

Chilham St Mary's CE Primary School

End of Term 6 Newsletter 22nd July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

First and foremost, a very sincere and heart felt thank you to you all for your support over the last few months. This really has been a challenging time for so many people in so many ways and on every level. We have officially made it to the end of term and I would like to share with you some end of term news and some information for next term.



Goodbye to our amazing Year 6 children (our fabulous 13) who are all heading off to 7 different secondary schools. We are so proud of them all and, although this isn't the way they thought their primary school journey would end, they have shown such tremendous resilience and positivity. They missed out on their residential, end of year production, sports day, leavers' service in the church, last day shenanigans of shirt signing, goodbyes and generally being our most important people for a day. It's been hard to reassure them and make them feel better but what I do know is that our 13 children, each one quite unique and incredibly special, will all go on to do such great things, have amazing adventures and be able to share stories in years to come that they were the year group who did things differently; they broke the usual traditions to embrace new opportunities and for that they will certainly be stronger, more resilient and determined to fulfil their dreams.

We wish Year 6, their families and the other children and families who are leaving us this year, success, good health and happiness for the future.



Goodbye and thank you to Mr White who has been our Peacocks class teacher throughout terms 5 and 6 – some of you will have met him in person, others via Seesaw. He really has been a great addition to our team, albeit for a short while, and I would like to thank him very much for everything he has done to keep learning alive and exciting for Peacocks. We wish him (and of course Gilbert) all the best for the future.

We also say goodbye to Mr Phillpott who, although only with us for a short time earlier in the year, was an asset to our school. We wish him well as he takes up a full time teaching assistant post at Aldington Primary.

September News and a Few Reminders

- ❖ I will be writing out to you via ParentMail during the summer break with more detailed information regarding our return to school on Wednesday 2nd September and what the 'new normal' will look like for us here at Chilham St Mary's. The plan and expectation is that all children will be returning in September.
- ❖ 2020/21 Term Dates will be sent out with this newsletter, and are available on the school website.
- ❖ Please remember to order school uniform as early as possible. We sent out details via ParentMail a few weeks ago, and the information is available on the school website in the Parents menu on the homepage <https://www.chilham.kent.sch.uk/school-uniform.php>
- ❖ We are planning to run our early morning drop off club again next year, where children can arrive from 8:00am. Places must be booked and paid for via ParentMail up to midnight the day before and will cost £2.50 per session – please see the separate letter for full details and the accompanying survey. We really would appreciate it if you could take just a few minutes to return the survey to assist us with planning for September.
- ❖ Any school reports which have not been collected will be sent home with the children in September.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very happy, healthy and relaxing summer break. I very much look forward to seeing you all in September.

Kindest regards

Delia Cooper

