



Chilham St Mary's CEP School Newsletter

Wednesday 30th January 2019

Email: office@chilham.kent.sch.uk

Website: www.chilham.kent.sch.uk

Dear Parents and Carers

The temperature has certainly dropped a few degrees and the weather forecasters are hinting that snow may be likely, so just a reminder about our **Winter Weather Procedures:**

In severe winter weather, we will always endeavour to keep our school open. However, if we do experience very hazardous conditions that would put the safety of our children and staff at risk, we may have to take the decision to close the school.

Once this decision has been made we will notify parents in the following ways:

- School website: www.chilham.kent.sch.uk – we will update by 7.30am
- Kent School Closures website. Please visit www.kentclosure.co.uk . Search for Chilham St Mary's CE Primary School in the search box.
- BBC Radio Kent on FM Stereo 96.7 MHz or AM 1035/1602 kHz
- Heart Radio on 96.1 VHF, for news about the school. Messages will be transmitted in the weekday breakfast show (around half past the hour between 5.30 a.m. and 9.00 a.m.) and/or the weekday evening "Kent Tonight" (again on the half hour between 5.00 p.m. and 8.00 p.m.)

If the weather deteriorates during school time, we will call parents and advise them, where possible, to collect children. **Please do not phone** into school if you think school may be closing as this prevents us phoning you. We will update the school website and contact you.

If you arrange for somebody else to collect your child, please inform the school by phone or email as we will not be able to release them to any other adults without your consent.

Please find information below from KCC regarding the Kent School Closures Website:

The Kent Closures website allows schools to log in (with a school specific password) and change the 'status' of the school to 'open', 'closed' or 'partially closed'. The information will then be displayed on the website for parents and staff. Additionally, a parent or member of staff can then request to receive an email when a status is changed by the school. Please see overleaf for details on how to set up your account and alerts.



1. Register with the Kent Closures Website

To receive notifications, you should register for alerts.

Visit www.kentclosures.co.uk and click the **'Register for Alerts'** button on the left side of the screen.

Fill in your

- first name
- surname
- house number
- postcode
- email address
- password
- re-type password

Then click register

2. Register for School Alerts

Once you have registered, you need to tell the system which school(s) you want to receive alerts from.

Register Yourself

Visit www.kentclosures.co.uk and click the **'Alerts Login'** button on the left side of the screen.

Fill in your

- email address
- password

Then click 'sign in'

Register to Receive Alerts from your Choice of School

Under 'Add a School'

- Using the drop down menu, choose the town or village nearest to the school you want to receive alerts from, the drop down menu
- Using the next drop down menu, choose the school
- Click on 'add school to alerts'
- You can add as many schools as you wish.

You should now receive an email if there is a status change reported by your chosen schools

SMS Service

The SMS service is no longer being offered as an option. Any parents with outstanding credit will still continue to receive alerts, but no new requests for SMS alerts will be accepted. All alerts are by email.



Sports News from Mrs Keir

KENT COLLEGE JUNIOR & INFANT SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY - Saturday 12th January 2019

Wow! What a wonderfully sporty start to the year! We had a record 24 children attending the Kent College cross country on Saturday 12th January.

Mrs Cooper, Mrs Talbot and myself, were lucky enough to witness some brilliant performances from our children with one of our Year 3/4 teams coming 3rd and one of our Year 5/6 teams coming 4th!

I was also particularly pleased to see so many first timers! From pre-school all the way to the top of the school. WELL DONE everyone!

The next Kent College Cross Country is on Saturday 9th February. Let's see if we can break our new record of attendees! Everyone is welcome!

Food Allergies

Please can I remind you that children should not be bringing kiwi fruit, nuts or products containing nuts/nut oil into school for snacks, packed lunches or in any other circumstances. We have children with allergies to these foods and therefore they must not be brought in to school.

Parent Governor

Mr Steven Castle is currently a parent governor and his 4 year term of office is shortly coming to its end. Steve would like to continue to support our school with another term; however, if there are any other parents who would like to stand for office then an election will be required. If you would like more information or are interested, please notify the clerk, Mrs Settle, by emailing her on wsettle@chilham.kent.sch.uk by Thursday 14th February.

Safer Internet Day and Parent Briefing

Tuesday 5th February is Safer Internet Day when each class will be focusing on the key campaign message for 2019 'Together for a Better Internet'. Mr Mankelow will also be giving a parent briefing on Monday 4th February at 3:30pm in the Martins Classroom which will last for around 30 minutes. A copy of his presentation will be available on the school website after the briefing. The presentation is for adults so if you have your children with you, please take them to the Herons where Miss Uttley will provide quiet activities for them.

Don't forget ***Martins Celebration Assembly on Friday 8th February at 2:00pm*** in the church and then back to school for our ***open afternoon*** – a chance for you all to come and visit your child's class to share their learning with them. Keep warm everyone!

Best wishes, *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>Monday 4th February</u> Safer Internet Parent Briefing, Martins Classroom at 3.30pm</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