



Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure that you have seen the recent news story on the court case over term time holidays. Kent County Council has just revised their ‘Education Penalty Notices’ Code of Conduct and as a result I wanted to clarify with you their approach to addressing poor attendance at school and the use of legal sanctions.

The revised Code of Conduct, will remove the requirement of “lower than 90% overall attendance rate (also known as the ‘Persistent Absence rate’)” during the past twelve months as a criterion for issuing a Penalty Notice.

From 1st May a family will be referred directly to Kent’s Inclusion and Attendance Service to issue a Penalty Notice for any unauthorised absence (including family holidays) where the pupil has been:

- absent for 10 or more half-day sessions (five school days) without authorisation during any 100 possible school sessions or 50 school days – these do not need to be consecutive
- persistently late for 10 or more sessions after the register has been closed
- unauthorised absence for any public examinations of which dates are published in advance
- unauthorised absence for any formal school assessments, tests or examinations where the dates have been published in advance

Every local authority must have a consistent threshold for the Penalty Notice process to be triggered and this revised Code of Conduct will therefore use the minimum requirement of 10 sessions of unauthorised absences **within 100 sessions or 50 school days** as the trigger for a Penalty Notice.

If you would like to read the ‘Education Penalty Notices’ Code of Conduct in full please use this link: <http://www.kelsi.org.uk/news-and-events/patrick-leesons-update/25-april-2017-weekly-update>

At Chilton we expect pupils to attend school every day when the school is open and where there are more than 10 sessions or 5 days unauthorised absence in a 50-day period, we may request a Penalty Notice.

I thank you in advance for your understanding that where criterion is given, the school is obliged to follow them. Absence can only ever be authorised in the most exceptional of circumstances. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Kate Law

Head of School

Dates for your diary:

Inset days:

Friday 26th May

Letters sent this week:

Kent Test leaflet + letter (Y5)

Information for Y4

Information for Y5

PTFA Film night flyer

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House Points

Final standings for the latest House Point competition are:

Saxons – 2251

Romans – 2318

Normans – 2419

Vikings -2083

The next non uniform day will be
Wednesday 24th May

Sports News

Our Year 2 footballers were fantastic during their recent tournament! They scored several goals and only conceded 3 in the entire afternoon. Despite no scores being officially recorded, Chilton won 2 games, drew one and lost one. Not only did they play well as a team, the children also respected the other teams and referee.



On Thursday, children in Mr. Wheeler's Active Fun club took part in a Change 4 Life competition. This is a festival that encourages children to learn and participate in different sports and the children in the group have had many successes whilst in the club. They were able to play golf, football and running games.

On Saturday, children in Year 5 and 6 will take part in a rugby banners competition at Upton. They will represent Scotland in one of the biggest rugby events of the year. Good luck!



We were recently given some complimentary tickets for Margate FC's game last Saturday. Children were then nominated by staff to receive them for their services to school sport or academic effort. Jamie Downton, Ben Macaulay, Daniel Clarke and Alex Vaux were nominated to receive tickets.

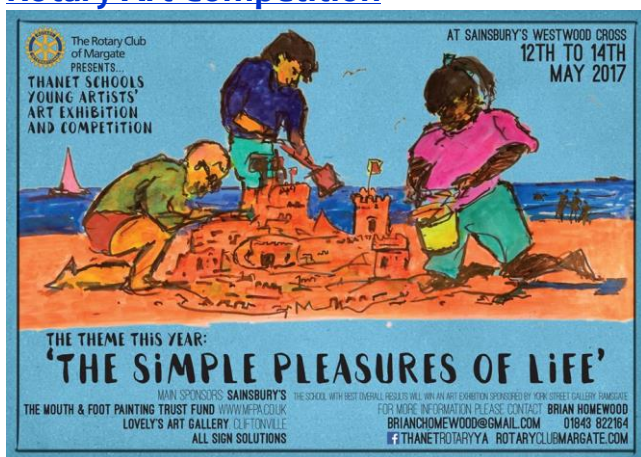
Here is a shot of Ben and Daniel at the match!

Gold Award



Our latest gold award winner is **Will Latter from Year 6**. Will helped some KS1 children out with their game and got involved with going on a bear hunt (not something a Year 6 child would usually do) with such kindness and warmth that he really stood out. **Thank you for being wonderful, Will!**

Rotary Art Competition



Our entries for the Rotary Art Competition will be on display at Sainsbury's from 12th to 16th May.

More information can be found here:

<https://www.facebook.com/ThanetRotaryYA/?fref=ts>

Welcome to The Learning Tree!

You may have noticed that the KCC run nursery on our site has recently changed hands. The nursery is now called The Learning Tree and we would officially like to extend a warm welcome to the new team to the Chilton site. The new owners and managers are working hard to ensure the nursery is set up for great provision. We will keep you posted with any developments as we know that many of our families have had and still do have children attending there and many of the nursery children join us in Reception.

PTFA

The next PTFA meeting is on the 18th May at 9am in the library.

This will be to organise the summer fayre.

ALL parents of Chilton and Ramsgate Free School are very warmly welcome to attend!

