



# Newsletter

## 20th July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

What a great final week of term we have had! Our Leavers' Service was really lovely and thank goodness that St Mary's Church was so beautifully cool! It's always hard to say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils but they kept us entertained with their memories, our Year 5s wrote really heartfelt tributes to them, the whole school was in good singing voice and the PTA provided much appreciated refreshments. Thank you to everyone who came along to support the children.

### **PTA Fundraising**

Thank you so much to the dedicated members of the PTA who have worked so hard throughout the year to fundraise for the school. They really do work tirelessly to raise much needed funds and we all appreciate the wonderful events they provide.

### **Sports News**

A very sincere thank you to Mrs Keir for all her hard work and efforts this year to ensure sport remains a high priority at Chilham St Mary's. We have had teams representing the school at so many events which is just fantastic. Most recently she organised a team of Key Stage 2 pupils to compete at the Ashford Athletics tournament where we came 3<sup>rd</sup>! We had 2 cricket teams competing at one day tournaments and both teams did very well. Our Year 5 and 6 pupils all took part in Bikeability – all achieved their Level 1 and some Y6 went on to achieve Level 2. No easy feat when it took place during the heatwave and on the roads of a very hilly village! Kent College athletics events have been extremely well attended by our pupils, with some exceptional results! Very well done to everyone who has taken part in sport events and competitions this year.

### **Dinner Money Price Increase from September**

Please be aware that the cost of a school dinner is increasing to £2.43 per meal from 5<sup>th</sup> September.

Current year 2's going in to year 3 in September will need to register for an online account as Caterlink no longer accept cash payments. You will receive a letter via ParentMail next week with the information you need. If your child receives means tested free school meals, you will not receive a letter as you do not need to register.

## September Class Organisation

- Wrens – Mrs James and Mrs Talbot
- Herons – Miss Costen and Mr Caspell
- Martins – Mr Mankelow and Mrs Saunders
- Peacocks – Mrs Smith and Mr Dendy
- Additional Teaching Assistant Support – Miss Arnold, Mrs Brice and Ms Desir

## September Dates

- Please note that September 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> will be Staff Development Days
- School will start for all pupils in Years 1-6 on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September
- New Year R pupils will start their phased timetable on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September – full details are in the parent welcome pack that all Year R parents have received, and the dates are available on the school website.

## Thank you

To every member of our school community whose hard work, support and dedication really have ensured we continue to provide the best care, nurture and education for our children.

I do hope you all have a wonderful summer break with time to rest, recharge and spend time with your families and friends.

I look forward to welcoming the children back on September 5<sup>th</sup> and catching up with you all again next term.

With my very best wishes

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