



School Newsletter – Friday 22nd October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our first term has come to an end and it is hard to believe, so much has been happening! There has been some brilliant learning that has taken place and lots of exciting events, as you will note from below.

The children were part of a lovely Harvest celebration assembly with Rev Sue Vallente-Kerr. Their performances were an absolute pleasure to watch – they were all amazing.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a restful half term and I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 2nd November.

Miss J North
Principal

Dear Parents/Carers,

What can we say, Term 1 has already drawn to a close, and I do know that everyone has worked very hard, as well as the children and our new members of staff settling in to new routines and learning.

It is great to see the children back, and the school back to life, after what has been a very challenging year prior. If anyone has some spare time, then we would definitely like to see you participate in the 'big dig' which is being organised by the school in Term 2.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a wonderful half term break, do keep safe and well.

Mr N Shorthouse
Chair of Governors

Celebrating Reading



Scholastic Book Fair

Get ready for our Book Fair! The Book Fair will be returning to school on the week beginning **Monday 15th November**. We will send out more information closer to the time with details on how it will be safely run this year.

This month we have been participating in **Oracy October** as a whole school. Children were able to complete their Oracy Odyssey by completing twelve oracy challenges in the month of October, using their voice to talk in a range of different contexts for a number of different purposes.

We will continue our work as a whole school around the oracy framework to promote our children's use of language and raising their understanding and awareness of oracy by challenging them to use their voices in varied and interesting contexts.



Harvest

Thank you to all those parents/carers who kindly donated items for our Harvest Festival. Caring Hands were very grateful for all of the donations and we know that it will all go to a good cause.



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'.

We were delighted by our success in the Sumdog Medway Maths Competition this term. Thank you for your support!

Remembrance



We are selling poppies in school to support the local British Legion.

We remember the Armed Forces, and their families, from Britain and the Commonwealth, the vital role played by the emergency services and those that have lost their lives as a result of conflict or terrorism.

If you would like to know how to volunteer with the Royal British Legion – please look [here](#).

PASTORAL, COMMUNITY AND WELLBEING INFORMATION

Chattenden Primary School has been successful in our bid for trees donated by the Woodland Trust to mark the Queen's Jubilee. We are proud to be taking part in the Queen's Green Canopy project. The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) is a tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022.

The [Queen's Green Canopy](#) will create a network of individual trees, avenues and whole woodlands in honour of The Queen's reign and the legacy she has built. This will create a green legacy of its own, with every tree planted bringing benefits for people, wildlife and climate, now and for the future. It will also provide the children of Chattenden Primary with an outdoor space to learn, which will grow alongside the children. We are asking for members of our community to help us in our 'Big Dig' to plant the saplings which are to be delivered. Chattenden Big Dig will take place on Friday 19th November 1.30pm -3pm on the school field. If you are able to lend a hand you will need suitable outdoor clothing and your own shovel. We would greatly appreciate any volunteers! If you feel you can help us out please email the school office: office@chattenden.medway.sch.uk and mark emails for the attention of Mrs Diddams. Thank you for your continued support.





Good to Grow from Morrisons

From September, for every £10 spent in store or online, you'll get one Grow Token that our school can then redeem for a wide range of gardening and growing equipment. We are keen to develop children's outdoor learning opportunities so greatly value your support in this area.

Road Safety & Parking

Please can all parents park considerately in the local area, ensuring that safety is paramount. Please do not Park in Tudor Grove or Old School Court, this is private land and residents pay for their parking spaces. Thank you.



Covid Track and Trace

As a school we are asked to continue to assist with those pupils or staff members who test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19). We therefore request you to please keep us informed if your child tests positive over the Autumn half term break. Please email the office on office@chattenden.medway.sch.uk as we will be monitoring emails.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Dates for the Diary

Friday 22 nd October 2021	Last day of Term 1 – normal finish time
Sunday 31 st October 2021	Secondary School Admissions Closing Date
Monday 1 st November 2021	Staff Training Day – SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS
Tuesday 2 nd November 2021	First day of Term 2 – ALL children return to school
Monday 8 th November 2021	Years 5 & 6 STEM morning
Tuesday 9 th November 2021	MYG Basketball (more details to follow)
Wednesday 10 th November 2021	World Science Day
Thursday 11 th November 2021	Remembrance Service Assembly (children only)
w/c Monday 15 th November 2021	Scholastic Book Fair (more details to follow)
Wednesday 17 th November 2021	Parent Consultations (more details to follow)
Thursday 18 th November 2021	Parent Consultations (more details to follow)
Friday 19 th November 2021	Chattenden Big Dig!
Friday 19 th November 2021	Children in Need
Thursday 2 nd December 2021	Year 6 Trip to Kent Life
Thursday 9 th December 2021	KS2 Christmas Carol Service
Friday 10 th December 2021	Christmas Dinner (more details to follow)
Friday 10 th December 2021	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 13 th December 2021	Nasal Flu Vaccinations – ALL children
Tuesday 14 th December 2021	KS1 Nativity – 1 st performance
Wednesday 15 th December 2021	KS1 Nativity – 2 nd performance
Thursday 16 th December 2021	Last Day of Term 2 – 2pm finish (CHANGE OF DATE)
Friday 17 th December 2021	Inset Day - SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS
Tuesday 4 th January 2022	Staff Training Day – SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS
Wednesday 5 th January 2022	First day of Term 3 – ALL children return to school

