



School Newsletter – Friday 9th July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

The end of the summer term is always busy at school and this continues to be the case, despite Covid restrictions. We had a brilliant Sports Day a few weeks ago, followed by a great Summer Showcase concert. Year 6 are in full preparation for the end of year Production and we are also busy getting ready for our new Year R children who join us in September. End of year assessments have also taken place, and our children have made us really proud. All of the children have worked so hard this year and I am pleased with the progress they have made. You will be able to read about this when you receive your child's school report on 16th July.

Mr R. Boyjoonauth
Principal

Staff News

The end of the academic year does inevitably mean that we have staff moving onto pastures new.



Mrs. Ellis has been a Teaching Assistant at the school for 12 years and is going to be starting her own business. We wish her all the best with her new venture. Thank you, Mrs. Ellis, for your commitment over the years, including running the school library!

Miss. Marrable has had a very long-lasting connection with the school. She did try to retire a few years ago, but she loved us so much, she came back to cover supply work! However, she is definitely going to put her feet up now. I would like to thank her for all of her hard work.

Mrs. Woodward the Teaching Assistant in Year 2 will be moving to a job in an Independent School. She has recently achieved her Higher-Level Teaching Assistant qualification. We wish her all the best for the future; we know you will be brilliant!

Finally, it is with great sadness that I announce Mrs. Sieber is retiring after 24 years of dedicated service. Mrs. Sieber works as the school's specialist Speech and Language Teaching Assistant. Her knowledge and wisdom in the area is immense, and she will be sorely missed. Mrs. Sieber also ran the Gardening Club and it was because of her, we were Runners Up in the Kent Life School Garden Competition back in 2017. On behalf of all of the staff and pupils, we would like to wish you a happy and peaceful retirement.



PTA

You may have seen emails and messages on Instagram regarding the PTA. We are looking for new members for September – you can give as little or as much of your time as possible – every little helps! A meeting will be held when we return to school in September, details will go out the week before and anyone willing to lend a hand will be welcome. Being a part of the PTA is a great way to meet other mums and dads and to make a positive contribution to the school community, as well as helping to raise funds for the pupils. I look forward to welcoming you on board!



Mrs Carpenter

ParentPay

As previously advised, we will be fully "cashless" as a school from September and all payments for clubs, trips, etc will need to be made online through our secure ParentPay system. Many of our parents already pay through this and will be familiar with the payments. If you have not already signed up to this you will need to request log in details of your payments. Please can you email finance@chattenden.medway.sch.uk with details of your payments. Log in details will then be sent home with your child. If you do not have access to online banking you would be able to make payments in certain shops through the PayPoint system.



Chartwells, the catering company who provide our school lunches, are also exploring the possibility of providing some sort of online payment system but this may not be through ParentPay. We will advise you once this system is being introduced but in the meantime payments for school lunches will need to continue to be paid by cheque (payable to Chartwells) or by cash.

Well done Booster group children!

Thank you and well done to all the children who have attended Booster Club before and after school since March! Booster club is now finished for this academic year and will resume in September. Thank you to Mrs Dhillon for working so hard with these children. The children's progress has been fantastic to see!

Breakfast Club

Do you need to drop the children off before the school starts? Not a problem, come and let your child/children join us at Breakfast Club. Stay and play costs £2 per child per session and starts at 7.45 am every morning. Please email Mrs Stewart on the Friday before the week that you require at breakfastclub@chattenden.medway.sch.uk to book a place. Looking forward to hearing from you!

Summer Reading Challenge 2021 at Medway Libraries



Join us at Medway Libraries for our free Summer Reading Challenge for 4-11 year olds! With our fun nature theme, together this year we'll be Wild World Heroes- be inspired to explore ways to help save the planet, take action for nature, and discover how you can make a difference to the environment!

The challenge is to read 6 books between Saturday 10th July and Saturday 11th September, and for every book you read you'll receive a prize. The final prize is a certificate and shiny gold medal! All library books count towards the challenge; books with stories, books with facts, ebooks, graphic novels, comics, and audiobooks- the main thing is to read books you enjoy!

It's quick and easy to sign up; just visit any Medway library.

Covid Protocols

As you will have seen from the news infection levels remain very high across the country at the moment. Although there will be a general relaxing of the rules from the 19th of July, at Chattenden Primary School, we will continue to prioritise the safety of our staff and children, and therefore request that masks remain worn on site at drop off and pick up until the end of term. In line with our risk assessment, we unfortunately still cannot have parents in the school building, without prior appointment. Thank you for your continued cooperation.



Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 14th July	Year R trip to Kent Life
Wednesday 14th July	Year 6 Production – matinee performance
Thursday 15th July	Year 2 Outdoor Learning Day
Thursday 15th July	Year 6 Production – evening performance
Friday 16th July	Year 3 trip to Folkestone
Friday 16th July	Year 6 Production – matinee performance
Tuesday 20th July	Year 1 trip to Kent Life
Wednesday 21st July	Last day of Term 6 – 2PM FINISH