If you cannot attend the meeting but would like to get involved, please email Mrs Whitworth – Hannah.whitworth@chiltonprimary.co.uk or Mrs O'Grady – angie.ogrady@chiltonprimary.co.uk

Governors Update

The governors met this week for their termly Local Advisory Body Meeting. The purpose of these meetings is to ensure that governors understand the development of the school, to advise and to hold school leaders to account. Governors also visit key leaders at different points throughout the school year to monitor and gather evidence of their work.

Aspiration – Challenge – Collaboration – Diversity – Engagement – Enquiry – Autonomy

Feedback from parents was also discussed. Ideas revolving around mindfulness and emotional well-being were raised and will now feed in to our pastoral work – including values weeks and behaviour systems as we move forward in to the new academic year.

The next governor clinic will be held on 23rd May at 2:45 in the library. These clinics are to give feedback, ask questions or to discuss ideas. If you are unable to attend, please feel free to contact school leaders or our chair of governors by email (neil.robby@vikingacademytrust.com)

Governor clinics will be held three times per year. We will also be introducing “Leader Clinics” as a further avenue for a parent forum. The first of these will be held in July and a date and additional details will be confirmed shortly.

A message from “Holding On Letting Go”

Please give Holding On Letting Go your blue tokens in Tesco and Tesco Metro, Broadstairs

Holding On Letting Go has been providing bereavement support to children, young people and their families across Kent and Medway for the past 19 years. These children referred to us have lost someone special such as a parent, grandparent or sibling and are struggling to cope with their loss. They may have been bereaved by illness or a sudden death such as suicide, road traffic accident or murder. They often feel very isolated in their grief and don't know how to express the many emotions they are feeling appropriately.

The bereavement support weekends (some of which are run at Upton Junior School) include art and music therapy sessions plus outdoor activities, which play a major role in helping the children to deal with feelings of anger, grief, hurt and abandonment. As our name suggests, we help bereaved children to hold onto precious memories and let go of the sadness.

Some of you may already be aware of the Bags of Help Scheme run by Tesco. Tesco gives three charities the opportunity to be in store for two months so that their customers can vote for the one they would like to support by placing their blue tokens in that box. For the months of May and June 2017, Holding On Letting Go is one of the three charities in store in both the main Broadstairs Tesco and the Tesco Metro. The charity that gets the most tokens will be awarded £5,000.

This sum of money would make a huge difference to our charity, as we rely on fundraising and grants to offer this vital service to children and young people, aged 6-16, from all over Kent.

A simple way to support us for the months of May and June is to place your blue token in the Holding On Letting Go box in Tesco and Tesco Metro.

If you would like to know more about our charity, either how to **refer** a child to our service, to **volunteer** for us or to **raise funds** on our behalf, please contact info@holg.org.uk or call Caroline on 03445 611511.

Term 5 Dates

Our Web address has changed slightly – it is now www.chiltonprimary.co.uk

YEAR 6 SATS WEEK = W/B MONDAY 8TH MAY

Thursday 18th May – Class Photographs

Thursday 18th May – KS2 Mastermind Assembly

Thursday 18th May – PTFA Meeting (small hall at 9am – to organise the summer fayre)

Friday 19th May – PTFA Film night

Thursday 25th May – Cultural Awareness Day

Aspiration – Challenge – Collaboration – Diversity – Engagement – Enquiry – Autonomy

Friday 26th May – Staff Development Day – school closed to pupils

HALF TERM = MONDAY 29TH MAY TO FRIDAY 2ND JUNE

TERM 6 BEGINS MONDAY 5TH JUNE

Advance notice for Term 6:

Parents Evenings for Years 1, 3, 4 and 5 will be during the first part of term 6

Tuesday 6th June – Kent Test / 11+ information meeting for Year 5 parents – 6pm in the hall

w/b 12th June – Year 1 phonics screen week

Thursday 29th June – Year 4 trip to France

Thursday 6th July – Transition Day (most secondary schools have a second day on 7th July)

Thursday 13th July – KS2 Spelling Bee

Friday 14th July – YR, 2 and 6 reports out

Saturday 15th July – Summer Fayre

End of Term – 2pm on Friday 21st July (1:30 for Year 6 pupils)

TERM DATES FOR 2017 – 18 – Including Inset Days:

Term 1

4th September 2017 - 20th October 2017

6 Weeks 4 Days

Inset Day 1: Monday 4th September 2017

Term 1 starts for pupils: Tuesday 5th September 2017

Term 2

30th October 2017 - 21st December 2017

7 Weeks 2 Days

Inset Day 2: Monday 30th October 2017

Term 2 starts for pupils: Tuesday 31st October 2017

Term 3

4th January 2018 - 9th February 2018

5 weeks 2 Days

No inset days allocated

Term 3 starts for pupils: Tuesday 4th January 2018

Term 4

19th February 2018 - 29th March 2018

5 weeks 4 Days

Inset Day 3: Monday 19th February 2018

Term 4 starts for pupils: Tuesday 20th February 2018

Term 5

16th April 2018 - 25th May 2018

5 weeks 4 days

Inset Day 4: Monday 16th April 2018

Term 5 starts for pupils: Tuesday 17th April 2018

Term 6

4th June 2018 - 24th July 2018

7 weeks 1 Day

Inset Day 5: Friday 29th June 2018

Term 6 starts for pupils: Monday 4th June 2018

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