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## Heads Up – Term 1 News and Events Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope this message finds you well and your children have had a fantastic time at Chilton Primary School this week! It's been a week filled with exciting learning experiences, laughter, and new friendships as really get into the swing of this new academic year. As this first newsletter of this academic year and we are welcoming new families to our school, it is a bumper edition containing vital information regarding school routines and expectations.

### The Chilton Way – One Childhood, One Chance!

At Chilton, we take great pride in upholding "The Chilton Way," which encompasses not only our school rules but also our deeply held mission statement: "One Childhood, One Chance."

This mission embodies our unwavering commitment to providing each child with the opportunities, support, and environment they need to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. It emphasizes the precious nature of childhood and the immense potential that resides within each young learner.

"The Chilton Way" is founded upon the core values of Respect, Kindness, Courage, and Equality. These values serve as the compass guiding our students on their educational journey, helping them develop into compassionate, responsible, and empowered individuals who contribute positively to our school community and society at large.

We believe that by instilling these values and staying true to our mission, we can provide your child with a solid foundation for success in both their academic pursuits and personal growth. We look forward to partnering with you on this enriching journey as we nurture and empower the next generation.

### The Chilton Way rules are:

- **Be Ready**
- **Be Respectful**
- **Be Safe**

### A Few Reminders:

**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 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! This does also include PE kit – t-shirts should be white and track-suits / shorts etc. should be navy or black. 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 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.

**Attendance:** There has been a lot in the news lately regarding attendance, but the fact remains that in order to do well, children need to be in school consistently. Not only is their learning important but time at school means building all important social skills, confidence and self-esteem.

## **'One Childhood One Chance'**

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### **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 our website.

**Every child will arrive at school on time:** Classroom doors open at 8:30 – early morning learning begins at this time – and doors close at 8:45. Arriving late can be disruptive and stressful for children, especially if lateness is frequent.

As we dive into the rest of this term, our school diary is filling up rapidly with a host of engaging events and important dates.

### **Staffing:**

Myself and Mrs Reavill arrived in Easter last year, but our recruitment did not stop there. We have welcomed Miss Chloe Wilson to Chilton and she is teaching team Turquoise. She brings with her a wealth of experience and she has already begun to build really strong relationships with her class.

Other changes for the start of the year: Teaching Assistants Mrs Shannon Brown has made her return to Chilton in addition to Mrs Rebecca Newton. Sports coach Cameron Keam has also joined the team. He has already started to get involved with Chilton's sporting activities and adds extra capacity to maintain our high aspirations for sport at Chilton.

An enormous welcome to all of you. I am sure you will quickly become fantastic assets at Chilton!

### **Key information**

We want to ensure that everyone is in the know, so here's a list of all the key dates and essential information you need:

#### **P.E days**

- Monday – Year 3
- Tuesday – Year 2
- Wednesday – Year 1
- Thursday – Year 4
- Friday – Year 5, Year 6 & Year R

#### **Swimming**

- Term 1 – Year 6 will be swimming each Friday afternoon.
- Term 2 – Year 3 will be swimming every Friday afternoon.
- Term 3 – Year 4 will be swimming every Friday afternoon.
- Term 4 – Year 2 will be swimming every Friday afternoon.
- Term 5 – Year 5 will be swimming every Friday afternoon.
- Term 6 – Year 1 will be swimming every Friday afternoon.

#### **Clubs**

Term 2 club letters will go out on the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> October.

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**Term 1 Events - Please mark these dates on your calendars and keep an eye out for any new and exciting events as and when they get booked in.**

Date	Event
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September to Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Thanet Food bank donations between (Tinned, Jarred or packeted food)
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception Reading Meeting – 2:45pm
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Harvest Assembly.– Year R & 1 at 9:00am
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Harvest Assembly - Year 2 at 2:45pm
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival – Year 3-4 at 9:00am
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 5&6 – 2:30pm
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	National poetry day
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Cross country Quex
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 2 to Nethercourt Park to identify trees
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	New intake tours begin, 9:30am (weekly until Christmas)
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	New intake tours begin, 2:00pm (weekly until Christmas)
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	New intake tours begin, 9:30am (weekly until Christmas)
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent book-look for parent teacher consultations next week, 3:15pm – 4:00pm.
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Halloween Disco  3:15pm – 4:15pm Years 1,2 &3.  4:30pm – 5:30pm Years 4,5&6.
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Reception Come Dine with me.  Cornflour 11:30 am.  Sapphire 11:45am.
Week beginning Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Parent teacher consultations. Times with teachers TBC.</b>
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>INSET – School closed to pupils</b>
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	<b>Term 2 begins</b>

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We're thrilled to have you as part of our school community and look forward to sharing these wonderful experiences with you and your children.

The busy period of Term 2 are being finalised, we will get these key dates to you in due course

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in your child's education. Together, we make Chilton Primary School a place of growth, learning, and memorable moments.

Wishing you a fantastic weekend and a term filled with excitement!

**Warm regards,**

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