

Chapmanslade School

Newsletter

8th April 2022



Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents,

Another term draws to a close. This one has seemingly disappeared! For a moment, it seemed like normality had resumed, but sadly this wasn't the case. Despite that, we have achieved a wonderful amount as a school and the pupils have shown determination, persevering in their learning fantastically during a good deal of disruption. I feel we can learn a lot from our young people's resilience.

At the start of the term, we were making plans to hold an Easter Service in the church today, which would have been a lovely end to the term. With reduced practise, staffing issues and the potential risk of spreading illness before the Easter holidays, we made the difficult decision not to hold a service on this occasion. The children have been focusing on the Easter story within our Collective Worship and also RE lessons. Our Christian value this term was *perseverance* and we have particularly focused on how Jesus persevered during the events leading up to and including Holy Week. We had the pleasure of welcoming the Open the Book team into our worship this week, which helped pupils become involved in the events of Easter Sunday.

A quick update on staffing: sadly, Mrs Chapman remains unwell. Please see a separate parentmail for further details with regard to this. Mrs Holloway is due to return to us in the week after Easter. We wish both a speedy recovery. Mrs Hobbs, our PPA teacher has been welcomed back with open arm this week following an extended maternity leave due to Covid-19. It has been well over a year since pupils saw her! Mrs Hobbs works on Wednesdays/Thursdays and will resume covering teachers' PPA after Easter.

It was a very busy week in school last week. Our School Councillors planted trees for the Queen's Jubilee Green Canopy Project. Residents from Greenhill Grange visited our school to plant the first tree with our School Councillors. Later in the day, the councillors visited the residential home to plant the second tree. This was a heart-warming experience and the councillors did our school proud. We even met a resident who went to Chapmanslade School herself! This story has been featured in the Diocese of Salisbury's newsletter this week and there are further photos on our [website](https://www.salisbury.anglican.org/news/more-trees-for-the-queens-jubilee) too: <https://www.salisbury.anglican.org/news/more-trees-for-the-queens-jubilee>

Also last week, Oak Class travelled to Matravers School to record songs for this year's virtual Lions Concert. Matravers Radio will have an audio version of the concert and the video version will be scheduled to stream on Matravers' YouTube channel on 3 occasions in the future. Our Bee hotels were also delivered to Newland Homes for their opening last weekend. I can report that the team at Newland Homes "LOVE" them and their new plan is to install them by the site entrance rather than in one of the show-home gardens, so that they're in a more prominent position for everyone to see as they enter. Wonderful! Finally, on Friday we raised £168 in support of Ukraine. What a fantastic amount, which has already been donated to this worthwhile cause.

We have made the decision to suspend attendance awards, which we usually give out at the end of each big term, for the remainder of the year. During our attendance monitoring, it has become clear that so many of our pupils have been impacted by Covid-19 related absence and it does not seem fair to hold this against them. I know that there are still some pupils who have 100% attendance since September, which is hugely impressive and we thank those pupils (and parents).

From myself and all of the staff at Chapmanslade, we wish you all a Happy Easter and hope that you and your families have a peaceful break.

Yours sincerely,
Mr Cottrell

Upcoming Events

PE next term

Please see below for next term's PE days for each class. Please could the pupils come to school in full school PE kit on these days.

Blossom: Mondays and Wednesdays

Willow: Tuesdays and Thursdays

Oak: Tuesdays and Thursdays

Redwood: Wednesdays and Fridays (Swimming)

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

Covid-19 Update

Following most recent guidance in the living with Covid plan, children and young people aged 18 and under who have a positive COVID test will be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for three days. Pupils are no longer expected to routinely test for COVID-19 to attend school. However if your child is unwell and has a high temperature they should stay at home and avoid contact with other people where they can. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend. If a child has mild symptoms such as a runny nose, slight cough who are otherwise well they should continue to go to school.

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
08/04/22	3:15	Easter FoCS Easter Egg Hunt on School Field
		End of Term 4
25/04/22		Term 5 Begins
25/04/22	12:15	Lunchtime Football Club (Mr Phillips Yr 1-3)
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
	12:15	Lunchtime Football Club (Mr Phillips Yr 1-3)
	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	12:15	Lunchtime Football Club (Mr Phillips Yr 1-3)
	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	12:15	Lunchtime Football Club (Mr Phillips Yr 1-3)
	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)
27/05/22	9:00	Redwood Swimming
		End of Term 5

05/06/22		Queen's Jubilee Picnic @ Village Hall
06/06/22	Term 6 Begin	
	12:15	Lunchtime Football Club (Mr Phillips Yr 1-3)
	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	12:15	Lunchtime Football Club (Mr Phillips Yr 1-3)
	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	