

Chapmanslade School

Newsletter

9th November 2021



Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents,

There are so many reasons to be proud of our children and school community. Let me list just a few for you...

Congratulations to **Daisy** who passed her Grade 2 piano in the summer. We love to hear about the successes of our pupils outside of school – parents are invited to send in medals, certificates and trophies to class teachers on Fridays for inclusion in our Celebration Assembly.

Many of our Year 6 pupils made speeches to the school, seeking election as House Captain. After an exciting vote, I am delighted to confirm the following – Blue House Captain, **Amelie** and Deputy, **Harry**; Green House Captain, **Tabitha** and Deputy, **Nathaniel**; Yellow House Captain, **Lolabelle** and Deputy, **Kitty**; and Red House Captain, **Phoenix** and Deputy, **Joshua**. Congratulations to all of these children.

Several pupils sought election to school council, making speeches and presentations to their own classes in the first round. For the final round, we held formal voting with ballot papers in the hall. I would like to congratulate the following children on their success – in Blossom, **Seren and Theo**; in Willow, **Flora and Isaac P**; in Oak, **Holly and Alfie**; and in Redwood, **Tabitha and Phoenix**. Well done to all of the candidates.

Our small school community has helped the wider community through a number of charitable initiatives since September. A huge thank you to pupils, parents and staff for the generous donations that resulted in 98kg of produce for Warminster Foodbank; a donation of £111 to Macmillan Cancer Support; and our on-going collection for the Royal British Legion.

Another community link that we enjoy is with the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire Brigade. In assembly last week, our children listened intently while Firefighter Paul (virtually) told us a story about bonfire night and checked all the important safety rules for lighting fires and using fireworks. Chapmanslade pupils understand the importance of being respectful, responsible citizens.

On the sporting front, almost a third of our pupils have taken part in cross country running competitions over the last few weeks. At Warminster School, the Chapmanslade team came third overall, and we were all so proud of our highest placed runner, **Erin F**, who took the bronze medal in the Y3/4 Girls race. Last Friday, we entered teams into the Stonar School XC. The children were fantastic, digging deep to run the challenging course. Our highest placed athlete was **Amelie**, who took bronze in the Y5/6 Girls race. Well done!

We look forward to welcoming parents to our combined Nativity & Carol Service in the last week of this term. A separate letter with full details and a booking slip will follow, but I have listed the dates for you at the end of this newsletter. Please be as flexible as possible about which performance you attend. Covid restrictions permitting, tickets will be confirmed by the end of November. Latoca will be offering cold lunches only on 14th, 15th and 16th December at our request because the hall will be set up for the performances. Christmas dinner will be served on Friday 17th December and children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper that day, instead of their school sweatshirt, if they would like to.

Yours sincerely
Mrs Chapman

Nut Allergy Information

Nuts are allowed in snacks and lunch boxes because there are no children or staff with serious nut allergies. If this information is incorrect (based on information provided by parents in the data collection sheets) please contact Mrs McCall in the school office immediately using admin@chapmanslade.wilts.sch.uk

Driveway Safety

The church yard must be used to access the school and Busy Bees Preschool when the main school gate is locked. Please do not walk up the school drive. This is particularly important before school when many children are going into Busy Bees Breakfast Club just as school staff are trying to turn and park cars in the narrow space available. Please help us to keep children and cars separate.

Friends of Chapmanslade School (FoCS)

We are very grateful to FoCS for the work they do to organise social events for pupils and parents, and to raise funds for the benefit of pupils at our school.

- The recent Halloween Disco raised £180 and importantly, provided a wonderful social event for the children.
- Full details will follow shortly about the Christmas Shop.
- Tues 14th Dec, there will be a parents meal at The Three Horseshoes pub. Please contact Claire Sadler to book.
- Fri 17th Dec, children's Christmas disco at Chapmanslade Village Hall 4-6pm

Please see a separate letter about fundraising through recycling previously worn clothes that FoCS and Busy Bees Preschool are organising. Clare Sadler (chair) and the FoCS committee are always grateful for offers of help. If you would like to get involved, please email Mrs McCall in the school office on admin@chapmanslade.wilts.sch.uk and someone will contact you.

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. 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 from the teacher) by emailing admin@chapmanslade.wilts.sch.uk but please do not write long emails. We much prefer to meet with you in person to avoid any misunderstandings. You are also very welcome to catch Mrs Chapman, teachers and teaching assistants on the driveway to discuss small concerns or to make an appointment. They are here to help.

Ofsted Parent View

Parent View gives current parents a voice and helps prospective parents to understand what it is like to be part of the Chapmanslade School community. Have you completed the survey yet? We value your feedback! Over the years, feedback from parents has prompted us to improve the information on the school website, to rewrite our anti-bullying policy and to introduce class newsletters. All of the team here want to help to make your child's experience of school as positive as possible, and we can do that if we understand what we do well and what needs to change.

If you disagree, or strongly disagree, with any of the statements on Parent View, please give us the opportunity to make things better by talking to your child's class teacher, or to Mrs Chapman, before you complete the survey.

Dismissal

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

Staffing Update

Mrs Pam Robertson has joined our team as SENCo. Mrs Robertson is an experienced Inclusion Leader and will be working at Chapmanslade for one afternoon each fortnight. Mrs Robertson can be contacted direct on senco@chapmanslade.wilts.sch.uk. However, if your enquiry is urgent or concerns the immediate needs of your child, please speak to your child's class teacher or to Mrs Chapman, or contact them using admin@chapmanslade.wilts.sch.uk. This will achieve a faster response for you.

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

Pupils should have a waterproof jacket or coat in school every day as we try to get outside even when it is raining. 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 visible. This helps us to quickly reunite pupils and their belongings!

Diary Dates

Date	Time	Event
01/11/21	8:40am	Term 2 begins
	3:15pm	Football club - Oak and Redwood
05/11/21	1:30pm	Stonar School cross country Y4-6
08/11/21	3:15pm	Football club - Oak and Redwood
15/11/21	3:00pm	Y5/6 Girls' Football Tournament at Kingdown School. NO CLUB
22/11/21	3:00pm	Y5/6 Small Schools' Football Tournament at Kingdown. NO CLUB
26/11/21	afternoon	Flu vaccinations for YR - Y6
29/11/21		(Redwood Class) Dance Festival tickets on sale to parents
	3:15pm	Football club - Oak and Redwood
6/12/21	3:15pm	Football club - Oak and Redwood
07/12/21	1:15pm	FoCS Christmas shop for KS1
09/12/21	1:15pm	FoCS Christmas shop for KS2
13/12/21	3:15pm	Football club - Oak and Redwood
14/12/21	2:00pm	Nativity Carol Service in school hall
	evening	FoCS Parents meal at Three Horseshoe pub
15/12/21	9:00am	Nativity Carol Service in school hall
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16/12/21	9:00am	Nativity Carol Service in school hall
17/12/21	12 noon	Christmas dinner for pupils. Christmas jumpers may be worn.
	3:15pm	End of Term 2
	4:00pm	FoCS Christmas disco for pupils
04/01/22		TD Day. School closed to pupils
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06/01/22	8:40am	Term 3 begins
16/02/22		Redwood class Dance Festival at The Forum in Bath