



School Newsletter – Friday 12th March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! It felt like September all over again when we welcomed the children back in on the 8th March. School was a very lonely place without all of the children in school, and we are so relieved to have them in!

I know that many of you were anxious, but hopefully these anxieties will have eased as the week has gone on. The children have been incredibly brave and resilient and it has been so lovely to see them smiling and laughing this week. Well done, children!

We have a lot of lost ground to make up in terms of learning. We are putting extra interventions in place and we have taken on extra staff. Please continue to read with your child on a DAILY basis, particularly with the younger year groups. Mastering the basics of phonics and early reading is a vital stepping stone in accessing the rest of the curriculum.



Thank you for your continued support.

Mr R. Boyjoonauth
Principal

Buster's Book Club

We are continuing with Buster's Book Club this term. Please record the number of minutes your child reads for on a Wednesday night each week on the bookmark in the back of their reading record. The 'Star Reader of the Week' will receive a certificate and badge and the 'Reading Class of the Week' will receive a certificate and trophy. We also compete against other schools in the local area and there are prizes to be won for schools with the most children reading at home, so please do join in each week.

World Book Day

We hope you enjoyed taking part in 'The Masked Reader' guessing game this year. The videos and answers are still on the Chattenden website if you would still like to watch them! The children at home were also asked to create something linked to a story. Well done to the winners – Tilly-May in Year 3 for making a fantastic 3D model of James and the Giant Peach, and Kevin in Year 1 for his excellent painted rabbit and story setting.

Laptops

If you were loaned a school laptop during lockdown, can you please ensure that this is returned to the school office on Monday at the latest.

Improve Mental Arithmetic

If your child is in Years 1-6, please encourage them to use their login and play Times Table Rock Stars and Sumdog regularly. Just a little time each day will help to improve their recall of number and times table facts. Each week, Mrs Diddams will award one child with the title, 'Rockstar of the Week' and they gain a position on our 'Wall of Fame'.

There are also competitions within school and between other schools within Medway, so please do encourage your child to join in!

$$\begin{array}{l} 1 + 2 = 3 \\ 3 + 3 = 6 \\ 6 + 4 = 10 \\ 10 + 5 = 15 \\ 15 + 6 = 21 \\ 21 + 7 = 28 \\ 28 + 8 = 36 \\ 36 + 9 = 45 \end{array}$$

Instagram Photograph Permission

It has been wonderful to see so many parents and carers follow us the social media platform, Instagram. It gives you a chance to share in all the wonderful achievements and learning opportunities of the children on a daily basis, as well as sharing information and helpful tips.

If you're not already, please follow us: chattenden_primary

During the school year, we will take photographs of school activities involving the pupils, sharing good learning, achievements and updates. Some photographs may capture your child.

We therefore seek your consent in allowing us to publish photos onto our social media platform.

Please do provide your response and email back to Mrs Link.

linka012@chattenden.medway.sch.uk

Chartwells

We apologise for any confusion, but please note that Chartwells do not offer packed lunches at Chattenden. Tasty hot food is served on a daily basis. The price for a meal is £2:20 per child, per day.

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 1 st April 2021	Last day of Term 4 – 2PM FINISH
Monday 19 th April 2021	First day of Term 5 – ALL children return to school
Monday 3 rd May 2021	Early May Bank Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED