



Chilton Primary School – Newsletter 1 – Friday 6th September One Childhood, One Chance

Term Dates

Term 1 Ends – Friday 18th October - Term 2 Begins Tuesday 29th October

Development Days – Tuesday 28th October, Monday 6th January, Monday 24th February, Monday 1st June

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new academic year! I hope you have all enjoyed a fantastic summer.

This start of the year newsletter contains some reminders, information and details of dates. They will continue to be sent fortnightly throughout the year. Please do also check year group weekly blogs for further information. Chilton is a busy place and with 420 children and 50 staff, we work very, very hard to communicate as clearly and as widely as possible. Making sure that we have open lines of communication is vitally important to the success of your children and for the school. Our email addresses can be found at the bottom of this letter and on our website. Class teachers will always be available for a quick chat at the start of the day but if something may need a longer discussion, please do send an email, leave a message with the office or make an appointment for after school. We will always endeavour to respond to any message or query as quickly as we can.

Our social media sites will also carry messages and information but they are not the best place to communicate with us as we cannot guarantee comments etc. will be picked up rapidly. I would also like to remind parents that issues cannot be resolved on social media – please get in contact or have a chat face to face. Talking things through is the best way to reach resolution – which is what we want to achieve with any problem!

Our wonderful office ladies are always a source of information – and if they don't know an answer, they will know someone who will! General queries including those on clubs, trips, school money/payments are always best directed to the office. The general email address is office@chiltonprimary.co.uk

We are continuously working to reduce the amount of paper we send home and so the vast majority of our communication will be electronic. We will keep you posted on the development of the App – MCAS (my child at school) as we build its content.

As we start the new academic year, we have several new faces to welcome to Team Chilton. Miss Elaine Miles joins us as a Reception teacher, Mrs Kirby Walker as a Year 1 teacher, Miss Carly Debono joins the office team, Miss Measha Kirtley joins us as a senior Teaching Assistant and Mr Billy Allen as an Assistant Sports Coach.

And finally, Chilton welcomed another new arrival at the end of August in the shape of Miss Isaac's baby – Woody was 9 pound 6 and mother and baby (and dad) are doing well!

Here's to another wonderful year at Chilton!

Best Wishes

Mrs K Law
Head of School



One Childhood, One Chance - The Chilton Way

One Childhood, One Chance is the essence of what drives us at Chilton. The Chilton Way is the term we use to describe our school community and expectations, including rules and our values. As the school continues to move forward, we consistently review how we reflect this and so we have adjusted our 'golden rules' that summarise The Chilton Way. They essentially mean the same as the 'old' rules, but much more concise and clear in that we now have three:

- Be Ready
- Be Respectful
 - Be Safe

These are reflected by our Chilton school values – which are truly lived and breathed by the school. These are:

- Respect
- Equality
- Courage
- Kindness

We have started term 1 by learning about our rules and values alongside class routines and arrangements. Each term begins with values and PSHE learning. Termly curriculum documents are loaded on to our website (this term is available there now under the curriculum tab).

Uniform

Part of 'Be Ready' is ensuring that children wear correct uniform to school every day. We believe that if we look smart, we are thinking smartly (there is also a staff dress code as appearances do make a difference to attitudes). Children being appropriately dressed for school (and PE lessons) is also important for health and safety reasons.

Hair longer than shoulder length should be tied up (again, for health and safety as well as to deter any unwelcome lice visitors). Hair accessories should be small and in school uniform colours. Only small stud earrings are permitted and these do need removing or covering with micropore tape for PE lessons and sports clubs (we do provide this).

Please also note that nail varnish, any make-up and temporary tattoos are not permitted.

Punctuality and Attendance

Being on time for school really matters. Our doors open at 8:40 for registration and close at 8:50. Any arrivals after this time need to report to the school office to sign children in. Our days are structured and will move quickly – missing the start of this can be very unsettling for children. Occasional lateness cannot be avoided but we ask parents to endeavour to make sure that children are in school on time.

