

Newsletter



Message from the Head Teacher

Dear parents

We are working hard to get our brand new website up and running as soon as we possibly can. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact the school office if there is any information that you urgently require while our website is temporarily down. Thank you for your patience and understanding while we tackle this huge job.

I know that many of you found the Parents' Evenings at the end of last term informative and reassuring. Please check the diary dates section at the end of this newsletter for the dates of our next Drop In sessions. Drop Ins are an opportunity for you to look through your child's exercise books and other work, and to see the progress your child is making.

You will note from our Diary Dates that Redwood Class will be performing this year's Nativity. Staff took the decision to make some changes because of the logistical difficulty in organising both a residential trip and a performance in Term 6 when Year 6 pupils are absent at different times for their various new-to-Year 7 induction visits to secondary schools. Our younger pupils will play a bigger role in this year's Carol Service, and will be staging their own big production during the summer term. Oak will be presenting their class performance during the Easter term. We are committed to ensuring that all pupils have frequent opportunities to perform, and to undertake public speaking, as part of our broad and balanced curriculum, and all parents are warmly invited to attend any performance whether or not their own child is involved.

Pupils have taken part in a number of sporting festivals and a very stimulating Year 5 Girls in Science visit to Bruton School already this year. On the competitive sport front, the whole of Key Stage 2 took part in the West Wiltshire Cross Country Running at Stonar School. Notable individual performances included **Martha** 5th and **Amelie** 7th in the Year 3/4 Girls, **Fenix** 35th in the Year 3/4 Boys, **Felicity** 34th in the Year 5/6 Girls and **Rory** 7th in the Year 5/6 Boys. Our best performing team were the Year 3/4 Girls (**Martha, Amelie, Daisy and Hettie**) who took 3rd place. Congratulations to all the children who took part. Last Monday, **Annie, Crystal, Eva, Evelyn, Harley, Libby and Mabel** represented Chapmanslade at the West Wiltshire Girls' Football tournament. The girls played five matches to the best of their ability in very wet and windy conditions but were not able to progress to the final. Well done to all of you, and especially to **Lolabelle**, who stepped in as an unexpected substitute when we were a player down!

Finally, I am delighted to announce the appointment of our House Captains and Deputy House Captains: **Oliver** and **Rory** (Blue), **Eden** and **Oscar** (Green), **Mabel** and **Libby** (Yellow) and **Bradley** and **Brooke** (Red); and our elected School Council members: **Georgie** and **Leighton** (Blossom), **Isis** and **Alfie** (Willow), **Lolabelle** and **Zachary** (Oak) and **Evelyn** and **Alexander** (Redwood). All of the above named children made election speeches to their houses or classes and I congratulate them all on their appointments.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Chapman

Special News

Our pupils continue to excel in so many different areas, enjoying their clubs and hobbies outside of school. Please do keep sending in certificates and medals as we love to celebrate the children's successes. Congratulations to:

Jayden who took part in the Keynsham rugby festival in October and **Evelyn** who took part in the Royal Wootton Bassett Rugby Tournament; **Lewis** who took part in a motor cross racing event last month; **Sophie** who completed Learn to Swim Stage 2 in Swim England Awards in September and **Amelia** who achieved the 25metre distance badge in the ASA Rainbow Swimming Scheme Awards in October; **Flora** and **Charlie** who each achieved Level 8 in the British Gymnastics Proficiency Awards in September; **Esmee** who attended Funstars Live; and **Flora** who took part in the Summer Reading Challenge.

Well done to you all.

Generosity

Chapmanslade pupils demonstrated term 1's Christian Value of Generosity through Harvest Festival donations to the Warminster Food Bank, which alongside donations from the rest of our church community totalled over 100kg of food, and by baking and selling cakes for MacMillan's Coffee Morning appeal, raising just under £100 for one of our chosen charities. Well done Chapmanslade!

Young Writers

Mrs Newton promoted a competition at the end of last year to encourage pupils to do their best writing. Congratulations to **Reece, Lottie, Isis and Faye** who submitted stories to the Young Writers' My First Story competition and have had their work accepted for publication! These budding authors will be able to see their stories in *My First Story 2018* in January. Congratulations!

Carol Singing

Mrs Thackway, one of our governors, invites pupils and their families to take part in carol singing on Friday 14th December at 6pm in the barn next door to St Margaret's Church at Corsley Manor House. Everyone welcome! Do come along for squash, mulled wine and mince pies. Any money raised will be donated to The Children's Society.

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you very much to everyone who supported the Book Fair. Our Librarians, **Abigail, Bertie and Oscar**, have been busy labelling and protecting all the new books we have been able to purchase for our school library using the commission raised. The new books will be available to borrow from next week.

Date	Time	Event
16/11/18		Mufti Day in aid of Children in Need
26/11/18	3:00pm	Y5/6 Small Schools' Football Tournament at Kingdown
30/11/18	10:00am	Y3/4 Hockey Festival at Warminster School – details TBC
02/12/18	7:15pm	Friends of Chapmanslade School wreath making, village hall
04/12/18	10:00am	Year 6 to Matravers to watch performance
	2:00pm	Blossom Class Toy Sale
05/12/18	1:30pm	Open day for prospective parents (new to YR 2019)
09/12/18	10:30am	Friends of Chapmanslade School Christmas Fayre, village hall
10/12/18	morning	Flu Immunisations for YR to Y5
	1:30pm	Friends of Chapmanslade School Christmas Shop (KS2)
	2:45pm	Redwood class Drop-In for parents
11/12/18	1:30pm	Friends of Chapmanslade School Christmas Shop (KS1)
12/12/18	2:45pm	Willow class Drop-In for parents
13/12/18	2:45pm	Oak class Drop-In for parents
14/12/18	2:45pm	Blossom class Drop-In for parents
18/12/18	2:00pm	Redwood Christmas performance to school and all family members
19/12/18	6:00pm	Redwood Christmas performance – parents and adults only
20/12/18	12:00pm	Christmas Lunch
21/12/18	9:00am	Carol Service – parents welcome. 3:15pm End of Term 2
07/01/19	8:40am	Term 3 begins
15/01/19	9:45am	Young Sports Ambassadors' conference, Trowbridge
24/01/19	9:00am	Willow Class assembly – parents invited
29/01/19		Y3/4 Key Steps Gymnastics Competition – details TBC
30/01/19	3:30pm	Y5/6 Hockey Festival, Stonar School – details TBC
04/02/19	2:45pm	Willow class Drop-In for parents
05/02/19	2:45pm	Redwood class Drop-In for parents
06/02/19	2:45pm	Oak class Drop-In for parents
07/02/19	2:45pm	Willow class Drop-In for parents
14/02/19	6:00pm	Redwood – Dance Festival, Bath – details TBC
15/02/19	3:15pm	Interim Reports go home to parents End of Term 3
25/02/19	8:40am	Term 4 begins Sign-up sheets for parents' evening outside classes
27/02/19	3:30pm	Y5/6 Hockey Tournament, Stonar School– details TBC
04/03/19	3:30pm	Parents' Evening
06/03/19	3:30pm	Parents' Evening
28/03/19	2:00pm	Oak Class performance to school and all family members
29/03/19	9:00am	Oak Class performance – parents and adults only