

Chilham St Mary's CE Primary School

Friday 31st January 2025

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a busy start to the new year and term. The children are thoroughly enjoying their new topics and it has lovely to see children coming through the gates with extra learning they have been doing at home. This newsletter is full of information and upcoming events but if you do have any questions please don't hesitate to see me on the gate.



World Book Day- Friday 7th March

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 7th March this year. We would love for the children to come in dressed as a favourite book character . A local Member of Parliament, Katie Lam, will also be visiting the school on this day.

We will be holding a competition to design a potato as a book character. Our children are so creative and we know that there will be some

amazing entries!

Goodbye Mrs Wonfor

Mrs Wonfor, one of our Midday Meal Supervisors, has retired from her role. We would like to thank her for her dedication to the school. We will all miss Mrs Wonfor lots and wish her a happy and healthy retirement.

Social media

Social networking sites may appear to be the quickest and easiest way to express frustrations or concerns about the School (and those associated with it) however it is not appropriate to do so. Other channels, such as a private and confidential discussion with School staff, or using the School's formal complaints process are much better suited to this.

The School considers the following examples to be inappropriate uses of social networking sites. (This list is non-exhaustive and intended to provide examples only):

- Making allegations about staff or pupils at the School/cyber-bullying;
- Making complaints about the School/staff at the School;
- Making defamatory statements about the School or staff at the School;
- Posting negative/offensive comments about specific pupils/staff at the School.



Cross Country- Saturday 8th February

Kent College Junior School Cross Country will be held at 9:30am on Saturday 8th February. Mrs Keir will be there and it would be great to see lots of Chilham pupils racing!

Football kit sponsorship

We are looking for companies who would be interested in sponsoring a new football kit for the school. Please speak to Mrs Keir for more information.

Term dates

Please have a look at the dates below which events and dates to remember for the term ahead.

Date	Event
Friday 31 st January	Chinese New Year afternoon
Friday 7 th February	Spirituality Day
Tuesday 11 th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 14 th February	Break the Rules Day (see leaflet attached) Half Term
Monday 24 th February	Return to school after half term
Tuesday 25 th February	Parent consultation evening
Thursday 27 th February	Parent consultation evening
Monday 3 rd March	E Safety drop in talk and coffee for parents 2.30pm
Tuesday 4 th March	Pancake Races for children
Friday 7 th March	World Book Day Dress Up day Katie Lam MP visiting
Thursday 3 rd April	Chilham has got Talent show for children
Friday 4 th April	School finishes for Easter break @1.30pm

Jewellery and hair

A polite reminder that necklaces, bracelets, rings and hoop/dangly earrings should not be worn to school. If your child does wear earrings then please make sure they are studs. Please also ensure that if your child has long hair that it is tied up.



Instagram

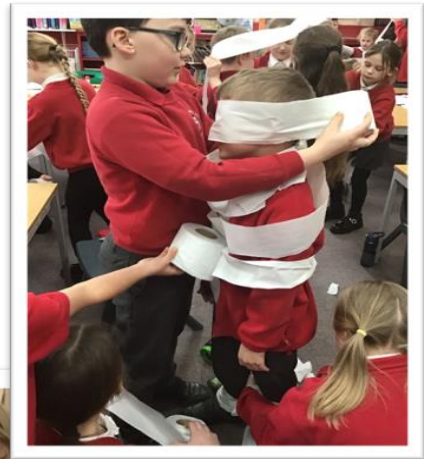
We are now on Instagram! Keep upto date with events and see what is happening in our classrooms more regularly. Find us @chilhamsm.

Attendance

Please do let us know by telephone if your child is ill by 8.30am each morning. If you wish to make a leave of absence for an exceptional circumstance, please email into the school office and we will look at each case individually before writing back to you to let you know if this will be authorised or unauthorised.

The laws around attendance have been changed by the government and as a Kent Local Authority School we are expected to follow the new National guidance. This includes issuing fine for holidays during term time. If you do have any questions please do get in touch.

Learning highlights this month...



Best wishes,

Rebecca Dolan



BREAK THE RULES DAY



Friday, 14th February
50p per rule broken!

Children can wear their own clothes all day

It's time to shake things up! ☀️

💎 **What can you do?** 💎

💧 Bring juice instead of water!

🍫 Bring chocolate as your snack!

🎨 Go wild with CRAZY coloured hair!

👤 Wear face paint!

❤️ Wear red or pink hearts!



It's your chance to break the rules & have fun!

👉 50p for each rule you break – get creative and make your day even more fun!

◆ All proceeds raised will go towards new playground equipment.

Join us for a rebellious, fun-filled day!

