

Chapmanslade School

Newsletter

21st September 2021



Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents,

It is always a pleasure to appoint positions of responsibility to pupils in our school. I know that you will join me in congratulating our new Head Girl and Head Boy, **Daisy and Zachary**, and their Deputies, **Brooke and Riley**. Congratulations to you all!

Badge holders in our school are role models. They model full participation in all aspects of school life, including and most particularly, respectful communication to all members of our school community. Some badge holding positions are appointed, and others are elected by the children in the school.

Year 6 pupils who wish to stand for election as House Captain must make a short speech to the school on 6th October explaining why they would make a good House Captain, and why children in their house should vote for them. The runner-up in each house will become Deputy House Captain.

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Please help to minimise crowding on the school driveway, and to ease parking on the High Street, by leaving promptly once you have collected your child. Only one adult from each household should wait on the driveway, and if you are collecting a sibling group, please do not arrive until 3:10pm. We will dismiss children without siblings before we begin to dismiss sibling groups.

We are very happy to dismiss our older children to walk home alone or to meet parents at an agreed place in the village as long as we have those instructions in writing. If you would like us to dismiss your child in the afternoons without waiting for you to arrive at the top of the drive, please send an email to Mrs McCall at [admin@chapmanslade.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@chapmanslade.wilts.sch.uk)

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In keeping with our Christian Value of Generosity for this term, we shall once again raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support through a cake sale, on Friday 1st October. Thank you in advance for your generous support of this excellent charity – we hope you will find that your children are generous in helping to tidy up after any baking at home! Cakes should be dropped off in a named box or tin on the morning of the sale. We ask the children to bring a minimum donation of 20p per cake if they wish to buy one or two to eat at break time.

Please see the Diary Dates page at the end of this newsletter to remind you of forthcoming events including Harvest Festival and Parents' Evenings.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Chapman

Volunteers

Can you spare an hour or two a week to come into school and listen to readers? If so, we would love to hear from you. Reading aloud regularly to an interested adult is the quickest way for children to achieve fluency in their decoding and competency in the skills of comprehension. We would love to hear from parents, grandparents, friends or neighbours. Please contact the school office on admin@chapmanslade.wilts.sch.uk if you can help.

Uniform

Please ensure that items of school uniform, particularly sweatshirts and cardigans, are clearly named. If the name is written in ink please check after each wash that the name is still legible.

Book Bags

Children may bring a flat book bag to school to carry their reading book and letters. Children may also bring a named lunch box and drinks bottle. We do not have sufficient space to store rucksacks and these must not be sent into school. Thank you for your cooperation.

PE and Sport

All pupils should arrive at school in correct PE kit on PE days. Please contact your child's teacher if you are unsure of the days for your child's PE lessons. We hope that a wider range of School Games events will be possible this year. Pupils in KS2 should have a purple competition polo shirt to wear to outside events. We have a small number of purple polo shirts to lend, please enquire at the school office.

Clubs

Chapmanslade School hopes to provide all children with the opportunity to take part in extra-curricular activities through the course of the year. Due to staffing levels, all teachers have lunchtime supervisory responsibilities, which means we are unable to run lunchtime clubs at the moment. We shall keep this under review. Participation in after-school football and rugby was lower than usual last term, and it has not been possible to offer those clubs during Term 1. We are keen to offer after-school sports clubs during Term 2 and would be pleased to hear from any provider who can offer a club. Please contact the school office if you are interested.

Healthy Eating and Dental Care

Oral health is now an important part of the Early Years curriculum, and schools have a new duty to promote oral health. Did you know that 1 in 5 five year olds in Wiltshire have dental decay, and that 1000 children a year in Wiltshire have teeth removed under general anaesthetic due to decay? Please help us to promote healthy happy smiles by keeping sugar consumption to meal times only. Ways to do this include:

- Encourage your child to drink water or milk only between meals
- Under 5s are eligible for free milk at school; parents of 5+ can order school milk
- Pack squash and fruit drinks in lunch boxes
- Provide a named **water** bottle for use at break and during the day (or allow school to provide fresh water for your child)
- Remember that all pupils in Blossom and Willow are provided with free fruit and vegetables for snack time in school. Do not send in anything else unless your child has a dietary intolerance.
- Pupils in Oak and Redwood should bring healthy snacks only, for example, fruit, vegetables, crackers, breadsticks, cheese, plain yoghurt.

Self-Isolating

It is no longer necessary for members of a household to self-isolate if one member tests positive for Covid-19. Siblings should therefore attend school whilst awaiting the results of a PCR test, even if another sibling has to remain at home due to a positive test. If a child has Covid-19, the absence is marked as sickness absence. If the child is unwell with Covid symptoms he or she is not expected to undertake remote learning.

Diary Dates

Date	Time	Event
20/09/21	1:15pm	Reception pupils finish at 1:15pm this week
		Tours of school for prospective parents (Reception 2022) commence
24/09/21	7:00pm	Friends of Chapmanslade (FoCS) meeting in Three Horseshoes
27/09/21		Reception pupils attend full time from this date
01/10/21	10:30am	Cake Sale in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support
05/10/21	2:15pm	Harvest Festival
06/10/21	1:00pm	Election of House Captains
07/10/21	9:00am	Harvest Festival
08/10/21	2:00pm	KS2 Cross Country event at Warminster School - details TBC
15/10/21	evening	FoCS KS1 & KS2 Halloween Disco at the village hall - details to follow
19/10/21	3:30pm	Parents' Evening
20/10/21	3:15pm	End of Term 1
	3:30pm	Parents' Evening
01/11/21	8:40am	Term 2 begins
26/11/21	afternoon	Flu vaccinations for YR - Y6
17/12/21	3:15pm	End of Term 2
04/01/21		TD Day. School closed to pupils
05/01/21	8:40am	Term 3 begins