

Chapmanslade School

Newsletter

28th March 2022



Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents,

I fear I may have spoken too soon in my last newsletter message! Thank you for your patience as we have experienced another challenging few weeks with disruptions due to Covid-19. Thank you to parents for keeping pupils who needed to isolate at home, limiting the spread of the virus. I know that it is potentially an unsettling time for pupils with adults who they are less familiar with supporting them in their learning. I must, however, commend our wonderful pupils' resilience as they have coped very well with changes. We look forward to easier times in the coming weeks with restrictions easing and staff returning. Mrs Hobbs, our PPA teacher, returns from maternity leave next Wednesday and will resume teaching across the school on Wednesdays and Thursdays after Easter. Ms Holloway is also due to return after the Easter holidays. We continue to wish Ms Holloway and Mrs Chapman a speedy recovery.

Last week, we were able to hold a Science Day. Pupils teamed up to explore learning around the theme of 'Growth', working together, showing determinations to solve problems and find solutions. It was so lovely to see our younger pupils working under the caring wing of their older peers once again. This is when our pupils really do show the best version of themselves. Two weeks ago, we held a mufti day for Red Nose Day. Even with many pupils out isolating, we raised £90 for charity. Thank you all for your generosity.

Thank you to our Friends of Chapmanslade (FoCs) for organising the Jubilee colouring and also our Mother's Day shop last week. I know that the FoCs have some great plans for the future and they are on the lookout for more parent helpers. Please talk to Mrs Sadler, or one of the FoCs team if you are able to get involved. Alternatively, you may wish to attend the upcoming AGM (date TBC), which will be held in the school hall straight after school to find out more.

There are lots of exciting events coming up this week. Our School Councillors get busy, helping plant trees for The Queen's Jubilee – thank you to Mrs Rodgers and Greenhill Grange Residential Home for helping make this possible. Blossom Class are off on a trip to Butterfly World and Oak Class travel to Matravers to record songs for the Lions Concert. Classes will finish off our bee hotels we have been making and these will be delivered to Newland Homes ready for the opening of their show home this weekend. On Friday, we will be participating in a county-wide mufti day in support of Ukraine. Next week, we also welcome a secondary PGCE Student to our school for the week as part of her training. Miss Ford will be experiencing life in primary school by visiting and helping in each class. *Please see the upcoming events section below for further details on the above and more.*

We also welcome back our *Open the Book* team to our Collective Worship next week. I know that pupils (and school staff) cherish these assemblies. It will be wonderful to see the team in action at Chapmanslade once again and I look forward to seeing the reaction of awe and wonder from our pupils – especially from our younger pupils who have yet to experience many worships from visitors.

I would like to wish all of the pupils (and parents) involved in the village pantomime all the best for a successful week of performances. Please do try to show your support if you are able to as the team have been working so hard on their show and have not let the challenges of the past few months stop them. Break a leg to all involved!

Finally, I do hope that you have managed to make the most of what has been a superb week with the sun shining. Spring has officially sprung in the most glorious of ways. It has been so lovely to see the children making the most of our beautiful little site, playing and learning outside.

Yours sincerely,
Mr Cottrell

Upcoming Events

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee - Green Canopy Project

Our Eco-keen School Councillors will be planting trees this week for the Queen's Jubilee Green Canopy Project. Mrs Rodgers has kindly arranged for us to team up with Greenhill Grange Residential Home, who have purchased two Magnolia trees. Residents from Greenhill Grange will be visiting our school to plant the first tree with our School Councillors on Wednesday. Later in the day, the councillors will be visiting the residential home to plant the second tree.

Lions Concert: Oak Class

Oak Class have been practising songs related to the *Heroes* theme for this year's (virtual) Lions Concert at Matravets School. The class travel to Matravets to record the songs this Thursday, 31st March. As the event will now be held virtually, the performances will take place in two ways: Matravets Radio will have an audio version of the concert which will loop continually. If you google 'Matravets Radio' you can listen to it any time. The video version will be scheduled to stream on YouTube on 3 occasions in a week, probably a Tues / Weds / Thurs at 6pm each day. This will be on the Matravets YouTube channel and commenting will be turned off. The video will not be available on demand or for download. We will be seeking consent for the above from Oak Class parents before the rehearsal.

Mufti Day in support of Ukraine – 1st April

We will be joining a county-wide event in support and solidarity with Ukraine on Friday 1st April. For a donation, pupils are invited to come to school in non-uniform. You may choose to wear blue and yellow to show extra support. We appreciate that this is the second event asking for a donation this term which we generally try to avoid. However, we strongly feel that this is a cause we want to support. There is no obligation to donate.

Bee Hotels for Newland Homes Show Home

Our pupils have been busy planning and designing bee hotels after Newland Homes kindly donated materials. We are now busy making the bee hotels, which we will take to the Newland Homes site at the end of the week. We are looking forward to visiting the site later in the year to see a bee hotel in situ.

