

Chapmanslade School

Newsletter

17th January 2022



Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents,

It has been wonderful to welcome back pupils and parents since the Christmas break. Term three has got off to a flying start and we've got some exciting events booked in for this term; please do read on to find out more.

House Point Competition

Yellow House and Green House enjoyed their house reward on Thursday from our House Point Competition. Green house won Term 1's competition and Yellow house won Term 2. Well done to members of both houses!

House points are awarded for positive behaviour. They are counted weekly and shared in our celebration Collective Worship on Fridays. At the end of each term, the house with the most points wins reward time, usually following in the next term. To find out more about how house points can be achieved, see our behaviour policy – this will be sent out later on in the week.

Newland Homes Assembly and Visit

The new housing development in the village is well underway. Newland Homes, the site developers, will be visiting the school on the 3rd of February to give an assembly on the variety of things which happen on a building site with a focus on sustainability. Following this, each class will be making their own Bee Hotel to go in the development ready for Spring time. We hope to visit them in situ later in the year, too.

Redwood at the West Wiltshire Dance Festival – 16th February

Redwood have been working hard with Miss Dyer to create their dance for the West Wiltshire Dance Festival next month. As a school, we look forward to seeing Redwood's dance before they go off to perform at The Forum in Bath on the 16th February. If you would like to support Redwood by watching at The Forum and haven't got tickets yet, you can still book at <https://bathboxoffice.org.uk/whats-on/west-wilts-dance-festival-2022/>. A big thank you too, to Mrs Knight, who has been helping with choreography.

Conductive Music Workshops 17th & 18th February

We are very excited to share that all four classes will have a music technology workshop with *Conductive Music* as part of their *Inspire: Reboot* programme on the final two days of this term. For more information about what the children will be up to during workshops, or about Conductive Music, please visit <https://conductivemusic.uk/2020/06/provision21-22/>. Thank you to Wiltshire Music Connect for funding this experience.

Interim Reports & Parent's Evening

Interim progress reports will be sent home on the final day of this term. Soon after half term, we will hold a parent's evening which will give us the opportunity to discuss reports and how your child(ren) are getting on in general. Dates and details of parent's evening will be confirmed as soon as possible. Please do talk to your child's class teacher in the meantime if you have any questions or concerns about their learning.

Wow!

A huge congratulations to Matilda, who donated her hair to the Little Princess Trust, also raising a brilliant £350 for the worthy cause! Please do keep letting us know about any out of school achievements.

Yours sincerely

General Notices

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

Please use the church yard to access the school and Busy Bees Preschool when the main school gate is locked rather than walking up the steep 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.

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 Mr Cottrell, teachers and teaching assistants on the driveway to discuss small concerns or to make an appointment.

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 Mr Cottrell, before you complete the survey.

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
17/01/22	3:15pm	Football club Yr1-3
19/01/22	In School	School Nurse Y6 Height & Weight Checks
19/01/22	In School	School Nurse YR Vision and Other Health Checks
24/01/22	3:15pm	Football club Yr1-3
26/01/22	In School	Blossom Class Lord Visit TBC
31/01/22	3:15pm	Football club Yr1-3
03/02/22	In School	Newland Homes Assembly
07/02/22	3:15pm	Football club Yr1-3
08/02/22	All Day	Safer Internet Day
14/02/22	3:15pm	Football club Yr1-3
16/02/22	Evening	Redwood class Dance Festival at The Forum in Bath
17/02/22	In School	Conductive Music Workshops - Oak and Redwood
18/02/22	In School	Conductive Music Workshops - Willow and Blossom
		Interim Reports Sent Home
		End of Term 3
28/02/22		Term 4 Begins
Early in Term 4		Parent's Evening TBC