

Chilham St Mary's CE Primary School

Newsletter 25th July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you so much for your very thoughtful and generous gifts and cards – I felt really spoilt and incredibly lucky at the end of term to have received so many lovely things. Thank you also for your ongoing support throughout this academic year - the kind words and smiles that I receive on the gate each day – they really do make me feel very privileged to have my job.

Goodbyes

Our Year 6 children had a great send-off with their Leavers' Service and then a last day of shirt signing, laughter, fun and games – we will all miss them and wish them every success and happiness for the future.

We also said goodbye to Mrs Webb, our SENCO, she too will be very much missed as she has worked so hard for us at Chilham. We wish her every success and happiness for the future.

Summer Serenade

Thank you all for coming and supporting the children at the summer serenade. I do hope you all enjoyed the event. A great deal of hard work and effort from children and staff went into it but I hope you agree that it was well worth it!

Sports Day

Thank goodness the rain held off for the majority of the afternoon for this event! Congratulations to **Badgers** who were the overall winners – this had been a long time coming and was very well deserved!

PTA

To the wonderful committee and team of volunteers - thank you so much for all the hard work this year! Incredible fundraising efforts – refreshments provided at school events; early morning car boot sale refreshments; uniform sales; pop-up coffee shops; produce sales; Elfridges; Discos; Christmas cards and so much more. **THANK YOU!**

The funds raised by the PTA this year have:

- Significantly reduced the costs of all class trips and outings by subsidising the transport costs
- Purchased new playtime equipment that all the children absolutely love – two giant construction kits and an outdoor mirror!
- Paid for a theatre trip to The Marlowe for the children in Martins and Peacocks
- Provided ice lollies at the end of a couple of really hot days this summer
- Ensured every child had a Christmas cracker and a gift at Christmas

- Purchased the Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies

Thinking ahead for the new academic year:

School lunches

The price of a school meal for pupils in Years 3-6 will be increased to £2.70 from September. Caterlink is the external provider for our school meals and the company is very clear that **accounts must not go into debt**, therefore please note, the lunch register is taken at 9:00am each day and all accounts must have sufficient funds to pay for your child's meal for that day before the register is taken. If you think that you may be eligible to receive means tested free school meals, please contact Mrs Woodland for further information.

Morning and after school clubs

We have managed to keep the prices of clubs as low as possible for the last few years. However, from September, the price for morning club will increase to £3.00 per child per session and the price for after school provision will increase to £3.50 per child per session.

Class Organisation from September 2023

Class	Year Group	Teacher	Teaching Assistant	Additional Support
Wrens	R	Mrs James Mrs Keir (Wednesdays)	Mrs Talbot	-
Herons	1 and 2	Miss Costen	Mr Dendy	Miss Arnold and Mrs Brice
Martins	3 and 4	Mr Mankelow	Mrs Saunders	Mrs Brice
Peacocks	5 and 6	Mrs Garland	Mrs Smith	Mrs Dare and Miss Arnold

The Martins and Peacocks classes will be swapping rooms for next academic year due to class sizes. The children all had the opportunity to spend time in their new class for an afternoon in term 6 as part of our transition support – so they all know where they will be and who they will be with in September.

Key Dates:

- Staff Development Day – Friday 1st September
- Term 1 starts for Years 1-6 – Monday 4th September
- Key dates for the academic year 2023-2024 has already been circulated but is attached again for good measure!

I do hope you all have a wonderful summer break and I very much look forward to seeing you all in September.

Kind regards

Delia Cooper