



School Newsletter – 3rd September 2019

Dear Parents, Carers and Children!

Welcome back to the beginning of the academic year! I trust that you all had a wonderful summer break and that you are all raring to go with the autumn term. The children have all been really busy with their learning already! I have been very impressed with some of the Summer Projects that I have seen! There have been some great models of the River Medway and models of rockets!

I am looking forward to another exciting year ahead! You are kindly requested to take note of the various notices and reminders within this newsletter.

Mr R. Boyjoonauth
Principal

Daily procedures

A polite reminder that children are expected to **arrive at school between 8.45am and 8.55am** (the pedestrian gates will be open at this time). Children coming into school after this time will be marked in late. We have a competitive spirit here at Chattenden and classes compete against each other for the best punctuality! This results in them earning our special teddy, Punctuality Pippa, for the week and an extra break time! **So, please do ensure that your child arrives at school on time.** School finishes at **3.20pm**. Please note that the school office hours are between **8.45am and 3.45pm (closed between 12pm and 1pm)**.

I am sure that you will appreciate that the morning is a particularly busy time for teachers. If you have any messages, please write them in your child's contact book (KS1) or send a note in (KS2). This is the best method to keep in regular contact with your class teacher. Alternatively, you may leave a message with the members of staff who are on duty in the morning on the playground. However, you are requested not to enter the building. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

At the end of the school day, the pedestrian gates will be open at 3pm; they will remain open after 3.20pm to allow parents/carers in and out for after school clubs. **Please note that the top gates are to be used only if you need to come to the school office; if you need to attend Smilers, please use the bottom gates.** This is to avoid parents walking across the whole playground whilst pupils are in their PE lesson or recreational time. Thank you for your cooperation.

Hall Team Trees

The hall team trees are looking very bare! Could children (excluding year R) please return their decorated leaves (given out prior to end of term) to the trays outside Mr Boyjoonauth's office by next Friday. If templates have been lost, can children please visit Mrs D-H for a replacement. Looking forward to seeing all the wonderful and arty designs you have created!

PE News

Football 4 All will begin next week and has moved to a Wednesday after school. We do ask that parents do not enter the field whilst the children are training. Your child will be ready to be collected from the KS1 or 2 exit door at 4:20pm. Gymnastics club will begin next Wednesday as normal. Please ensure that all PE kit is labelled.

Absence from School



Please telephone **and** write a note in to the office to explain your child's absence from school. Unfortunately contact books cannot be used for this purpose; a specific call or note will only be accepted. Attendance is taken very seriously at Chattenden and we aim to have the highest attendance possible, so that children can maximise their learning time. We do of course understand that children do fall ill, but we kindly request that parents/carers follow the procedure above.

Parking

We aim to maintain a good relationship with our local residents and community. Parking is an ongoing issue around the school site, due to the nature of the roads and our rural location. However, parents and carers of children attending Chattenden are kindly requested again to be considerate to local residents and not park in allocated parking spaces or in areas designated as private. In the past we have had issues with parking, especially in Old School Court. The parking bays there are private and for residents only. Can we all ensure that we are being good neighbours and considerate towards each other. Additionally, if you are driving, please do not park on the double yellow lines or in the area marked with zig zags. It is vital that there is a clear line of sight for those children crossing and it is irresponsible behaviour to park in these areas.

Kitchener Road – Thanks to the very hard work of some local residents, the local council are proposing to build a new path along Kitchener road, opposite Bishop Gundulph church, leading down to the pedestrian crossing. This is to compensate for the access through the estate that has been blocked by Chattenden Residents Company Limited. We are grateful to the Diocese of Rochester for allowing the path to be built across their land. I will update you when I hear anything further.

Tuck Shop

Please remember that we have a tuck shop run at the school at break times for Years 1-6. Prices are 50p, although please ensure that money comes in in a named purse/wallet or envelope with your child's name on. Only 1 item can be purchased a day, so therefore please do not bring in large quantities of money.

School Uniform and PE Kit



Looking smart and wearing the correct school uniform is very important at Chattenden. We want our children to wear their uniform with pride. Please refer to the school website if you are unsure about the uniform policy. A polite reminder that trainers are not permitted as part of school uniform. **Please ensure that school uniform is labelled!** No children should be wearing make up or nail varnish at school and only stud earrings are permitted. Hair accessories should be discreet and not too large.

Ties are now worn across Key Stage 2 but are compulsory in Year 6. Ties can be bought from the school office for £3.

With regards to PE, may I remind you that if your child is in Year 1 to 6, they are required to have their inside and outside PE kit labelled and in school. Physical Education is vitally important in teaching children not only new skills, but in order for them to understand how to live a healthy life. School PE Kit may be bought from the school office.

Twitter

Don't forget that we are using 'Twitter' more and more for correspondence such as reminders and sharing pictures of events. 'Twitter' is free to sign up to and you can just use it to receive our notifications if you are not interested in 'Tweeting' yourself! **Our Twitter name is: @ChattendenSch**



Celebrating Reading!

We are continuing with our 'Reading Rewards' to celebrate the excellent commitment our children have to reading. Therefore, for every 'five reads' your child shall receive a raffle ticket, which will be recorded as RRT1 for example in their reading record book. After another five reads they shall be given another raffle ticket, which will be recorded as RRT2, and so forth. These raffle tickets shall be entered into a prize draw which will be held at our end of term celebration assembly. Two tickets from each classes' reading raffle box shall be pulled out and these children shall receive a prize! It is therefore very important that you sign your child's reading record book every time they read so that they can be awarded for their daily reading.

Payments

Please could you be aware that the school, PTA and kitchen all have separate banking arrangements. Therefore if you are making payments to more than one entity please could you ensure that we have separate envelopes for each and that they are clearly marked with your child's name and what it is for. We currently receive envelopes that are for a variety of payments that we then have to pass on to the PTA or kitchen. This can sometimes lead to payments not being received by the correct provider. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Dinner money

Could we kindly request that dinner money is paid in advance and handed in on time. Payment is either by cash or cheque (made payable to Chartwells). Could you please also note that the kitchen does not operate through ParentPay and that this facility is for school payments only. Any payments for school dinners need to be paid directly to the kitchen. The new school meals price is £2.20 per child per day.

Breakfast Club

For an amazing value children can stay for breakfast & play at a cost of £3 per child per day or just come and play for £2 per child per day. Breakfast Club opening times are **7:45am** to **8:30am** (doors close promptly at **8:30am**).

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 10th September 2019	Year 6 – Height & Weight
Wednesday 11th September 2019	Children's Individual Photographs (all year groups)
Monday 16th September 2019	Pegasus Class 1st Class Photographs (Kent Messenger)
Tuesday 17th September 2019	Medway Test (in school)
Wednesday 18th September 2019	Medway Test (in school)
Monday 30th September 2019	Year 5 planetarium visit
Tuesday 1st October 2019	Library Van – 1st visit for this year
Thursday 10th October 2019	Leopard Class Assembly
Friday 11th October 2019	Parent read – 2:30pm
Wednesday 16th October 2019	Harvest celebration (more details to follow)
Friday 18th October 2019	Last day of Term 1 – 3:20pm finish
Wednesday 30th October 2019	First day of Term 2 – children return to school