



Chilton Primary School – Newsletter 8 – Friday 22nd January
One Childhood, One Chance

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all keeping well and managing everything as best as you can. This world of remote and in school learning is difficult to navigate and we know how hard it is to sustain. The one thing we absolutely do not want to do is cause more stress to you or your children. We are all in this together and we must just keep trying to do the best that we can within our very varied circumstances and challenges.

Please do get in touch if we can do anything to support you in accessing the live and recorded sessions that we are providing via Teams. This remote teaching does not replicate what can happen in the classroom but it does give children access to their teachers and some social interaction with their peers. I encourage you to create a routine for home learning that works for you and your family and I also stress the importance of continuing with regular reading above all else. Taking regular screen breaks and movement breaks is also really important.

I do need to place some boundaries around the use of Teams. With families rightly accessing the learning within their own routine, Teams does provide a never ending stream of workload for teachers through messages and tasks being submitted at different times. The system does work best if assignments are completed on the days that they are set rather than trying to catch up if you get behind with submitting the tasks. Teachers will now only be giving feedback on individual assignments if they are submitted on the days they are set. Verbal feedback will continue to be given in live lessons. Teachers will be responding to messages and emails between the hours of 8:30 and 4:30. I hope you can appreciate that we continue to try to find ways to work that are manageable for all concerned.

I have no inside knowledge or information on when schools will reopen. I know as much as the government and DFE are willing to communicate through the media on a day to day basis. We have been told that we will be given two weeks notice for the reopening of schools, whether that be a partial opening such as that in Term 6 or a full reopening at some point in term 4. We will continue to do all that we can in this time to offer the best possible remote teaching and learning whilst also preparing for a successful and safe return to school once again. We want the school open again and we want the children back in their classrooms learning with us and their friends.

On a completely different note, I am absolutely thrilled to tell you that Miss Barrow had a baby boy during the Christmas holidays – Seth Gabriel Russell. Both mother and baby are doing well! Miss Barrow is now on maternity leave and Mrs Cheshire has stepped up in to an Acting Deputy Head role.

With one more week of January left, daylight hours are creeping up minute by minute and eventually, days will be brighter and warmer. This time will pass and we will get through it. Things will be better.

We are still here for you – at school, on the phone or at the end of an email. We miss you and hope to see you as soon as possible!

Stay safe and take care.

Best wishes

Mrs Kate Law - Head of School

THE GOOD NEWS SECTION!

Teachers and Teaching Assistants asked me to give these Chilton Heroes Shout Outs:

- Shout out to Chloe in Team Aqua please. For consistently putting her full effort into every single online learning lesson and task!
- Please may I have a shout out for Jenson, George and Isabelle in Team Teal for giving 100% in all of their remote learning tasks and online sessions.
- Team Peacock shout out = Joel Mullin. For showing such dedication towards his home learning and for handing in every task this week
- Can I shout out all of Team Cyan please. They are finding it tough this week but they come on every day and engage and I'm super proud of them!
- Turquoise - Ronnie - for amazing use of question marks and such beautiful handwriting
- Logan J in Team Turquoise. He has completed all of his learning, has been reading books from Get Epic and has completed Forest School tasks. He is always enthusiastic and wants to join in on the live lessons too :)
- Also Turquoise - Dixie. She has turned in some absolutely wonderful learning, including some fantastic videos showing what she has been doing. She has been reading lots of books on Epic and is always so enthusiastic!
- Ocean - Adam - for putting such amazing effort into his poster about evolution
- Team Topaz - Maison and Freya.E for always having a positive attitude towards their online learning.
- Turquoise - Could we get a shout-out for Harper and her fantastic questions and writing around Beegu. And Hetti for putting in a great effort and attitude to her work every day.
- Ultramarine - Maisie McWalter - for amazing creative home learning (excellent Cyclops artwork in the style of the art of the text and Athens video presentation starring her and her dog, Rosie). Also a shout out for Maddison Pay for her phenomenal effort in every single piece of work she has completed during the home learning period.
- Shout out for Miss Isaac's year 6 dream team is Anna Watters. She has worked hard on her own learning in school but also supported others with kindness. She's also been really helpful to me too.
- Can I give a shout-out to Evie F who has spent a lot of time on each of her projects; Nadia who had produced high-quality work consistently and Deniz for putting in a lot of effort into her learning. Mr Wheeler says: I've been really proud of Team Cobalt. Even though online learning is far from ideal and can be tough, they are trying really hard.
- Sapphire - Could Aimee Hougham and Bradley have a shout out in assembly please - both for putting outstanding effort into all their home learning and having such high involvement in the live lessons.
- Finlay - Cornflower - for working extremely hard with his English work this week when writing reports about space-bat-angel-dragon 😊
- Scarlett - Sapphire - for constantly challenging herself in Maths this week specifically when multiplying 2 digit numbers by 2 digit numbers using the multiplication grid method.
- Team Year 4 for making Miss Knight and Miss Bowmont smile every day!



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- Team Ocean - shout out for Felicity Cater and Annabelle Edwards for their amazing effort in their home learning
 - Team Sky - shout out for Ben for his amazing questions and interest in topic this week, he is always wanting to learn more about the Stone Age! The rest of Team Sky in school also for their fantastic Stone Age weapon making!

Dates for your diaries:

8th – 12th February – Online Safety Week

Friday 12th February – end of Term 3

Monday 22nd February – Term 4 begins

Thursday 1st April – end of Term 4 (2pm)

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