## <u>Chapmanslade School</u> Newsletter

## Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents,

Just like that, another year draws to a close. Thank you for your patience this week with the disruption due to the extreme heat. As I write this final newsletter of the year, I would like to take this opportunity to say how grateful I am for parents' support, understanding and kind comments throughout the year. Thank you, too, to all of the staff team and governors who have worked tirelessly this year to make our school the fantastic place it is. Please also find a final letter from our Chair of Governors attached.

Today we have said goodbye to our Year Six cohort. Sadly we also say goodbye to Roman, Sam and Quinn who start at new schools in September. We held a lovely service for our Year Six leavers this morning, celebrating their achievements and sharing memories from their time at Chapmanslade. From myself and all of the team at Chapmanslade, we wish all of our leavers a fond farewell and all the best for the future in their new schools.

We also say farewell to Ms Hyde (previously Mrs Brown) today as she retires. Ms Hyde has worked across every year group and has supported hundreds of pupils during her 19 years at Chapmanslade. I am sure you will all join me in thanking Ms Hyde for her commitment to our school across the years and wishing her every happiness in retirement.

A goodbye and a big thank you to Mrs Fitzsimmons for helping us by teaching in Oak Class since January this year too. We wish her all of the best for the future.

After a busy week interviewing potential staff for next year, I am very pleased to announce that we have successfully filled all three of our vacancies: Miss Steel joins us as a part time teaching assistant in Blossom Class; Miss Cotton joins us as a part time teacher in Blossom Class; and Ms Turrell joins us in the afternoons as a Clerical Assistant in the school office. We look forward to welcoming them to our wonderful staff team after the summer holidays.

A clubs letter for September will be on its way soon. Please do sign up before September to ensure your child's place is secured. We have Football, Archery, Cricket, Fun Science and Musical Theatre after school clubs booked for Term 1.

Music lessons in school will resume in September next year. Mrs Knight is thrilled to be offering piano and singing lessons in school. If your child would be interested in learning, please register with the school office. Lessons will be on Thursday afternoons on a rolling timetable. Lesson options are 20 minutes (£10) or 30 minutes (£14), invoiced on a termly basis.

Thank you to everyone for support in making our 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Event last Friday such a success. Thank you especially to the numerous members of the Friends of Chapmanslade School and governors who helped make the event run smoothly.

Finally, I wish you and your families a wonderful summer holidays. I hope you have a peaceful break and very much look forward to welcoming pupils and parents back to school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September

Yours sincerely,

Mr Cottrell

## Important Dates for 2022-23

TD Day – School Closed to pupils
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Term 1 Begins
Parents' Evening
Parents' Evening
TD Day – School Closed to pupils
Parents' Evening
Parents' Evening
Redwood Class Swimming
Redwood Class Residential @ Mill on the Brue
(Details TBC in September)
Willow Class Swimming
TD Day – School Closed to pupils
TD Day – School Closed to pupils