



Chawton CE Primary School  
 Chawton  
 Alton  
 Hampshire GU34 1SG  
 Tel/Fax: 01420 544381  
 Email: [headteacher@chawton.hants.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@chawton.hants.sch.uk)  
[adminoffice@chawton.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@chawton.hants.sch.uk)

## NEWSLETTER 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017

It has been another busy week – this is feeling like the longest short half term! Our bookbench is looking amazing and shows off the fantastic creativity of so many of our children. It is going to be collected next Tuesday and will be displayed in Festival Place from next Friday for half term for everyone to see. Please do pop into the school hall tonight, or Monday before school to see it. Please may I ask that all children come to school in school shoes. I understand that some have fallen apart, or are too small, however there is still over 8 weeks of school left and it is important that all children are wearing school uniform, including school shoes. If you have any difficulties with this please do speak with me, or the office. Thank you for your support with this. Next week will be our much anticipated 'We are Chawton' week, which is set to be full of fantastic and inspiring opportunities for all our children. We can't wait to share all the pictures and experiences with you at sharing worship next week at 2:45pm.

*Dawn Tilley*

### Worship

This week in collective worship we have been exploring our school value of fellowship. On Monday we thought about how everyone is different, but wonderful, and how we are all part of our team together. Today we have talked about bullying, what it is and how we are all responsible for looking after everyone within our community.

Next week we will be celebrating Chawton all week, as well as ascension day on Wednesday with Reverend Lesley.

### Staffing news

This week we have received the significant news that Mrs Gates will start a new role in September, meaning she will no longer be part of our team. We fully understand her reasons as her new school is much closer to her home, which will allow her more time with her two young girls, and we wish her success and happiness in her new school. Mrs Gates will be returning from her maternity leave on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> July when we will, of course, be celebrating her hard work, dedication and passion for all the children in our community now and throughout her time here. Please also find attached a letter from Mrs Gates to the pupils and parents of our school.

### 2017/18 Classes

On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June we would like to welcome you to a meeting where we will share with you the class organisation and teaching team for September, as we understand that there are many questions. We hope to see many of you at 7pm in the school hall.

### Notices

#### Scarecrow supplies!

As you are aware next week is We are Chawton week and one of the exciting tasks the children will be doing is making a class scarecrow with a Horrible History theme. We are in need of some supplies to help make these scarecrows, please could you have a look and see if you have any of the following items that we could have, thank you in advance:

Newspaper	Cardboard	White sheets
Tights	Old shoes	Old footballs
Wool (hair colour)	T-shirts	

#### Open classrooms – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

Due to We are Chawton week next week we will be holding our open classrooms in the school hall. The children will be doing lots of arts and crafts in their classrooms throughout the week so there will just not be enough room to have all of their books out too! Books will be in the school hall so please do come in from 8:15am to have a look at your children's wonderful work. Thank you.

#### Whole school photo

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July we will be having a whole school photo taken. We have not had one since 2012! Please ensure children are in school promptly and registered by 8:50am so we can be ready to do the photos by 9:30am.

#### NFCC afterschool club job vacancy

NFCC after school care are looking for a Manager for an after school club in the Alton area. Pay rate £9, hours between 17.5 and 20 per week, term time only, Monday to Friday. We are also looking for a Level 2 or 3 playworker for another after school club local to Alton. Please email [info@newforestchildcare.co.uk](mailto:info@newforestchildcare.co.uk) for more information or to arrange an interview, or call 02380 893244.



# Our Achievements!

We have so many talented children here at Chawton CE Primary School and we would love to share their successes and news from other events and clubs they participate in. If you have something to share and celebrate please send in your good news, preferably by email, to the school office. We are excited to hear all about it!

## Cricket news!

Well done to William Hunt and Callum Minett who played their first cricket match for Ropley Cricket club last weekend. We look forward to hearing about how you are both getting on!



Also big Congratulations to Eleanor Eason, Freya Wakefield and Jake Lloyd who play for Holybourne Cricket Club. They won their first U9s match against Binstead last Friday. It was a very close score and exciting to watch!



