



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have enjoyed a fantastic summer – the weather was certainly kind to us! Over the holidays, the school has been deep cleaned and several improvements were made to the buildings and grounds. Our site team headed up by Mr Oliver and Mr Gillies have worked exceptionally hard and my thanks go to them for ensuring that Chilton is ready for the start of an exciting new school year. This letter contains a lot of information to start the term and will be followed by fortnightly letters to share as much as we can. Of course, staff are always available by phone or on email and please do not hesitate to speak to any of us face to face!

Positive and open lines of communication are important in building strong home-school relationships and we will also use texts, emails, our website and social media accounts to keep you up to date and informed about every aspect of school life. Please do make sure that we have the correct contact details for you (phone and email) particularly if these have recently changed.

Teachers are always available for a quick chat at the start and end of the day but if there is something pressing that you wish to discuss, please don't wait for parent-teacher consultations – do make an appointment either directly with the teacher or via the office. Our office staff are always happy to take and pass on messages to teachers. Fundamental to your child's success at Chilton will be strong lines of communication with your child's class teacher. Every member of staff has an email address and these are published at the end of this letter. We completely understand that with busy family and working lives, many of you do not get to see teachers at classroom doors and so sending an email may well be the quickest and easiest way to communicate. Teachers check mail everyday but please keep in mind that replies will usually be at the very start of the day or at the end of it.

One of our core values at Chilton is 'Respect' and with that in mind, I would politely ask that whenever you speak to a member of staff, you do so with the courtesy and respect that you will receive from them. Please always feel free to raise any issues with myself or a member of the senior leadership team – again by email or in person. May I politely say once again that social media is not the place to raise issues or find answers – please contact us!

Here's to another fantastic year at Chilton!

Best wishes

Mrs Kate Law – Head of School

Dates for your diary:

Term 1 ends – Friday
19th October

Half Term – Monday
22nd October to
Friday 26th October

INSET DAY – Monday
29th October

Term 2 begins –
Tuesday 30th October

Term 2 ends –
Wednesday 19th
December at 2pm

Other Inset days:

Thursday 3rd and
Friday 4th January

Monday 3rd June

Year 5 swimming:

Wednesdays: 12th, 19th,
26th September, 3rd,
10th, 17th October

**Year 6 Secondary
School application
meeting** - Tuesday 11th
September 6pm

**Y6 Swattenden final
meeting** – Tuesday 11th
September 6:30pm

**Year 6 Residential
Trip** – Monday 24th
to Friday 28th
September

Staffing:

The Senior Leadership Team of the school has been strengthened and adjusted for this new school year and I would like to once again formally welcome Mr Lamprell to Chilton in his new role. The team consists of:

Mrs Kate Law – Head of School
Miss Natalie Barrow – Deputy Head
Miss Hannah Cheshire – Assistant Head with responsibility for Reception and Key Stage One
Mr Matthew Lamprell – Assistant Head with responsibility for Key Stage Two

Joining our teaching team we have Miss Poppy Keam in Year 1 and Mr Matthew Potts in Year 3. Mr Sean Mason is now training to be a teacher with us and so we have appointed two new Assistant Sports Coaches to join Miss Knight's team – welcome to Mr Josh Lowther and Mr Tom Mead.

Our Wider Leadership Team has also now been established with teachers leading key areas of school life and the curriculum as follows:

Miss Carol Isaac – IPC curriculum including ICT
Miss Vicki Jordan – Arts curriculum
Mr David Wheeler – School Sports and PE
Miss Amy Lane – Maths
Mr Matthew Potts – Writing, Punctuation and Grammar
Miss Emily Davey – Read, Write, Inc
Mr Alex McAuley - Enrichment

These are all exciting new appointments for excellent practitioners and I look forward to working with the whole team to continue to move Chilton from strength to strength. Welcome aboard Team Chilton!

With the start of a new year, there are also always additional farewells. Mrs Kerry Fuller and Mr Vinnie Brett, both Teaching Assistants have left our shores for exciting new pastures. We wish them very well and every success in their new roles.

The Chilton Way – One Childhood, One Chance and School Values

These are important fundamental aspects of our school culture and community and are 'the glue that binds us all together'

Our school values, so successfully introduced over the course of the last academic year are:

RESPECT

Good manners and courtesy to all, treating everybody (adults and children with respect), respect for equipment and our environment, respectful language and tone of voice. Respect is a disposition and an attitude. Respect also encompasses self-respect, self-belief and the right to be an individual without fear.

EQUALITY

Everyone is treated fairly and the same without prejudice. The school is a place that provides equality of opportunity and provision, regardless of background, faith, race or culture. The community is a safe place for all with equal rights for all and mutual respect.

COURAGE

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Encompasses: challenge, pride, determination, resilience, taking risks and pushing yourself. Courage is also standing up for your opinions and also what you know to be right – for yourself and others. Courage means being an individual, to stand up for yourself and not to follow the crowd.

KINDNESS

Kindness will be the norm – not the exception. It is an attitude and a disposition. You can never know the impact of a kind action on another. Receiving kindness is a human right. It should be reflected in all of our actions. Being kind is easy, being unkind takes work!

