

Chapmanslade School

Newsletter

4th February 2022



Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents,

Firstly, thank you for your patience over the past few weeks. It has been a challenge for us all with Covid-19 pupil, parent and staff absences, but hopefully we are through the worst of it. As you may be aware, Mrs McCall has been unwell for several weeks, so I apologise if we have taken longer than usual to respond to queries or welcome you at the office in the mornings. Miss Parton is working in the office in the afternoons.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our staff and governors at Chapmanslade, who have gone above and beyond over the past weeks to keep the school safe and thriving. This includes our contractors Lataca, who provide our lunches and Busy Bees 2000, who clean and maintain our site.

Our Christian value this term is *Wisdom*. We have been talking about Wisdom in class and during Collective Worship assemblies. Hopefully, children can tell you all about King Solomon the Wise and the Golden Temple he built. We have also been exploring how we can show wisdom through listening to adults: parents, grandparents, teachers & teaching assistants and how thinking carefully, making good, informed choices can help us. This week, we enjoyed the story *Why is the Sky Blue?* which taught us about the curious rabbit and the wise old donkey, who in the end realised he didn't know everything!

Next week, we celebrate *Safer Internet Day* on Tuesday. Linked to this, all children are learning about Digital Wellbeing in PSHE lessons this term. As the Online Safety Lead for our school, I have been so impressed by the maturity of our pupils when I have popped into lessons recently and talked to them about staying safe online. I know that several of our governors who met with pupils before Christmas reported the confidence of our pupils knowing what to do if they have worries online, too. We will all be focusing on safer internet activities in particular over the next week. Please look out for upcoming information for parents related to online safety. If you, or children ever have any concerns about pupil's safety online, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

We have a busy few weeks coming up with lots booked in, including new clubs for next term. Please see the next page for more information about each. If you know of, or are an external provider who is interested in running a club at our school, please contact admin@chapmanslade.wilts.sch.uk.

Wow!

If you get a chance to watch *Belfast*, you will see Phoenix from our school as an extra! This was filmed a couple of years ago and he appears in the film a few times. Well done, Phoenix!

Please do keep letting us know about any out of school achievements.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Cottrell

Upcoming Events

Fun Science Assembly - 10th February

Fun Science will be delivering after school clubs on a Thursday next term. They are visiting (in-person or remotely) next week to wow us with a science assembly, too. If you would like your child/children to attend the science after school club, please book them on using the following link – www.fun-science.org.uk/chapmanslade-term4-2022
Email bath@fun-science.org.uk or call 07708 214840 if you have any problems with the booking system. Please note, booking is essential.

Newland Homes Assembly and Visit – postponed to 16th February

Newland Homes, the site developers of the new development will be visiting the school on the 16th 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 and Mrs Knight to create their dance for the West Wiltshire Dance Festival. 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/>.

Conductive Music Workshops - 17th & 18th February

There's not long to go until our music technology workshops 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 - 1st & 2nd March

Interim progress reports will be sent home on the final day of this 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. These will be held on Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd March from 3:30 – 6pm. We will send sign up sheets for this home today – please look out for these in children's bags (also sent via Parentmail). *Please do talk to your child's class teacher in the meantime if you have any questions of concerns about their learning.*

World Book Day – 3rd March

We will be celebrating World Book Day on 3rd March. More details to follow soon, but start thinking about those costumes...!

Archery Club – Term 4

Please see the below message from the club provider:

We will be providing new after school clubs for the children at Chapmanslade School after Feb half term! Our first club will be an Archery club for years 3-6. We use a child friendly archery kit supplied by Archery GB, the arrows are suckers and you can look at the kit we use here (<https://www.hope-education.co.uk/Product/Sport/Other-Sports/Archery/Arrows-Archery-Kit---Six-Bow-Pack>) All bookings for the club are made through our website, please follow the link below to book; <https://igsportscoaching.co.uk/chapmanslade-c-of-e-primary-school-clubs/>
If you require any assistance, please contact Ian; E: ian@igsportscoaching.co.uk M: 078555 33141

Lions Concert - 31st March

We are happy to announce that we will be participating in this year's Lions concert run by Matravers School. This will be held as a virtual event this year. More information to follow!

Swimming: Willow Class - Term 5 & 6

We will be resuming swimming lessons for pupils in terms 5 & 6 for Willow Class only (at present). We will send out more information about this in the near future. We will also be looking for parent volunteers to help us with this on Fridays between 9 – 11am.

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
07/02/22	3:15pm	Football Club Yr1-3
08/02/22		Safer Internet Day
10/02/22	1:05pm	Fun Science Assembly
14/02/22	3:15pm	Football Club Yr1-3
16/02/22	1:00pm	Newland Homes Assembly (re-arranged)
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	
	3:15	Football Club
01/03/22	3:15	Archery Club Yr3-6
	3:30	Parents Evening
02/03/22	3:30	Parents Evening
03/03/22		World Book Day - plans TBC
	3:15	Fun Science Club
07/03/22	3:15	Football Club
	3:15	SATs Club
08/03/22	3:15	Archery Club
10/03/22	3:15	Fun Science Club
14/03/22	3:15	Football Club
	3:15	SATs Club
15/03/22	3:15	Archery Club
17/03/22	3:15	Fun Science Club
21/03/22	3:15	Football Club
	3:15	SATs Club
22/03/22	3:15	Archery Club
24/03/22	3:15	Fun Science Club
28/03/22	3:15	Football Club
	3:15	SATs Club
29/03/22	3:15	Archery Club
31/03/22	3:15	Fun Science Club
	TBC	Lions Concert
04/04/22	3:15	Football Club

	3:15	SATs Club
05/04/22	3:15	Archery Club
07/04/22	3:15	Fun Science Club
08/04/22	End of Term 4	
25/04/22	Term 5 Begins	