

Chapmanslade School

Newsletter

13th March 2020



Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents,

Coronavirus is filling the news but for now, the message is very clear – schools must open as usual. Chapmanslade School remains open, and the important work of teaching and learning continues. Mrs McCall will ensure that any information we receive is passed on to you so please do read emails from the school.

The current advice on attendance codes is as follows –

- A pupil who is unwell due to Covid-19 is marked as absent due to illness
- A pupil in self-isolation is marked as absent due to exceptional circumstances
- A pupil who is not ill and not self-isolating but who remains at home is marked as absent
- A pupil who is unwell for reasons unrelated to Covid-19 is marked as absent due to illness

I recognise that this is a frightening time for families where there are underlying serious health conditions. Please contact me via the school office if you wish to discuss concerns.

On the advice of the Diocese, our foundation governors, vicars and volunteers from the church community will not be attending school for the next few weeks. Our volunteers do wonderful work for the school and its pupils, and we shall miss them. However, as many fall into the older age bracket, we fully support the Diocese in its advice to volunteers and wish them all a happy extended Easter break.

I have updated the Diary Dates page attached to this newsletter so that it makes a handy printable sheet. Alternatively, the school website is updated regularly and gives you access to all diary events and recent letters. The school games organiser has informed me that all West Wilts sporting events have been suspended until further notice. I have left them in the diary dates in case they are subsequently reinstated.

The next drop-in week commences on Monday 23rd March – you are invited to come along at 2:45pm on the specified day to look through your child's exercise books and other learning.

Please help us to keep our pupils safe by NOT walking up the driveway. The churchyard must be used to access the school and Busy Bees Preschool when the main school gate is locked. In particular, parents and children must not walk up the school drive to access Busy Bees before school just as staff are trying to turn and park cars in the narrow space available. Help us to keep children and cars separate.

Finally, my thanks to all those who helped with our altar cloth project. Every child in the school contributed to creating and making this very special birthday present to the school. I would especially like to thank Mrs Thackway, one of our foundation governors for her work in securing a grant to fund the project and for working with our artist, Ms Elisa Amor, to bring the project to life. We shall hold a special assembly to reveal the finished cloth – the date will be communicated as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Chapman

Key Dates for your Diary

Date	Time	Event
13/03/20	3:15pm	FoCS Tuck Shop on main playground
18/03/20	1:15pm	FoCS Mothers' Day Shop for KS2
19/03/20	1:15pm	FoCS Mothers' Day Shop for YR/KS1
	2:45pm	Oak parents Sit in Your Child's Seat
22/03/20		Mothering Sunday church service in school hall - all welcome
23/03/20	9:15	Blossom class trip to Butterfly World
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
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
31/03/20	9:00am	Year 3 French Café in hall - open for coffee / breakfast
01/04/20	11:00am	Year 6 to Matravers for Trampolining Festival
02/04/20	9:00am	Year 4 French Café in hall - open for coffee / breakfast
	1:00pm	KS2 Dynamo Cricket visit
	3:15pm	FoCS Easter Egg Hunt on field after school
03/04/20	9:00am	Easter Service. Ends approx. 9:45am.
	3:15pm	End of Term 4
20/04/20	8:40am	Term 5 begins
24/04/20	3:15pm	FoCS Tuck Shop on main playground
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		Bank Holiday - school closed
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	End of Term 5
01/06/20		TD Day - School closed to pupils
02/06/20	8:40am	Term 6 begins
08/06/20		Y5/6 Kwik Cricket tournament - details to follow
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
24/06/20		New to Y7 Matravers visiting days, also 25/6
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 th
17/07/20	9:00am	Leavers' Service and Celebration of the Year. Ends approx. 10:15am
	3:15pm	End of Term 6
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.
01/09/20		TD Day - School closed to pupils
02/09/20		TD Day - School closed to pupils
03/09/20		A new school year begins