



Chilham St Mary's CE Primary School

Newsletter 29th October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We cannot believe that we are already preparing for term 2. It was lovely to see so many of you at the Harvest Festival – I do hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did, and thank you for your generous donations for our chosen charity, Pastos Verdes – we raised £51.00. We had a wonderful term and I'm proud of everyone's hard work and achievements. The Children in Need Ramble was also a great success and we managed to raise £157.00 – thank you all for your support and generosity.

We are really looking forward to starting term 2 with a very special visit from Bishop Rose on Monday 1st November. Our school Worship Leaders will welcome her and spend some time showing her our school and exploring our values. We feel very lucky that Bishop Rose is taking the time to come and visit us at Chilham St Mary's. What a wonderful way to start the new term!

Please ensure you check you ParentMail communications as we have sent out quite a lot of information in recent weeks; here are some reminders below:

➤ **Morning and After School Clubs**

We have sent out a letter via ParentMail with information regarding what clubs are running for term 2. We have extended our provision from 8:00am until 4:30pm all week, and this will be reviewed at the end of term 2. You can book places online in the usual way via ParentMail.

➤ **PTA Annual General Meeting and Cheese & Wine**

Just a reminder that the AGM and Cheese & Wine evening will be on Wednesday 3rd November from 7:00pm in the school dining hall. The PTA plays a vital part in the school community, and we are really looking forward to seeing as many of you there as possible. For full details, please see ParentMail.

➤ **NHS Kent School Health Screening**

We have sent out information via ParentMail regarding screening for Years R and 6, and flu immunisations for all year groups. Please do read the letters as they contain important information which require action.

➤ **Peacocks Swimming**

Please could we ask that you complete the online consent form via ParentMail if you haven't already done so. The children will be swimming on Thursday mornings, from 4th November to 2nd December.

➤ **Secondary School Admissions for September 2021 Reminder**

Applications must be made online at www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions and close on 1st November.

➤ **Primary Year R Admissions for September 2021**

Primary school applications will be open from Friday 5th November 2021 to Monday 17th January 2022. Applications must be made online at

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places>

We welcome visits our school, and parent tours can be booked via the school office.

Sports News

It has been so amazing to see the enthusiasm with which our children have embraced being able to compete with other schools again at Level 2 Inter-School Competitions.

Our first Cross Country meet in October saw 35 of our pupils attending and competing which is over a third of the school. Well done to everybody!

Thursday Morning Running Club is starting again after half term from 8:00 -8:30am at the sports field. Please note that parents must stay or arrange for their child to be taken to school by another parent. Please see the dedicated page on our website for more exciting sports news and details of forthcoming events.

Dates for this term

- **Flu Vaccinations – all year groups, 29th November**
- **Remembrance Service, St Mary's Church, Sunday 14th November at 10:45am**
- **A Christingle Service – 8th December at 2:00pm**
- **Nativity – 14th December at 2:00pm**
- **Our school Christmas dinner day for the children will be on Wednesday 15th December**
- **The last day of term for the children will be Thursday 16th December**

School Dinners

We are still waiting for the Caterlink online payment system to go live and will update you when you can start using it. Just a reminder please that in the meantime, school meals must be paid for in advance or on the day. The cost is £2.30.

It's Good to Grow

We have registered for the Morrisons 'It's Good to Grow' scheme. For every £10 spent in store, we will receive a grow token. We can then exchange these tokens for gardening equipment. All you need to do is download the My Morrisons app and select our school.

Thank you to everyone who has donated tokens so far – please be aware the last date that you can donate your tokens is Sunday 31st October.

<https://my.morrisons.com/blog/community/good-to-grow/>

Thank you all for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 1st November.

Best wishes

Delia Cooper

Remember, the clocks go back 1 hour at 2:00am on Sunday morning!

