

Chapmanslade School

Newsletter

3rd September 2021



Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents,

Staff have been busy getting the school ready to welcome back our pupils. We are very much looking forward to seeing all the children again on Monday morning.

All children should arrive at school between 8:40am and 8:55am. Registration is at 8:55am. The gate will be locked just before 9:00am.

We continue to ask parents to drop off and collect their children as quickly as possible to reduce social gathering within the vicinity of the school, and to ease pressure on parking along the High Street. Please avoid waiting at the top of the driveway, and leave promptly after collecting your child.

Pupils who do NOT have siblings will be dismissed first at 3:10pm. Sibling groups will be dismissed together at 3:15pm. Children going to Busy Bees after-school club will be taken there at 3:15pm.

Chapmanslade School will take small steps back towards normal operating conditions in the best interests of the children. We will continue with excellent hand and respiratory hygiene, as well as ensuring good ventilation, to keep our pupils and staff as well as possible as the children begin to mix again in collective worship and at lunch times each day.

One small step that we hope to achieve this term is to be able to invite parents to celebrate **Harvest Festival** with us. Exact details of ticketing arrangements will follow but you may wish to note either Tuesday 5th October at 2:15pm or Thursday 7th October at 9am in your diaries. Parents will be able to attend one of the services only to avoid over-crowding.

Finally, we shall hold **Parents' Evenings** on Tuesday 19th October and Wednesday 20th October between 3:30 and 5:50pm. Booking forms will be sent to parents in the week commencing 4th October.

I wish you all a very happy final weekend of the summer holidays!

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Chapman

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 Days

Wiltshire Cricket will be delivering Friday PE lessons to all classes during term 1. All pupils (including Reception children in Blossom) should arrive at school in correct PE kit starting from Friday 10th September. Your child's teacher will send home a class newsletter next week, informing you of the day of your child's second PE lesson. The second PE lesson will commence from week 2.

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. Children who are unwell should not attend school.

Uniform

We are sorry to hear that some parents have had difficulties ordering uniform, in particular, some issues with sizing and colour variation. Mrs McCall is working with our supplier to address these issues. Children are welcome to wear winter or summer uniform as they return to school, but all children must wear well-fitting enclosed sandals or shoes (not slip-on shoes) for their own safety. Please ensure that items of school uniform, particularly sweatshirts and cardigans, are clearly named.

Diary Dates

Date	Time	Event
03/09/21	9:00am	New to Reception pupils transition visit until 10:30am
06/09/21	8:40am	Term 1 begins
		Reception pupils finish at 11:45am this week
10/09/21		Cricket lessons begin for all classes - arrive in PE kit
13/09/21		Reception pupils finish at 1:15pm this week and next
27/09/21		Reception pupils attend full time
05/10/21	2:15pm	Harvest Festival
07/10/21	9:00am	Harvest Festival
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
04/01/22		TD Day. School closed to pupils
05/01/22	8:40am	Term 3 begins