

Chapmanslade School

Newsletter

18th September 2020



Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents,

A new school year is such a time for optimism because of all the potential that it has to offer. This year may be different due to Covid, but it is no less exciting.

This is a good school with a dedicated staff who care passionately that the needs of each pupil is met. My team is going above and beyond normal expectations to ensure that the school is safe and happy for our pupils. This includes staff having almost no non-contact time (including a lunch break) most days so that each 'bubble' remains intact, and I am deeply grateful to all of our staff.

Our Christian Value this term is Thankfulness and I think we can all benefit from consciously harnessing the power of gratitude. Our school vision is that we all learn to show gratitude for the precious gift of life by striving to be the very best versions of ourselves. We have been working with the children to think of ways to turn our moans and grumbles into an appreciation of the things that are going well for us. It definitely makes us feel better!

We hope that your child's journey with Chapmanslade School will last seven years. It is almost inevitable that over that length of time, things will sometimes go wrong. If you have any concerns at all about your child's academic progress or pastoral care, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher as soon as possible. The adults in your child's class will do everything they can to help. The quickest way to resolve any concerns is to speak in person to your child's class teacher. You are welcome to request a meeting or a telephone call by emailing admin@chapmanslade.wilts.sch.uk. Please do not write long emails; we much prefer to meet with you in person to avoid any misunderstandings! You can also catch any of my colleagues or me on the driveway daily.

On behalf of all of the teachers and teaching assistants of our awesome foursome – Blossom, Willow, Oak and Redwood - I welcome you all to the 2020/21 academic year at Chapmanslade School. Let's work together to make it Chapmanslade's best ever!

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Chapman

Ofsted Parent View

We hope to have an Ofsted inspection this year, and the inspector will seek your views about our school by asking you to complete an online questionnaire. BUT, you don't have to wait for Ofsted in order to express your views. **Any responses that you previously gave will not show up for this current academic year** so please do visit the site again. There is a link on our website to the Ofsted Parent View site [HERE](#). Your answers are confidential and will not show until at least ten different parents have completed the questionnaire. Both parents of a child, and any other adult with parental responsibility, can take part. We simply ask that if you 'disagree' or 'strongly disagree' with any of the statements, that you contact either Mrs Chapman or your child's class teacher so that we can attempt to address your concerns before you complete the quiz. Thank you for your support.

Assessment Data

Please find a separate sheet attached to this newsletter containing the results and other data that we believe our pupils would have achieved had lockdown not happened. The sheet is hopefully self-explanatory, but please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Chapman if you have any questions about it. **We want to congratulate last year's Year 6 leavers in particular** – they worked very diligently up until lockdown, participating fully in their own learning, and were determined to do well. We have communicated to their new secondary schools the level of success we believe each one would have been capable of without lockdown and the cancellation of national testing. We are delighted to hear that our former pupils have settled brilliantly into their new schools. Good luck!

Mrs Littlewood

Mrs Littlewood taught in Blossom class last year. She left us at the end of August but was sadly unable to come into school from the beginning of March. We are delighted to be able to share with you that Mrs Littlewood is expecting her second baby soon! Mrs Littlewood is very sad to be saying goodbye to Chapmanslade School but writes,

"I would just like to send a thank you to all the parents of Blossom for their kind cards and gifts at the end of the year and also thank them for being so welcoming and inviting for my short time at the school. The class were an absolute pleasure to teach."

Clubs and Music Lessons

We are currently unable to offer our usual wide range of extra-curricular activities due to limited additional space and teachers being deployed on maintaining Covid-security. We will add to the football currently on offer as soon as we can safely do so. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Communication

We are careful to email out only communication that is relevant to individual parents so that you will know that our emails are worth reading! However, if you like to keep in touch with school life in general, you will find all communication listed under the ["Diary and News"](#) tab on the school website.

Harvest Festival

St Philip and St James Church is sadly too small to accommodate socially separated services and remains closed. However, Rev Maynard and Mr Buick, our churchwarden, warmly invite our families to join a Harvest celebration on the wild flower meadow by the old school in Corsley on Sunday 27th September at 10.30am. If you would like to contribute goods, Rev Maynard is hoping that there will be a collection for a farming charity and gifts for the Food Bank. As they will be unable to hold a Harvest Supper this year, families are invited to 'bring your own picnic' to follow the service, weather permitting!