“No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted” (Aesop)

The Chilton Way rules are:

- Do show good learning behaviour
- Do be polite
- Do be kind
- Do respect people and equipment
- Do your best

These do link closely with our school values which will be at the heart of our school and embody the qualities and dispositions that that children will find essential in the 21st century.

Our **Learning Powers** remain as:

Aspiration – We strive to be the best that we can be

Challenge - We enjoy learning and always keep trying even when things are difficult.

Collaboration – We can play and learn with others so that we all do well

Diversity – We understand, accept and celebrate differences.

Engagement - We are involved in our learning and want to take part.

Enquiry - We want to find out new things.

Autonomy – We make our own learning choices.

Our values, learning powers and our Chilton Way rules alongside British Values will be revisited regularly in assemblies and lessons and whilst they are not the only things which are important, they are implicit and explicit to daily life at Chilton.

Also important to our success:

We truly are dedicated to the journey to achieve “outstanding” status and this can only be achieved through the ongoing support of parents. Therefore I would ask you to help us by ensuring the following things:

Children will attend school wearing correct school uniform: It is always lovely to see the children returning in smart new uniforms and shiny new shoes and we ask that correct and appropriate school

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uniform is worn at all times. This is in keeping with our “look smart, think smartly” ethos – appearances really do make a difference to attitudes!

A note on hairstyles and earrings: All children with hair longer than their shoulders must wear their hair tied back. Hair accessories should be small, discrete and in line with uniform colours (this means no Jo-Jo bows etc.) This applies for girls and boys. Small stud earrings only are permitted and these must either be removed or covered with micropore tape (which we provide) during PE and swimming lessons for health and safety reasons. No other jewellery is permitted. Temporary tattoos and nail varnish are also not permitted. PLEASE ALSO NAME ALL ITEMS OF UNIFORM!

Children will attend school as regularly as possible: A child’s success in their education will be a key determinant in their future success in life and for children to be successful they must be here! Our target is for attendance to be 97% across the school year. Anything less than 95% will have a serious impact on achievement and children will do much less well than they should.

In terms of school days missed in one academic year:

98% attendance = less than 4 days absence

95% = less than 10 days absence

90% = 4 weeks absence

85% = 5 ½ weeks absence

80% = 7 ½ weeks absence

Over 5 school years:

85-90% attendance = roughly half a school year missed

80% attendance = one whole school year missed

We do understand that as parents you are in the best position to judge whether your child is well enough to attend school. Avoidable absence for days out, long weekends and holidays are absences that I would ask you to consider carefully before taking your child out of school. Attendance regulations dictate that Headteachers are not permitted to authorise leaves of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Leave can only be considered upon the completion of an absence request form – available from the office.

Every child will arrive at school on time: Classroom doors open at 8:40 – early morning learning begins at this time – and doors close at 8:50. Arriving late can be disruptive and stressful for children, especially if lateness is frequent.

ROAD SAFETY

We will continue our dedication to make Chilton Lane a safer place for all using it.

Thank you to those drivers who support the safety of our school community by driving and parking responsibly.

May I remind families:

- **Do not park on the zig zags**
- **Do not park on single or double yellow lines**
- **Do not park on the pavements**
- **Please do not wait on any of the above with engines running**

This is to ensure that children and adults can safely navigate their way to and from school. It is also as a sign of respect to our neighbours in Chilton Lane – who show endless patience with the minority of parents still deciding to park dangerously. Please consider the impact of your parking. Cars mounting pavements

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to drive up and down Chilton Lane pose a very real and serious risk. Poor and illegal parking makes Chilton Lane increasingly congested and increasingly dangerous.

Once again I know that the VAST majority of our families are considerate when collecting and dropping children off – thank you.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY BEARS RAFFLE

Every year, we raffle our celebration assembly bears. The money raised goes to Macmillan cancer support in memory of Mrs Helen Berry, a member of our staff that we tragically lost several years ago and also in support of those members of our school community affected by cancer.

Raffle tickets for Jedi Bear and Ninja Leopard will be on sale from Monday 10th and will be £1 per strip. The tickets will be on sale until Thursday 20th and the winners will be drawn on Friday 21st September.

Important dates for the coming weeks:

Tuesday 11th September – Information meeting for Year 6 on Secondary School applications (6pm).

Followed by Final Swattenden Information Meeting for Year 6 at 6:30pm

Monday 24th to Friday 28th September – Year 6 at Swattenden

Tuesday 2nd October – Harvest Assemblies (KS1 9:00 and KS2 2:30)

Saturday 6th October – KS2 Cross Country at Quex

Thursday 11th October – Individual school photographs

Thursday 11th October – KS2 Mastermind 2:30

Friday 19th October – Halloween Disco

Monday 29th October – School Development Day

Thursday 1st November – Year 3 swimming starts

Friday 2nd November – Fireworks

Monday 12th November – Open Classes Week

Monday 19th November – Parent-Teacher Consultation Week

Thursday 29th November – KS2 Spelling Bee

Staff Contact Details:

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