



School Newsletter – Friday 10th September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

A warm welcome back. It has been our first full week back here at Chattenden and it has been so wonderful to see all the children in school and being able to reconnect our school community. We have missed you! As well as our children, we welcome back our wonderful staff team, along with some new members. Staff have been busy planning many learning and enrichment activities for the children for the term ahead. This week saw our young Reception children visit for their taster sessions and next week the Reception children will start their half days in school.

We start our year with the highest expectations where once again our values are at the heart of everything we do.

Miss J North
Principal

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! We will also continue to award certificates and dojos for every 30 reads, 60 reads, 90 reads etc. 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. Buster's Book Club will commence again later in the term, and you will receive more information about this in due course.

New Play Equipment



Over the summer, we have made some positive changes to our glorious field. Fitness equipment and a climbing wall have been installed for our children to use at playtimes.

The new equipment will help to keep our children physically active, assist with improving gross motor skills and help to encourage positive play.



ParentPay

Please remember that the school is now cashless and all payments for clubs, trips, etc will need to be made online through our secure ParentPay system. If you have not yet signed up to ParentPay please email finance@chattenden.medway.sch.uk with details of your child's name and class and the ParentPay login will be provided to you. If you do not have access to online banking you will be able to make payments in certain shops through the PayPoint system.

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 all you can eat breakfast costs £3.50. The sessions start



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.

Parent Workshop

We recently asked parents of SEND children within the school if they would like us to run parent workshops. The responses were really helpful and I can now confirm we have arranged a few workshops on the themes that were most prominent. The first of these sessions will be held on Tuesday 28th of September at 9am, this session will be aimed towards parents with children who either have an ASD diagnosis or who are displaying ASD tendencies. The session will be in person at school and will last for approximately two hours. There will be a letter sent out to parents next week and will include details of registering your interest for the session.

SEND



We are really excited that our outdoor learning space has been completed. Our school inclusion team are gradually adding to their new DEN space to provide SEND and nurture interventions for our children.

We are really looking forward to using the space with our children and them playing an active role in the continued development of the DEN and surrounding sensory garden

PASTORAL, COMMUNITY AND WELLBEING INFORMATION

Strood Community Shop



You can drop in any time for advice and support and to ask any questions. They also have a large collection of nearly new uniform for sale at very reasonable prices.

Thursday 9th, Monday 13th, Thursday 16th, Monday 20th and Thursday 23rd all day.

Family Financial Fitness Champions by Home Start Medway @ Consultation Room, Strood Community Shop

Medway Libraries

8 to 12 year olds:

Book title: The Bad Beginning by Lemony Snicket

Thursday 30 September 2021, 4pm to 5pm. Read or listen to The Bad Beginning for free.

To register your interest, email emily.maycock@medway.gov.uk

Little Chefs

6 weeks of cooking fun from the comfort of your own home, with fresh ingredients delivered to your door. Phone 01634 333 741 to book

Medway Talking Therapies

- Fill in the online form on the Medway Talking Therapies website
 - Call – 0300 029 3000 (local rate)
 - Email – medway@insighthealthcare.org.
 - Ask your GP/other professional supporting you to refer you
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Dates for the Diary

Monday 6th September 2021	Year 6 - Secondary School Applications open
w/c Monday 13 th September	Clubs commencing Gymnastics – Weds 3:30-4:30 Y3/4/6 Basketball – Thurs 3:30-4:30
Monday 13 th September	Year 6 Swimming Commences
Tuesday 14 th September 2021	Medway Test
Wednesday 15 th September 2021	Medway Test
Tuesday 21st September 2021	Individual school photographs – all children
Monday 27 th September 2021	Year 6 – Health checks
Monday 4th October 2021	Space Dome – Year's R & 5 (more details to follow)
Monday 4th October 2021	Medway test results day
Thursday 7th October 2021	Healthy eating parent workshop (more details to follow)
Wednesday 20th October 2021	Harvest Festival (children only) – (more details to follow)
Friday 22nd October 2021	Last day of Term 1 – normal finish time

