

Wrens Term 1

Class Information Letter

Dear Parents and Carers

Monday 16th September 2019

Welcome to Chilham St Mary's School. We have planned lots of exciting activities linked to this term's topic of 'Into the Woods' which links to our whole school focus on the environment.

Settling In

Our main objective for the first few weeks is to ensure that your child settles quickly and happily into the class and school routines. We will be covering all seven areas of the Foundation Curriculum with a strong emphasis on play and practical activities to assess and develop the children's learning.

Mornings

A member of staff will welcome your child at the classroom door each morning. The children usually say goodbye at the door and hang their own coat on their peg. This is a good time to pass on any messages.

Tapestry online learning journey

We hope to have all of the parent logins ready by Thursday. You should receive an activation email to allow you access to your child's online journal. Please come and see me if you have any issues with this.

WOW Moments

Through Tapestry we always love to hear about the children's experiences and achievements out of school. A wow moment can be anything that makes you go 'wow'. It can be a new skill your child shows you for the first time, a question they ask you, something they say that shows you they understand something new, an action they perform well ... anything that impresses you. During the week, we will give your child the opportunity to celebrate their wow moments with their friends by showing them on the classroom interactive whiteboard.

Through the Tapestry website or mobile app it is surprisingly easy to add a photo, please give it a try!

PE

We will have PE (Physical Education) on a Friday with Mrs Keir. Please ensure earrings are not worn on this day. As the weather is still warm, it is advisable that the children have shorts to wear and if the weather gets very cold then they could have some long tracksuit bottoms.

Special Books

We will send your child's Special Book home every Friday with a photo of something they have done that week. Over the weekend please could your child add a drawing, writing, leaflet, photo, piece of artwork or anything they choose! Then return the Special Books to school on a Monday so that we can share our weekend news during circle time.

Share together books

To begin the routine of bringing books home from school, for the first weeks we will send home share together packs which contain a book and a toy. These are lovely for the children to share with their family as a new bedtime story. We will change the book packs every Monday and Thursday so please make sure they are in school on those days.

We will begin giving the children phonic reading activities and books at the end of term. There will be an informative Reading Meeting for parents before half term. We will invite you nearer the time.

We look forward to working with you throughout the year.

With best wishes

Mrs James, Mrs Talbot and Mrs Keir