Children should and must 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.

Road Crossing Patrol

KCC Highways have now taken over recruitment for our road crossing patrol:

RE: School Crossing Patrol vacancy at Chilton Primary

We are recruiting a responsible and dedicated community minded person to become the new school crossing patrol.

The successful applicant will need to demonstrate awareness of traffic and conditions; show initiative, responsibility; keen to show dedication and commitment in all weathers to carry out this very important role in making the roads of Kent safer for children. The school crossing patrol will benefit the children at the school but will also be an asset for the whole community.

Can you help by thinking of someone who might like to become the school crossing patrol; perhaps a family member, a friend, a neighbour or maybe yourself?

- Rate of pay is currently £9 per hour. Patrols are paid 38 weeks for term time plus an additional 5 weeks for taking leave during school holidays. The salary is paid in 12 equal monthly instalments
- The patrol will work 5 hours per week during the school term; 30 mins in the morning and 30 mins in the afternoon.
- Uniform, full training, monitoring and ongoing support is provided.
- Disclosure Barring Service and Occupational Health clearances are required and will be arranged by the Safer Mobility Team.

To find out more, please contact us on 03000 422401 leaving a message, or send an email to scp@kent.gov.uk. More information can be found by searching Kent County Council Become a School Crossing Patrol.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

David Weller
Safer Mobility Officer

Breakfast and After School Club Places

Our Breakfast Club offers the start of our wrap around care from 7:30 each morning. We offer a range of breakfast items and the children have arrange of activities and games to choose from (including outdoors weather permitting). Breakfast Club costs £2 per session. Please contact Mrs Taft regarding places – debra.taft@chiltonprimary.co.uk

After School Club (Chill Town) offers three options for after school care:

3:15 – 4:30 – Snack provided - £4:00 per session

4:30 – 6:15 – snacks provided - £5 per session

3:15 -6:15 – snacks and light tea provided - £8.50 per session

Please contact Miss Dudley-Smith in the first instance regarding places - (emma.dudley-smith@chiltonprimary.co.uk)



Bear Raffle



This year, once again, we will be holding a raffle for the chance to win last year's Chilton Heroes Assembly bears. The proceeds of this go to Macmillan Cancer support.

Raffle tickets cost £1 per strip and will be on sale from Monday (9th September) until Thursday (19th September). The raffle will be drawn in assembly on the 20th with two lucky winners taking home one bear each!

Class Assemblies

Parents are warmly invited to attend class assemblies held on Wednesdays. These begin at 9:00 – please enter via the school office. If any photographs / videos are taken (as at any school events) they must only be used for personal use. Photos containing images of children other than your own should not be posted on social media without express permission from those parents. Many thanks for your understanding.

- 2nd October – Team Azure
- 9th October – Team Sapphire
 - 16th October – Team Royal
 - 6th November – Team Sky
- 13th November – Team Periwinkle
 - 20th November – Team Indigo
 - 27th November – Team Topaz
- 4th December – Team Cornflower

Term 1 Dates:

September

- 9th – Reception children start part time
- 10th – Year 6 Swattenden information meeting 6:00 and Secondary Applications meeting 6:30
- 11th – Year 5 swimming starts
- 12th – Kent Test Day, Reception children stay for lunch
- 13th – Chilton Fundraisers Meeting 2:00
- 16th – Reception children full time
- 20th – Welcome to Reception parents meeting 2:30
- 23rd – Year 6 to Swattenden
- 27th – Reception Parents reading information meeting 2:30
- 30th – Reception and Year 6 height and weight checks

October

- 1st – Harvest Assemblies (KS1 9:15 and KS2 2:30)
- 1st – New Reception Tours (2020) begin
- 2nd – Team Azure class assembly 9:00
- 3rd – KS2 Mastermind
- 9th – Team Sapphire class assembly
- 10th – Individual school photos
- 16th – Team Royal class assembly
- 17th – Kent Test results to parents
- 18th – Harry Potter themed discos



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