



Chilham St Mary's CEP School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

My sincere thanks to you all - children, staff, parents, PTA, Governors and members of our village community for your dedication, commitment and determination to enhance and enrich our school. Together we have worked hard to improve the learning environment, the wider curriculum opportunities and our partnerships with other schools in the CARE Foundation Trust. We continue to have various projects going on over the summer holidays that can't be done during term time and we look forward to sharing these with you in September. We will also be welcoming Miss Dawn Fassum, Mr James Dendy and Mrs Sam Saunders to our staff team in September. Our class organisation for next academic year:

Wrens: Mrs James (class teacher) with Mrs Talbot and Mrs Saunders (TAs)

Hérons: Mr Mankelow (class teacher) with Mrs Fincham (TA)

Martins: Miss Harris (class teacher) with Mr Dendy (TA)

Peacocks: Miss Fassum (class teacher) with Mrs Smith (TA)

I wish you all a wonderful summer break and hope that you manage to spend precious time with your families and friends. I look forward to seeing you all back at school on Wednesday 4th September 2019.

With my very best wishes

Delia Cooper

Another Great Sporting Year for Chilham

Wow it's been a busy year for sport at Chilham, here are some of the highlights!

We have attended many events this year and the children have achieved some great successes including wins for our Year 5 boys' and Year 6 girls' teams at the Godinton cross country in October. First Place then went to our Year 5 boys' team at the Spring Grove cross country in November. Also in November, 8 children attended the Kent County cross country at Detling with Nate and Zoe qualifying and then running in the National Primary Schools' Cross Country in Leicestershire!



We attended many Kent College cross country events with some great results against other much bigger schools and our highest ever attendance being 25 pupils!

We joined a local primary school football league this year and saw our first win on home turf with our newly purchased goals. Great job boys! With special thanks to Mr Delahunt, Mr Thomson and Mr Adams for their coaching help and support.

Second place was a great achievement in the netball tournament this year and our mixed team including some children from Year 4 as well as Years 5 and 6 doing us proud!

We tried out a new style of Sports Day this year which hopefully was more inclusive to all pupils and meant that children were engaged in more sporting activity more of the time! We hope you enjoyed the new format.

Our Year 5 and 6 rounders team came joint first in a rounders tournament in June! Brilliant job Peacocks!

More recently another brilliant result was a new one for Chilham when a mixed team of Year 4 and 5 pupils attended and won an orienteering event.

Then, at very short notice, we sent a team with very little rugby experience to a tournament at The Lady Joanna School and we managed a very respectable 2nd place!

We did our school proud in the Challenger Games at the Julie Rose with great examples of team work and collaboration throughout the event.

Close to the end of term and the successes kept coming when we won the Small Schools District Athletics tournament at the Julie Rose Stadium for the second year running!

Lastly, we have awarded a new trophy to our Sports Stars of the year with Tom and Zoe, both in Year 6, receiving this new award for the first time.

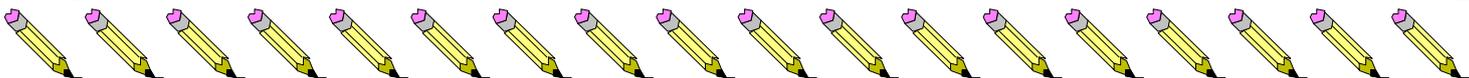
Our sporty year has enabled us to gain the Silver School Games Mark for the first time ever which is a fitting end to a great year of Sport. I can't wait to see what happens next year!

