



School Newsletter – Friday 26th March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

The children have been working really hard over the past few weeks to improve their learning and build up their stamina. We have noticed that the children are struggling with concentration and routines, so we are doing lots of brain breaks and chunking up the learning, in order to assist them with their concentration.

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

Easter Bonnet Competition

Don't forget that on the last day of this term (Thursday 1st April) we will be holding a whole school Easter Bonnet competition. Please create an Easter Bonnet with your child/children and these are to be worn to school on the last day of term. This will also be a non-school uniform day with a voluntary donation of £1. There will be a prize for the winning Easter Bonnet. We look forward to seeing your creations!

Buster's Book Club

We have seen a real effort from our children this term in engaging in Buster's Book Club. Well done to all of the children who have read this term, and to parents for recording the number of minutes on the bookmarks. A particular well done to Molly in Year 3, Harvey in Year 4 and Ruby in Year 5 who have been our Star Readers of the Week since returning to school at the beginning of March. Please keep reading over the Easter holidays – reading regularly helps to develop countless literacy skills and will benefit your child's education.

Covid

We are working hard to keep everyone as safe as possible in school. I must ask that if your child or a family member within the household is unwell with any of the key symptoms (high temperature, persistent cough, loss of taste and smell), please keep your children at home and follow the government guidance. This is very important for us all in making sure everyone is as safe as possible. If your child does start to show symptoms, inform the school office promptly, arrange for a PCR test and then inform us of the result. Depending on the result, we may then have to close a class bubble. Thank you for your continued cooperation at this difficult time.

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 on 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

PE Notice

A reminder for those children wearing PE kits to school. Your child is required to wear sports trainers that provide adequate support whilst participating in sporting activities NOT fashion footwear that may look fabulous but do not support the feet and ankles appropriately.

Thanks. Mrs Stickings

School Times: Punctuality

Being prompt and ready for school is a vital part of being a pupil at Chattenden. You are kindly reminded that Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 children should be dropped off at 08:40am with Years R, 1 and 2 being dropped off at 08:50am. All children are allowed to come straight into class. Individual classes will be rewarded for 100% punctuality, so it is in everybody's interest to be on time! School finishes at **3.10pm** for Years 3, 4 5 & 6 and **3.20pm** for Years R, 1 and 2.

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 1st April	Easter Bonnet Competition
Thursday 1st April	Non-school uniform day - £1 contribution
Thursday 1st April	Last day of Term 4 – 1:50PM FINISH FOR KS2 2PM FINISH FOR KS1
Monday 19th April	First day of Term 5 – ALL children return to school
Thursday 22nd April	Kingfisher Class Health Checks
Monday 3rd May	Early May Bank Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED