

Chapmanslade School

Newsletter

4th March 2022



Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents,

What a wonderful first week back! It has been so lovely to continue to get things back up-and-running closer to how they used to be before the first lockdown. This week, we held parents evenings. Thank you to our governors, Mrs House, Mrs Evans and Mrs Thackway for helping welcome and direct parents. If you are yet to meet with teachers for a parents evening session, please do get in touch to arrange an appointment.

I can now confirm that I will continue to act up as Headteacher for the duration of this term in Mrs Chapman's absence. Mrs Fitzsimmons has kindly agreed to stay on teaching in Oak Class from Tuesday-Friday each week on a supply basis. I will continue to teach in Oak Class on Mondays.

It was fantastic to celebrate World Book Day in school yesterday. The children's costumes were just delightful - thank you, parents for sourcing and making such brilliant costumes, which put a big smile on all of our faces all day long! Thank you, too, to Matravers School who visited to choose winners in each year group (we were very glad this task wasn't up to us as it was so difficult to decide). Well done to Chudi, Arya, Theo, Ferne, Thomas, Marley, Fleur, Kian, Oliva, Georgie, Holly, Faye, Nathaniel and Daisy for winning a special book-themed cupcake made by Matravers.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our World Book Day photo competition – there were some truly weird and wonderful reading locations sent in! There were so many great moments captured that we plan to make a new reading display in school. It was a tricky, close decision made by our staff, and I am pleased to announce that the winner was Charlie L in Willow Class, who was presented with a £10 Book Token yesterday.

On Wednesday, we were joined by Rev. Maynard in Collective Worship. This has been such a welcome addition to our daily worship, which we have all dearly missed over the past couple of years. I know that I took pleasure in saying the Grace with our children and staff, once again joining hands with them; to me, this is such a special and unique part of our school. We look forward to welcoming more clergy members to lead our Collective Worship this term, including the Open the Book team.

It has been great to get more clubs running this term, kicking off with Football on Monday. I was very pleased that we didn't have to rain-off our first archery after-school club on Tuesday as it looked like great fun! Our gardeners braved the weather on Wednesday with Mrs McDowall to begin working on our tidying our plant beds around the school. Finally, a colourful, chromatography focused Fun Science club ran yesterday. Next week, our year sixes are invited to further their practise in SATs club. Plans are already in place to secure more exciting clubs for next term.

There's lots planned for the term ahead. Red Nose Day is fast-approaching – see below for more details on this. Blossom Class look forward to visiting Butterfly World in several weeks. We aim for every class to go out on a trip this term, or early next term. Our wonderful Friends of Chapmanslade School (FoCS) will be visiting to run a Mother's Day shop, as well as a Jubilee activity and hopefully, some sort of Easter celebration to finish off the term, too! Thank you to Mrs Sadler and all of the FoCS for organising these events.

Thank you all for your continued support and understanding over the past term.

Yours sincerely,
Mr Cottrell

Upcoming Events

SATs Meeting for Year 6 Parents – Wednesday 9th March, 5pm

Year 6 parents are invited to a SATs information evening on Wednesday evening with Miss Dyer and Mr Cottrell. This will be held in the school hall. If you are unable to attend, the information slides will be sent soon after the session, but please do talk to us if you have any queries.

Red Nose Day – Mufti Day

We will be celebrating Comic Relief by participating in Red Nose Day on the 18th March. Pupils are invited to come to school in non-uniform for the day (including lots of red noses too, hopefully!) for a minimum £1 donation.

Lions Concert - 31st March: Oak Class

We are happy to announce that we will be participating in this year's Lions concert run by Matravers School, which will be held as a virtual event this year. Oak Class will visit Matravers to perform and record their song on the morning of 31st March. They will start rehearsing for this as soon as we return!

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee - Green Canopy Project

We look forward to celebrating the Queen's Jubilee this year in several ways. We hope to participate in the Queen's Green Canopy project by planting at least one tree before the end of the month. More details 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.

Chapmanslade School's 150th Birthday!

Following our community project, making our wonderful altar cloth, we will be celebrating the school's 150th birthday later on this year. We look forward to sharing more information about our plans soon!

General Notices

Covid-19 Update

As I am sure that you are all aware, the government's Living with COVID plans were brought in during half term. For us as a primary school, this does not change much to how we were previously operating. The guidance remains that anybody with Covid-19, should still isolate until negative after day five. However, the legal obligation to do so has now been lifted. Please do continue to be cautious. We will endeavour to inform you of any cases in school, having recently received updated *Warn and Inform* letters to suit the updated guidance. Our risk assessment has been amended to reflect these changes, and our updated contingency plan remains in place should we require it again.

Parking and Travel

There have been several complaints about parking outside the school recently at drop-off and pick-up times. Please do park considerately, especially adhering to the painted white lines. If you are able to walk to school, please do. After half term, PCSOs will be visiting to help raise awareness of the importance of safe parking in our school community. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

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
07/03/22	3:15	Football Club
	3:15	SATs Club (in Redwood Classroom)
08/03/22	3:15	Archery Club
09/03/22	5:00	Y6 SATs Parent Information Evening - in School Hall
10/03/22	3:15	Fun Science Club
14/03/22	3:15	Football Club
	3:15	SATs Club (in Redwood Classroom)
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 (in Redwood Classroom)
22/03/22	3:15	Archery Club
24/03/22	3:15	Fun Science Club
	pm	FoCS Mother's Day Shop - Details TBC
25/03/22	pm	FoCS Mother's Day Shop - Details TBC
28/03/22		Blossom Class Trip to Butterfly World
	3:15	Football Club
	3:15	SATs Club (in Redwood Classroom)
29/03/22	3:15	Archery Club
31/03/22	9:30	Oak Class to Matravers to record Lions Performance
	3:15	Fun Science Club
	TBC	Lions Concert Performance (Virtual) - Details TBC
04/04/22	3:15	Football Club
	3:15	SATs Club (in Redwood Classroom)
05/04/22	3:15	Archery Club
07/04/22	3:15	Fun Science Club
		Easter FoCS event TBC
08/04/22	End of Term 4	
25/04/22	Term 5 Begins	