

# Chapmanslade School

## Newsletter

20<sup>th</sup> November 2019



### Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents,

The school year is well under way and already our pupils have taken part in a wide choice of clubs, sporting events, visits and trips. Classes have elected School Councillors – **Charlie S, Riley A, Eliza, Miller, Amelie, Caydon, Hettie and Lewis**, and **Felicity and Flint** have been appointed Young Sports Ambassadors. **Dylan, Theo, Annie and Flint** were elected as House Captains, and **Alex, Evelyn, Daniel and Eva** the respective deputy house captains. Congratulations to all the children named above.

The Sports Premium Grant allows us to buy into a wide range of sports provision and also allows us to transport pupils to events during the school day so that no pupil is disadvantaged by having working parents who are unable to provide transport. So far this academic year, our pupils have participated in a dance workshop for gifted dancers, football festivals for various age groups, the West Wilts cross country running competition for KS2 pupils (congratulations to **Amelie** who won the year 3/4 girls' race!), and a year 5/6 football tournament. The Diary Dates at the end of this newsletter list many events still to come.

On the academic front, teachers are delighted with the progress seen so far. Children are working hard in reading, writing and maths and have responded positively to our more immersive style of subject teaching in the afternoons. Parents are invited to 'Sit in Your Child's Seat' at 2:45pm on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November when class teachers will explain the philosophy behind our blocked curriculum planning. Please do come along – it does not matter which classroom you head to as the presentation will be about our curriculum approach in general rather than what each class is currently teaching. If you would like to know the subject content studied by your child each term, you can find curriculum webs under each class tab on the school website. The next drop-in week commences on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December – do come along at 2:45pm on the specified day to look through your child's exercise books and other learning.

I have attached a separate sheet showing the full range of assessment and test results for the end of the 2018/19 academic year alongside charts showing the school's results over time. If you have any questions at all about the school's performance, please do not hesitate to catch me on the playground or to make an appointment to meet with me via the school office.

School Council have decided to raise money to spend on our school library. Their first fund-raising event will be a festive inter-house afternoon of entertainment. 'A Festival of Christmas' will be at 2pm on 18<sup>th</sup> December. We will be selling tickets for this event; look out for a letter about it soon. If you are unable to come to that, don't forget that all parents, not just those with a child in reception and KS1, are invited to watch the Nativity performance on 12<sup>th</sup> December (all ages) and 13<sup>th</sup> December (adult audience only). We also hold a traditional carol service in church at 9am on 20<sup>th</sup> December. I look forward to seeing many of you at one or more of our Christmas events.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs Chapman

### **Ofsted Parent View**

Have you completed the survey yet? We value your feedback! Already, feedback from parents has prompted us to improve some of the information on the school website, for example, about the clubs we provide. We have written and promoted a new anti-bullying policy and have emailed parents when the new curriculum webs are uploaded to the website. All of the team here want to help to make your child's experience of school as positive as possible, but we cannot do that if you do not tell us what you would like us to improve. Thank you very much to the parents who have completed Ofsted's Parent View survey this year. However, if you disagree, or strongly disagree, with any of the statements on Parent View, please give us the opportunity to make things better by talking to your child's class teacher, or Mrs Chapman, before completing the survey.

### **Special News**

Our pupils are a talented bunch, taking part in many clubs, sports, challenges and performances outside of school. Please do let class teachers know when your child achieves something so that we can celebrate with them and acknowledge their success.

Over the last few months, **Ky** shared the magnificent trophy that he collected as captain of Frome Town Robins after his football team won both the group and cup round; **Amelie** completed the Frome Lions Club park ride (cycling) and was presented with a medal; **Jude** ran a 2k junior park run and raised £52 in sponsorship for children in need; **Isis G** achieved Level 1 in Equine Stable Management; and **Amelie** earned a Blue Peter badge for her story and picture. **Kai** completed a Beginners Diving Course at Warminster pool; **Eliza** achieved Stage 3 in the Swim England Learn to Swim awards and she achieved level 5 Vault Award at Liberty Gymnastics; **Flora** achieved Level 4 Bars Award at Liberty Gymnastics; **Lottie** achieved Level 6 in the British Gymnastics Proficiency Award scheme; and **Charlie S** and **Flora** each achieved Level 7 in the British Gymnastics Proficiency Award scheme. **Alma-Ayre** achieved Purple Belt and **Theo A** achieved Badge 3 in the Certificate of Recognition grading at Matt Fiddes Martial Arts; **Zac** won the trophy for 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Wiltshire Junior Golf Development Tour, and has just been selected for the Somerset Cricket U10 Player Pathway winter training programme. In addition to all that, a **huge number of our pupils** successfully participated in the Summer Reading Challenge 2019 at Frome and Westbury libraries. Congratulations to all of our high achieving pupils!