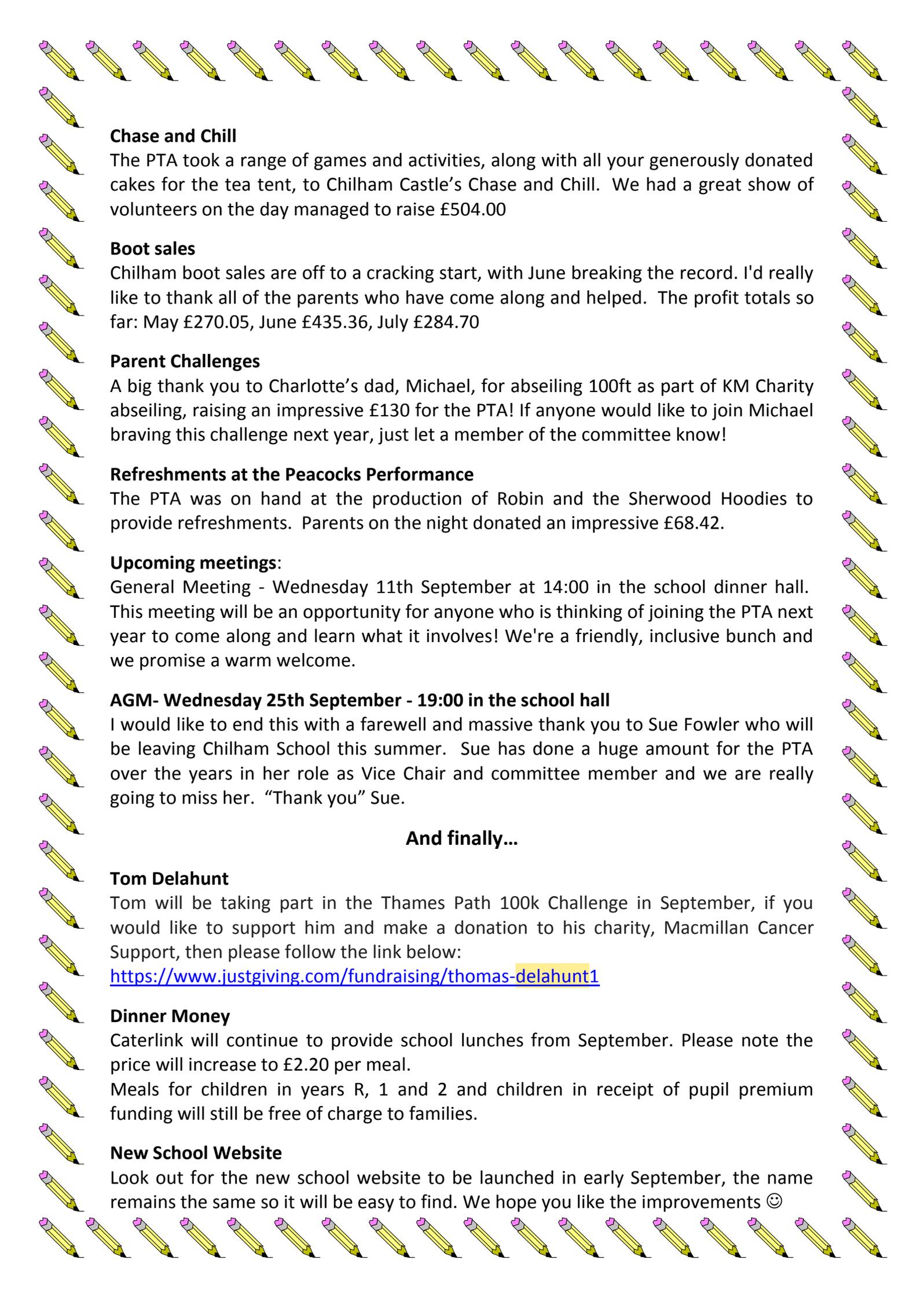
PTA News from Louise

As we come to the end of the school year I would like to thank all of the teachers, parents and grandparents who have contributed so much to making our events a success. I would like to give a special thank you to Sarah and Kerry who have gone above and beyond for the PTA since taking their roles last September, they are a true asset to us.

Summer Fair

We held our School Summer Fair after Sports Day this year and raised £367.41 profit. It was great to see the children having so much fun in the water arena and the school community coming together to enjoy the sunshine.





Chase and Chill

The PTA took a range of games and activities, along with all your generously donated cakes for the tea tent, to Chilham Castle's Chase and Chill. We had a great show of volunteers on the day managed to raise £504.00

Boot sales

Chilham boot sales are off to a cracking start, with June breaking the record. I'd really like to thank all of the parents who have come along and helped. The profit totals so far: May £270.05, June £435.36, July £284.70

Parent Challenges

A big thank you to Charlotte's dad, Michael, for abseiling 100ft as part of KM Charity abseiling, raising an impressive £130 for the PTA! If anyone would like to join Michael braving this challenge next year, just let a member of the committee know!

Refreshments at the Peacocks Performance

The PTA was on hand at the production of Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies to provide refreshments. Parents on the night donated an impressive £68.42.

Upcoming meetings:

General Meeting - Wednesday 11th September at 14:00 in the school dinner hall. This meeting will be an opportunity for anyone who is thinking of joining the PTA next year to come along and learn what it involves! We're a friendly, inclusive bunch and we promise a warm welcome.

AGM- Wednesday 25th September - 19:00 in the school hall

I would like to end this with a farewell and massive thank you to Sue Fowler who will be leaving Chilham School this summer. Sue has done a huge amount for the PTA over the years in her role as Vice Chair and committee member and we are really going to miss her. "Thank you" Sue.

And finally...

Tom Delahunt

Tom will be taking part in the Thames Path 100k Challenge in September, if you would like to support him and make a donation to his charity, Macmillan Cancer Support, then please follow the link below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/thomas-delahunt1>

Dinner Money

Caterlink will continue to provide school lunches from September. Please note the price will increase to £2.20 per meal.

Meals for children in years R, 1 and 2 and children in receipt of pupil premium funding will still be free of charge to families.

New School Website

Look out for the new school website to be launched in early September, the name remains the same so it will be easy to find. We hope you like the improvements 😊