a busy term we have had with so many wonderful things to be proud of and thankful for. Our Christmas preparations and celebrations have been a real delight and I am very proud of all the children and so grateful to the amazing staff team here at Chilham for their hard work and dedication throughout the term.

Next term, Miss Harris will be continuing her teacher training at Phoenix Community Primary School in a Year 1 class. We wish her all the very best on her placement and will be very glad to welcome her back on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February to Peacocks Class. Whilst Miss Harris is away, we will be welcoming Mr Steve Holmes who is on the same teacher training course and has been based at Willesborough Infant School. He will work in Peacocks Class, supported by Mr Geeves.

### **Admissions Consultation**

Every seven years the Local Authority (Kent County Council) consults on school admissions on behalf of Community and Voluntary Controlled schools. Consultations must last for a minimum of 6 weeks and must take place between 1 October and 31 January for entry into school the following September. Admission authorities that wish to make changes to their admissions arrangements are legally required to hold a public consultation to allow interested parties to respond to proposals.

KCC is proposing to add a new criterion to the admission arrangements of all Community and Voluntary Controlled schools immediately after the current "Children in Local Authority Care or Previously in Local Authority Care" criterion. This new criterion will use the following wording (which is included in the DfE guidance): **Children previously in Care outside of England** - Children who appear to KCC to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. A child is regarded as having been in state care in a place outside of England if they were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society.

A copy of the consultation document is available on the school website <http://www.chilham.kent.sch.uk/admissions/> . If you have any comments, please email them to [headteacher@chilham.kent.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@chilham.kent.sch.uk) .

My thanks to all of you for your ongoing support in all aspects of school life. I wish you all a very happy Christmas and look forward to seeing the children back in school on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019**.

Warmest wishes

*Delia Cooper*