### **Volunteers**

Would you like to help our pupils by committing to a regular slot to come in and listen to children reading aloud? We are always grateful for volunteers and have a number of vacancies. Please contact Mrs McCall in the school office if you can spare an hour a week. Thank you.

### **Prams and Pushchairs**

All parents are reminded that prams and pushchairs are not permitted inside the school building, or in the church during our church services, due to the limited space that we have and the need to keep all exit routes clear at all times.

### **Carols in the Barn**

All pupils are invited to "Carols in the Barn" on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm, next door to St Margaret's Church, in Corsley. The organisers would love children to come along, with their parents, dressed up as nativity characters such as shepherds, kings or angels if they wish to. Mince pies and drinks will be provided, and any donations will be given to The Children's Society.

### **School Drive**

Parents and pupils are reminded that the church yard must be used to access the school and Busy Bees when the main school gate is locked. Please do not walk up the school drive. This is particularly important before school when many children are going into Busy Bees just as staff are trying to turn and park cars in the narrow space available. Please help us to keep children and cars separate.

### **Warminster Foodbank**

Staff at the foodbank were extremely grateful for the Harvest Festival collection that our school and church amassed. Between us, we contributed 186kg of food, which will help the 160 people who currently use Warminster Foodbank on a regular basis.

### **Short Breaks**

Wiltshire Parent Carer Council produce a Short Breaks Bulletin that is a guide to activities, leisure and social opportunities for children and young adults with SEND during school holidays. The bulletin can be found at [www.wiltshireparentcarercouncil.co.uk](http://www.wiltshireparentcarercouncil.co.uk) Parents can request a hard copy by telephoning 01225 764647.

### **Child Measurement Results**

The National Child Measurement Programme shows that, in Wiltshire, one in five (21%) reception pupils is overweight or obese, rising to approximately one in three (29%) in year 6. At Chapmanslade School, the results taken over three years show a statistically similar proportion of overweight and obese pupils (15% in reception and 19% in year 6). If you are concerned about your child's weight, Healthy Me is a 10-week programme for 7-11 year olds and their families. Call 01225 716674 for more details.

### **Friends of Chapmanslade School**

FoCS held their AGM this week and were delighted to see many new faces. Lou Knight formally stepped down as chair after a very successful year. Mrs Chapman and members of the committee thanked Mrs Knight for her hard work on behalf of the school. Mrs Sadler was elected as chair and all positions on the committee were filled. FoCS is in great shape and we look forward to organising social and fund-raising events for everyone to take part in.

### **Thank You**

Staff and pupils would like to thank the Coles family for the fantastic gift of a pair of sturdy football goals to complete the new astro pitch. They are being put to good use!

### **School Website**

The school website is designed to provide a wealth of information for our current parents and pupils and is updated regularly. You can find copies of all current letters, policies, diary dates and curriculum information on it.

## Key Dates for your Diary

Date	Time	Event
22/11/19	9:00am	Redwood class assembly. Ends approx. 9:30am
25/11/19	3:30pm	West Wilts Small Schools' Football Tournament, Kingdown, Y5/6
27/11/19	2:45pm	Sit in Your Child's Seat - information about new curriculum approach
29/11/19	10:00am	Y3/4 Hockey Festival at Warminster School - selected pupils
02/12/19		Dance Festival (Y5/6) tickets on sale for parents - contact The Forum
03/12/19	1:30pm	Open Afternoon for prospective YR 2020. Ends at 2:30pm
09/12/19	2:45pm	Blossom Class parent drop-in. Ends at 3:05pm prompt
10/12/19	2:45pm	Oak Class parent drop-in. Ends at 3:05pm prompt
11/12/19	11:00am	Oak class to Basketball Festival at Matravers
	2:45pm	Redwood Class parent drop-in. Ends at 3:05pm prompt
12/12/19	2:00pm	Blossom and Willow Nativity, all family members welcome
13/12/19	9:00am	Blossom and Willow Nativity, parents / adults only
	2:45pm	Willow Class parent drop-in. Ends at 3:05pm prompt
18/12/19	2:00pm	A Festival of Christmas - fund raising event, details to follow
19/12/19	12:00pm	Christmas lunch - pupils invited to wear Christmas jumpers
20/12/19	9:00am	Carol Service. Ends approx. 10am, parents welcome
	3:15pm	<b>End of Term 2</b> No after school club at Busy Bees Preschool
06/01/20	8:40am	<b>Term 3 begins</b>
21/01/20	9:45am	Young Sports Ambassadors conference, Trowbridge
22/01/20	10:00am	KS1 Gymnastics Festival - selected pupils, details to follow
29/01/20	3:30pm	Y5/6 Hockey Festival, Stonar. Details to follow
31/01/20	9:00am	Willow class assembly. Ends approx. 9:30am
03/02/20	2:45pm	Willow Class parent drop-in. Ends at 3:05pm prompt
04/02/20	2:45pm	Redwood Class parent drop-in. Ends at 3:05pm prompt
05/02/20	2:45pm	Oak Class parent drop-in. Ends at 3:05pm prompt
07/02/20	2:45pm	Blossom Class parent drop-in. Ends at 3:05pm prompt
14/02/20	3:15pm	<b>End of Term 3</b> Mid-Year reports go home to parents
24/02/20	8:40am	<b>Term 4 begins</b> Parents' Evening sign-up sheets outside classrooms
26/02/20	3:00pm	Y5/6 Hockey Tournament, Stonar. Details to follow
03/03/20	3:30pm	Parents' Evening (3:30 - 6:00pm) Sign up in advance
04/03/20	9:00am	Y3/4 Gymnastics, Melksham - selected pupils, details to follow
	3:30pm	Parents' Evening (3:30 - 6:00pm) Sign up in advance
09/03/20	3:30pm	Y5/6 Hi 5 Netball, Kingdown - selected pupils, details to follow
10/03/20		Year 5 swimming begins
19/03/20	6:00pm	Oak class perform as part of the Lions Concert at Matravers School
24/03/20	2:45pm	Blossom Class parent drop-in. Ends at 3:05pm prompt
25/03/20	2:45pm	Willow Class parent drop-in. Ends at 3:05pm prompt
	3:30pm	West Wilts Hi 5 Netball, Kingdown - details to follow

