

# Chilham St Mary's CE Primary School

## Term 5 Newsletter 16th April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

A very warm welcome back to term 5 - it would be lovely to be greeting you all, in person, at the gate but a newsletter will have to do! I hope that you all managed to enjoy some rest, relaxation and family time over the Easter break and that you and your families are safe and well.

**Welcome to Mr John White** who is taking over as class teacher in Peacocks until the end of this academic year. Let's hope Mr White has the opportunity to meet you all in person soon. He will be using Seesaw to set tasks and activities and to regularly communicate with the children in the class – he is very much looking forward to getting to know you all.

**Teaching and Learning** As we continue to negotiate the challenges of remote teaching and learning, we will be using Seesaw for Herons, Martins and Peacocks and Tapestry for Wrens. The teachers have planned their topics for the term and their curriculum maps will be sent out tomorrow (Friday) together with a timetable guide to support you, as parents, with how much time you **could** be spending on each subject. ***I must reinforce, however, that these timings are just a guide and certainly not set in stone.*** I fully appreciate the challenges you are all facing trying to juggle home schooling and support for your child(ren), whilst working yourself, trying to balance family life and maintaining everyone's health and wellbeing – it's not easy and I understand that. ***Flexibility is the key, adapting tasks and activities with resources you have at home and remembering that the teachers are there, albeit remotely, to support you.*** Let us know if you are struggling – either via email to me or a message to the teacher on Seesaw or Tapestry – please don't feel you are alone – we are here to help and support as much as we can. ***If you are unable to access Seesaw or Tapestry for any reason, it is important that you let us know and we will make alternative arrangements.*** The planning is based on what we would be teaching in school under normal circumstances – *please use it and adapt it as it suits you as a family.*

**Key Worker Parents** In order for us to plan ahead over the next few weeks, please can you inform us via the office email ([office@chilham.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@chilham.kent.sch.uk)) if you, as key workers, need us to provide childcare at school for your child whilst you are at work. Please remember that this should only be in exceptional circumstances where your child cannot be looked after safely at home. **We would need to know by 5pm the day before at the very latest** so that we can organise appropriate staffing cover.

Please continue to refer to our website and check your ParentMail app for any letters and resources you may have missed and please don't hesitate to contact me on the office email or my headteacher email - it really would be lovely to hear from you.

As with every challenging situation and for all the negatives, there is often a brighter side, positive outcomes that can be achieved and new strengths to learn and discover about ourselves and others.

My very best wishes to you all – keep safe and keep well.

*Delia Cooper*