This weekend Fraser from yellow class took part in a bike ride to raise money for JDRF, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. JDRF are working hard to find a cure for Type 1 Diabetes. Fraser rode 2 laps of the Goodwood motor racing circuit (6miles) with his Mum, Dad, brother Euan and a group of friends. Well done Fraser!



## Young writers competition

On Wednesday evening, 17<sup>th</sup> May, Four Marks and Medstead Rotary held their annual Local Awards Ceremony and Reception and we were thrilled to be invited with our finalists. Over 187 entries were received for the Young writers competition, from four schools, which were are anonymised by the tournament coordinator, with the names, ages, gender and school affiliations removed. The judges score the entries separately and independently, then share with each other their favourite entries. The entry numbers identified by all three judges are the finalists. The entry numbers identified by two of the three judges receive highly commended citations. From among the finalists, the judges then privately rank the entries. Again this year, all three judges chose the same entry as the top one. We are thrilled with our winners:

### Highly Commended:

Jack McBriarty

Lucy Charlton

Jessica Hunt

Nikola Snyman (Young Photographer competition)

### Finalists:

Molly Byrne

### Overall Winner:

Mary Vitoria

Miss Tilley read aloud Molly and Mary's entries and many in the audience remarked how moved they were by Mary's uplifting and inspiring story. It was then explained that Mary's entry was one of ten junior entries received at the district level, drawn from an estimated 1500 primary schoolchildren. Mary's story took First Place at the district level and has advanced to the National Finals. We are so proud!

## Swimming Success!

Well done to Poppy Robinson-Mckee who has completed her level 3 in swimming and is now working towards level 4. Also well done to Eliza Peterkin who has completed her level 2 badge!

## Quote of the week!

"WOW the book bench looks fabulous now it is finished!!!" Joseph Johnson Year 6

"I worked hard on Cassandra's cup on the book bench and really enjoyed doing it" Carena Rome Year 6

**Dates for your diaries:** Please note that for the majority of these events further details will be sent nearer the time. We will also put a notice in the main body of the newsletter if any dates change due to unforeseen circumstances.

<b>Summer 1</b>	
23.05.17	3:30pm Digital Safety meeting
25.05.17	Cricket coach attending cricket club
26.05.17	8:15 – 8:45am Open Classrooms – parents are invited to come and share their child’s work with them in the school hall
26.05.17	Year 4 and 5 swimming
<b>Summer 2</b>	
05.06.17	INSET
08.06.17	Cricket coach attending cricket club
09.06.17	Mufti day – Bring in a bottle for the Summer fair
10–11.06.17	Chawton Open Gardens and Scarecrow trail
12.06.17	Year 1 Phonics Screening Week
12.06.17	Year 5 – Amery Hill Roadshow coming to school
13.06.17	Year 5 – Amery Hill taster day
13.06.17	Year 5 and 6 cricket festival
15.06.17	Year 5 and 6 girls cricket festival
16.06.17	Year 6 Leavers service - Winchester
16.06.17	5:00 – 8:00pm Summer Fair
22.06.17	Cricket coach attending cricket club
27.06.17	Sports Day (afternoon)
29.06.17	Cricket coach attending cricket club
30.06.17	Race For Life
30.06.17	Year 5 - Eggars taster day
03.07.17	Year 5 - Perins taster day
04.07.17	Reserve Sports Day (afternoon)
05.07.17	9:30am Whole school photo
06.07.17	Cricket coach attending cricket club
07.07.17	Move Up day CSSG meeting and cake sale. 3:15 – 3:45pm – Open Classrooms – parents are invited to come and share their child’s work in their classroom with them and also informally meet their child’s new teacher. Reports home
18.07.17	Year 6 Performance
19.07.17	Year 6 Performance
24.07.17	2:30pm – Year 6 Leavers Assembly to parents 3:30 – 5:00pm – Year 6 Leavers BBQ
25.07.17	9:30am – Leavers’ Service at St Nicholas Church