



Wrens Term 1

Class Information Letter – September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to Chilham St. Mary's School. We have planned lots of exciting activities linked to this term's topic, 'Into the Woods'.

We are excited to meet the children during our home visits. If you need a reminder of the timings of your visit, please call the school office.

Settling In

Our main objective for the first few weeks is to ensure that your child settles quickly and happily into the class and school routines. We will be covering all seven areas of the Early Years Curriculum with a strong emphasis on play and practical activities to assess and develop the children's learning.

Mornings

Half days for the first five days:

Wednesday 6th, Thursday 7th, Friday 8th: 8.45am – 11.45am

Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th (stay for lunch): 8.45am – 1.15pm

From Wednesday the 13th the Wrens can arrive at school between 8.35am and 8.55am and be dropped off at the top gate along with the other year groups in school. Pick up thereafter will be at 3.15pm.

What should your child bring to school?

Everyday:

- Water bottle filled with water – not juice.
- Book bag (no bulky rucksacks – we don't have space to store them)
- A coat

To keep in school:

- Wellies

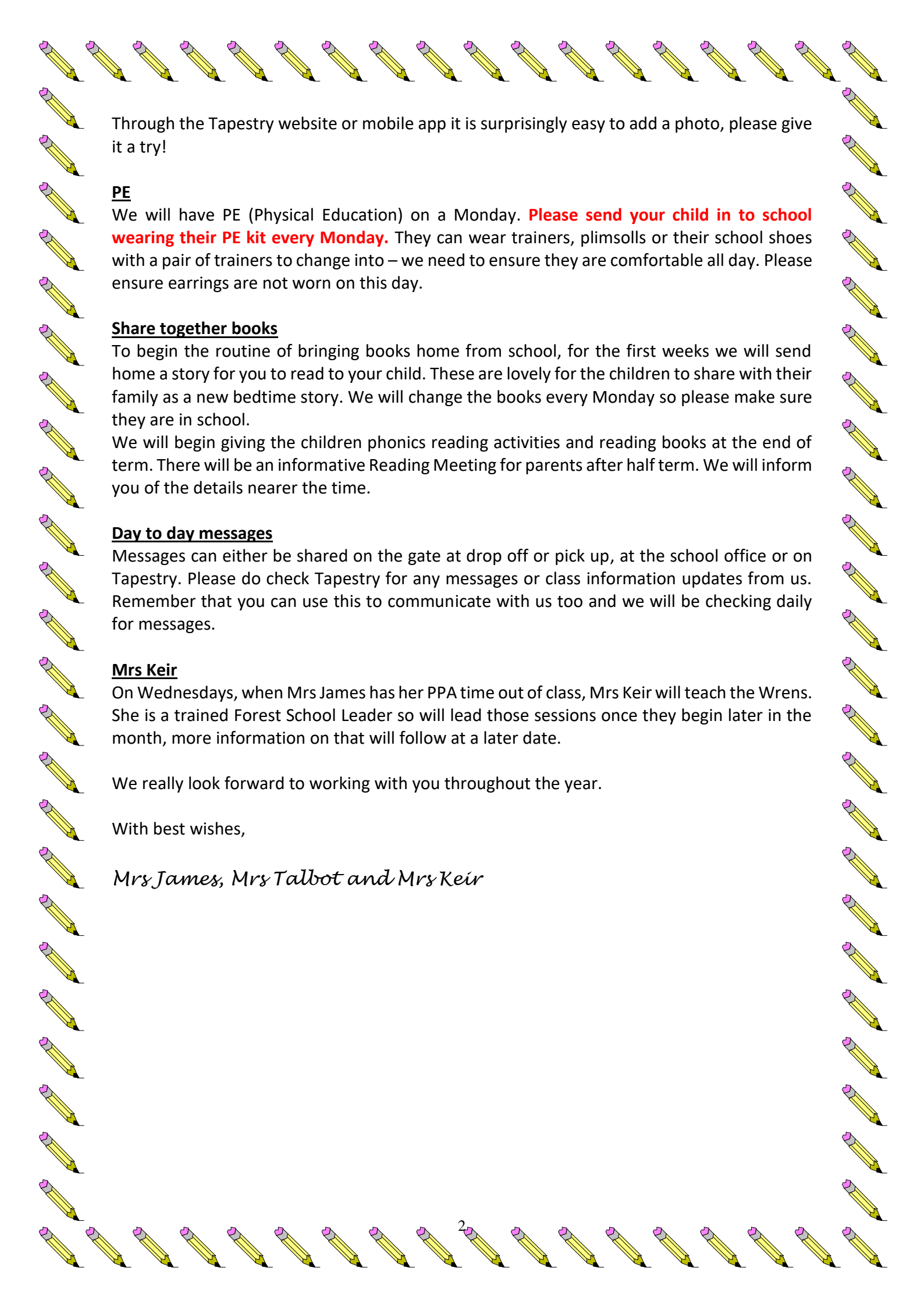
Tapestry online learning journey

By the end of this week you should receive an activation email to allow you access to your child's online journal. Please come and see me if you have any issues with this.

WOW Moments

Through Tapestry we always love to hear about the children's experiences and achievements out of school. A wow moment can be anything that makes you go 'wow'. It can be a new skill your child shows you for the first time, a question they ask you, something they say that shows you they understand something new, an action they perform well ... anything that impresses you.

Every Monday morning we have a circle time to talk about our weekend and share any Tapestry posts – the children just LOVE sharing these.



Through the Tapestry website or mobile app it is surprisingly easy to add a photo, please give it a try!

PE

We will have PE (Physical Education) on a Monday. **Please send your child in to school wearing their PE kit every Monday.** They can wear trainers, plimsolls or their school shoes with a pair of trainers to change into – we need to ensure they are comfortable all day. Please ensure earrings are not worn on this day.

Share together books

To begin the routine of bringing books home from school, for the first weeks we will send home a story for you to read to your child. These are lovely for the children to share with their family as a new bedtime story. We will change the books every Monday so please make sure they are in school.

We will begin giving the children phonics reading activities and reading books at the end of term. There will be an informative Reading Meeting for parents after half term. We will inform you of the details nearer the time.

Day to day messages

Messages can either be shared on the gate at drop off or pick up, at the school office or on Tapestry. Please do check Tapestry for any messages or class information updates from us. Remember that you can use this to communicate with us too and we will be checking daily for messages.

Mrs Keir

On Wednesdays, when Mrs James has her PPA time out of class, Mrs Keir will teach the Wrens. She is a trained Forest School Leader so will lead those sessions once they begin later in the month, more information on that will follow at a later date.

We really look forward to working with you throughout the year.

With best wishes,

Mrs James, Mrs Talbot and Mrs Keir