



**Chilton Primary School – Newsletter 9 – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February**  
**One Childhood, One Chance**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are at the end of Term 3 and more than half way through this academic year. This week brought the added excitement of snow (and that terrible ice!) and I hope you managed to enjoy it and it didn't cause you too much disruption! I have to give a newsletter shout out to our premises team at Chilton – Mr Gillies and Mr Oliver have kept our school site safe with constant gritting, snow clearing and their usual cleaning and fogging routines. It's been a particularly gruelling week for them and they have, as ever, done a fantastic job for us.

These six weeks of Term 3 in 2021 have offered up a new set of challenges and I wanted to thank you all for your support across another trying period when we are all fatigued and frankly sick and tired of the stress, worry and restrictions that the pandemic and lockdown bring us. We know how hard it is to keep the momentum and engagement going with remote learning at home. Every family then has their added pressures to try to manage on top of this. Please know that we will continue to do everything we can to continue to support you all and please reach out to us if you need to – we are still here.

Virus rates in Thanet and Kent are dropping and the news around school re-opening does seem hopeful at the moment. I have everything crossed that we can be fully re-open from 8<sup>th</sup> March. Of course, we await the government announcements that are set to come in the next ten days. As soon as I can, I will communicate our plans for moving forward. I can tell you that all being well, all of our staff will be back working from the school site after half term. Our remote learning will continue through Teams and we will be gearing up to be ready to welcome all of the children back to Chilton as soon as we possibly can.

Of course, we will be planning for ways to make sure the children are doing all of the learning that they can on their return to school but we certainly have other important aspects of school on our minds. We know that children need to be back playing with their friends, getting outside, talking, moving and enjoying themselves together. With so much of the remote learning needing screen-time we will also be making sure that we try to reduce screen use when we are back in full swing.

Term 4 offers us hope. School will reopen. Days will become longer, temperatures will begin to rise and the sun should make more of appearance. Hopefully the mud on the field will start to dry up!

I wish you a peaceful and safe half-term break and will be back in touch at the end of next week. The school will be shut for half-term and our key worker and vulnerable provision will resume on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> with breakfast club at 7:30 as usual.

Best wishes

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**Mrs Kate Law - Head of School**

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**Dates for your diaries:**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Term 4 begins

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April – end of Term 4

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