



Term 5 Newsletter

Thursday 19th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you all so much for your well wishes and ongoing support to the school as I continue to heal and recover. I received some wonderful cards and messages from the children which really lifted my spirits. My thanks to all the staff who have worked so hard over the last couple of weeks in my absence and the ongoing support from the Governors – we really do have a wonderful team at Chilham and I feel incredibly lucky to be part of that.

Goodbye, Good Luck and a Very Big THANK YOU!

At the end of this term we will be saying goodbye to Karen Fincham as she embarks on a new chapter with fresh challenges and exciting opportunities to look forward to. Karen has always been an incredibly strong, supportive member of our team whose skills, expertise and energy have not only been a tremendous support for all the children she has worked with, but for the staff too and for that we are really thankful. Karen, you will be very sorely missed by all of us and we wish you every success and happiness for the future.

Martins Class will be supported by an agency teaching assistant throughout term 6 who we look forward to welcoming to our team.

Sports News

It has been a great term for sport at Chilham. The good weather has meant that the children have enjoyed lots of outdoor activities and we have loved re-starting the whole school 'wake and shake' sessions on the playground - especially as all the teachers have to join in too!

At the end of last term we attended our first athletics meet at Kent College school which is a really fun event with javelin, long jump and various sprints. The next Kent College meet is Friday 10th June at 4pm with a BBQ as part of the refreshments and then another Saturday meet on the 18th June. At both of these fixtures, the children choose for themselves which events they would like to try.

Last Saturday our netball squad brilliantly represented the school at a Tournament in Ashford, playing a total of 13 matches and coming 4th overall!

Our football squad have also been very busy this term training for a friendly match against Brook Primary School that we will be hosting on Mon 23rd May. Good luck to the squad!

Eco News

This term the Eco-kids welcomed the Mayor of Ashford to our school, showing him the ways in which we are trying to help our environment and the

preparations for our Jubilee Tree. We have carried out an environmental audit and have decided that we need to work on reducing waste, energy use and water use. Each class will have an Eco Monitor to keep us on our toes!

In our school growing garden we are spending a lot of time watering the young plants that we sowed during our Science Week last term. The potato plants at least seem to be enjoying the weather!

In our Forest School lessons, Herons, Martins and Peacocks are focusing on using plants. They have had the opportunity to dye fabric red and blue, using vegetables, as well as having a go at bramble and nettle cordage.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration

We are very excited to be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at school on Friday 27th May with a Street Party on the playground. The children will listen and if they wish to, join in with the National Anthem before tucking into a tasty picnic lunch (**please note, that is the school dinner that day, children may still bring their own packed lunch if preferred**) and we will finish off with fun and dancing in the garden. The children have been busy making Union Jack bunting to decorate the playground and we would love it if they could wear red, white and blue clothing on the day. Thank you for your support. Let's hope for good weather!

I very much look forward to seeing you all when I return to school.

Delia Cooper



Dates for your Diary

Friday 27th May: Jubilee Street Party, Last Day of Term 5

Monday 6th June: Term 6 Begins

Friday 10th June: Class Photographs, Sarah Prescott Photography

Wednesday 22nd – Friday 24th June: Year 6 Residential Visit, Kingswood

Friday 1st July: Sports Day (details to follow)

Friday 8th July: Back up date for Sports Day

Tuesday 19th July: Leavers' Service, 2:00pm St Mary's Church

Wednesday 20th July: Last Day of Term 6