

# Chapmanslade School

## Newsletter

20<sup>th</sup> October 2020



### Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents,

Today is the last day of term 1 - it has flown by in a happy and productive whirl! Term 2 begins on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

From Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, we will trial a change to the collecting routine as follows -

- If your only, or eldest child is in Blossom, Willow or Oak, please do not enter the school site until 3:00pm. Your child/ren will be dismissed between 3:00 – 3:05pm.
- If your only, or eldest child is in Redwood, please do not enter the school site until 3:10pm. Your child/ren will be dismissed between 3:10 – 3:15pm.
- Children who use the after school club at Busy Bees will continue to be dismissed at 3:15pm
- All parents are reminded to exit the site promptly, and politely requested not to gather on the pavement to allow as much social distancing as possible.
- If you arrive at school by car, please depart as promptly as possible to allow other parents to find a car parking space.

Thank you for your continued cooperation with our safety measures, including to all those who helped Parents' Evening to run smoothly last night. Despite the facemasks, screens and social distancing, we do hope that meeting your child's teacher was a positive experience. The second Parents' Evening is tonight. If you have been unable to attend but would like a telephone appointment, please send a short email to [admin@chapmanslade.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@chapmanslade.wilts.sch.uk) and your child's class teacher will contact you.

Cricket coaching with Wiltshire Cricket will continue, with indoor adaptations to the skills' coaching if the weather is too wet or cold to be outside. Blossom class will also have a cricket coaching session on Thursdays in Term 2; we have worked with Wiltshire Cricket to include skills' coaching appropriate for Reception pupils. All pupils should arrive at school on Thursdays in correct PE kit, including plain black joggers and tops.

It gives me great pleasure to announce that Rachel and Riley H have been appointed as our Head Girl and Boy. I know you will join me in congratulating Rachel and Riley on their achievement. Look out for them on the driveway after half term, when their first important job will be raising funds for The Royal British Legion. Please see below for more details of how the school will support this year's Poppy Appeal.

We take bullying very seriously at Chapmanslade. You can find our Anti-bullying policy on the school website. In line with our policy, we shall be marking anti-bullying week during Term 2 with special assemblies in liaison with the NSPCC, and through our Christian Value of Compassion. Compassion means 'to suffer with'; helping children to understand the Value through bible stories will be a starting point for understanding how we can live well by showing compassion to others.

I wish you all a very restful half term holiday. Don't forget, the clocks go back on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October!

Yours sincerely  
Mrs Chapman

### Poppy Appeal

We are pleased to support The Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal 2020. Rachel and Riley, our Head Girl and Boy will be collecting donations on the school driveway during the period 2<sup>nd</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> November, weather permitting. Paper poppies will be available for a small donation. We request that gift items such as lapel pins, wristbands, rulers and pencil sharpeners attract a minimum donation of £1. We are unable to give change so please have your donation ready in coins. In order to maintain social distancing, there will be a rota for pupils and parents in each class to go to the stall.

### Ofsted Parent View

Would you like to give us feedback? There is a link on our website to the Ofsted Parent View site [HERE](#). Your answers are anonymous 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 helping us to understand what we do well and what we can improve.

### Residential Trip

With no end of Covid in sight, the Government is still banning overnight trips for school children. We have taken the decision to cancel the 2021 Osmington Bay visit for Redwood pupils. We know that the affected pupils will be disappointed, but hope that parents will support us by reminding children that we have to comply with the law in order to keep them safe.

### Clubs

- **Football club** will run on Tuesdays during Term 2 for REDWOOD class. Those taking part may arrive at school in **correct PE kit of plain black joggers/tracksuit bottoms and plain black jackets/hoodies**. No other items of clothing are permitted.
- **Rugby club**, with Bath Rugby, will operate on Tuesdays in terms 3 and 4, with Redwood and Oak offered one term each so that bubbles remain intact.

Please see the school's website for more details about clubs.

### Harvest Festival Quiz

Here is a message from Mr Buick, our church warden –

A new quiz began at the recent Harvest Festival service, called 'It Grows in the Soil'. There will be 50 questions to be answered by 28th November. If you would like to join in, it costs £3 per sheet, and there will be a £20 garden voucher as the prize for the highest score. In the event of a tie, the winner will be decided by a draw. To get a quiz sheet, contact Judith Helliard on 01373 832803 or Sue Fear on 01373 832074.

### Communication

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.

- It is in everyone's interest that concerns are resolved at the earliest opportunity.
- 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](mailto:admin@chapmanslade.wilts.sch.uk)
- Do not write long emails; we prefer to meet / telephone you to avoid any misunderstandings.
- You can also catch any adult on the driveway daily to talk informally or to make an appointment.

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.