26/03/20	2:45pm	Oak Class parent drop-in. Ends at 3:05pm prompt
27/03/20	1:00pm	KS1 All Stars Cricket visit
	2:45pm	Redwood Class parent drop-in. Ends at 3:05pm prompt
30/03/20	9:30am	Y3/4 Gymnastics, Trowbridge - selected pupils - details to follow
03/04/20	9:00am	Easter Service. Ends approx. 10am.
	3:15pm	<b>End of Term 4</b>
20/04/20	8:40am	<b>Term 5 begins</b>
29/04/20	11:00am	Y4/5 Tri Golf, Erlestoke - selected pupils, details to follow
04/05/20	9:30am	Y3/4 Hobby Horse Gymkhana - selected pupils, details to follow
08/05/20		<b>Bank Holiday - school closed</b>
11/05/20	8:15am	VIP Breakfast club for Year 6 pupils. SATs week commences.
12/05/20		KS1 swimming begins
18/05/20	9:45am	Quad Kids Athletics, Bath University - selected pupils, details TBC
22/05/20	3:15pm	<b>End of Term 5</b>
01/06/20		<b>TD Day - School closed to pupils</b>
02/06/20	8:40am	<b>Term 6 begins</b>
10/06/20	10:00am	Y4/5 Orienteering, Southleigh Woods - selected pupils, details TBC
12/06/20	9:00am	Oak class assembly. Ends approx. 9:30am
15/06/20	2:45pm	Redwood Class parent drop-in. Ends at 3:05pm prompt
16/06/20	2:45pm	Willow Class parent drop-in. Ends at 3:05pm prompt
17/06/20	5:30pm	New to YR parents' information evening in school hall
18/06/20	1:00pm	Rotary Club Debating Competition, Matravers - details TBC
	2:45pm	Blossom Class parent drop-in. Ends at 3:05pm prompt
19/06/20	2:45pm	Oak Class parent drop-in. Ends at 3:05pm prompt
24-25/06/20		New to Y7 Matravers visiting days
25/06/20		Whole school RE Day - Pentecost
26/06/20	9:00am	Blossom class assembly. Ends approx. 9:30am
29/06/20		Whole school Moving Up Day - meet your new teacher
		New to Y7 Kingdown visiting days 29/6, 30/6, 1/7
30/06/20	10:00am	New to YR visiting day, also 3/7, 7/7, 10/7
09/07/20	2:00pm	Redwood Performance, all family members welcome
	6:00pm	Redwood Performance, parents / adults only
10/07/20	1:30pm	Sports Day. Ends approx. 2:45pm. Annual reports go home to parents
14/07/20	1:30pm	Reserve Sports Day if weather is bad on 10 <sup>th</sup>
17/07/20	9:00am	Leavers' Service and Celebration of the Year. Ends approx. 10:15am
	3:15pm	<b>End of Term 6</b>
Summer Term	12 noon	All parents are invited to 'Join Your Child for Lunch' and are offered a choice of 3 or 4 dates per child. Ends at 12:55pm prompt. Full details later in the year.