FoCS Easter Egg Hunt – 8th April

The Friends of Chapmanslade School plan to hold an Easter Egg hunt on the school field on the final day of term at the end of the day. More details to follow...

Next Term's Clubs

Next term, IG Sports will be running after-school archery and adventure golf clubs. They will also be starting a Football club in week 3, which will continue through term 6 until the end of the year. Fun Science club will also take place after school, and Mrs McDowall's gardening club will take place on Wednesday lunchtimes. Look out for our clubs letter early next week with details on how to book places on clubs.

Swimming: Redwood and Willow Classes

Next term, Redwood Class will be going swimming on Friday mornings for 6 weeks. Willow will be swimming for the final 6 weeks of the year. We will need parent volunteers to help us with this on Fridays between 9 – 11am. If you are able to help out, please speak to the school office or email admin@chapmanslade.wilts.sch.uk.

The Queen's Jubilee Plans

Amongst other plans, the village will be holding a picnic at the village hall on June 6th. Pupils from Chapmanslade School will be able to participate in some sort of performance at the picnic. We will send out more information after Easter.

Chapmanslade School's 150th Birthday

Plans are underway to celebrate our school's 150th birthday. Later in the year, the school and the church plan to team up to hold an event on the school field. We will announce further details after Easter.

General Notices

Dogs on the school drive

Following a recent Health and Safety review, we have been reminded that dogs should not be walked onto the school site, up the school drive. We ask that you can refrain from bringing our furry friends up the school drive during drop-off and pick-up.

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
28/03/22	9:00	Blossom Class Trip to Butterfly World
	3:15	Football Club
	3:15	SATs Club
29/03/22	3:15	Archery Club
30/3/22	Morning	School Council tree planting for Queen's Jubilee
31/03/22	9:30	Oak Class to Matravers to record Lions Performance
	3:15	Fun Science Club
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	3:15	Easter FoCS Easter Egg Hunt on School Field - details to follow
08/04/22	End of Term 4	
25/04/22	Term 5 Begins	
26/04/22	3:15	Archery Club (Yr 3-6)
27/04/22	3:15	Adventure Golf Club (Yr R-3)
28/04/22	3:15	Fun Science Club (Yr 1-6)
29/04/22	9:00	Redwood Swimming
02/05/22	Bank Holiday - School Closed	
03/05/22	3:15	Archery Club (Yr 3-6)
04/05/22	3:15	Adventure Golf Club (Yr R-3)
05/05/22	3:15	Fun Science Club (Yr 1-6)
06/05/22	9:00	Redwood Swimming
09/05/22	8:20	SATs Breakfast
	9:00	KS2 SATs - English Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Paper
	3:15	Football Club (Yr 4-6)
10/05/22	8:20	SATs Breakfast
	9:00	KS2 SATs - Reading Paper
	3:15	Archery Club (Yr 3-6)
11/05/22	8:20	SATs Breakfast
	9:00	KS2 SATs - Maths Paper 1 & 2
	3:15	Adventure Golf Club (Yr R-3)
12/05/22	8:20	SATs Breakfast
	9:00	KS2 SATs - Maths Paper 3
	3:15	Fun Science Club (Yr 1-6)
13/05/22	9:00	Redwood Swimming
16/05/22	3:15	Football Club (Yr 4-6)
17/05/22	3:15	Archery Club (Yr 3-6)
18/05/22	3:15	Adventure Golf Club (Yr R-3)
19/05/22	3:15	Fun Science Club (Yr 1-6)

20/05/22	9:00	Redwood Swimming
23/05/22	3:15	Football Club (Yr 4-6)
24/05/22	3:15	Archery Club (Yr 3-6)
25/05/22	3:15	Adventure Golf Club (Yr R-3)
26/05/22	3:15	Fun Science Club (Yr 1-6)
17/05/22	9:00	Redwood Swimming
27/05/22	End of Term 5	
05/06/22		Queen's Jubilee Picnic @ Village Hall
06/06/22	Term 6 Begin	
	3:15	Football Club (Yr 4-6)
10/06/22	9:00	Redwood Swimming
13/06/22	3:15	Football Club (Yr 4-6)
15/06/22	TBC	Lulworth Cove Trip (Redwood)
		Osmington Bay Residential (Redwood)
16/06/22		Osmington Bay Residential (Redwood)
17/06/22		Osmington Bay Residential (Redwood)
	9:00	Willow Swimming
20/06/22	3:15	Football Club (Yr 4-6)
24/06/22	9:00	Willow Swimming
28/06/22		Y6 Matravers Transition Day
29/06/22		Y6 Matravers Transition Day
01/07/22	9:00	Willow Swimming
07/07/22		Kingdown CAT tests (in school)
08/07/22	9:00	Willow Swimming
11/07/22		Y6 Kingdown Transition Day
12/07/22		Y6 Kingdown Transition Day
13/07/22	9:00	Willow Swimming
22/07/22	9:00	Willow Swimming
22/07/22	End of Term 6	