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NEWSLETTER – 7th September 2018

Welcome back! The start to this new term has been a smooth one, with children settling into their new classes with big smiles on their faces and a determination in their learning. In worship on Wednesday we reflected on the phrase to ‘wipe the slate clean’, and how every day is a fresh start, and in particular a new school year provides us with the chance of a blank page and how our choice of actions and words will decide what is written on our new page. Our new Year R children spent half a day in school today and all loved the time they spent here; thank you to all our pupils and families who have been so welcoming to our new families.

The diary is already getting busy with a range of exciting learning opportunities, extra-curricular activities, and many ways for parents to be involved with their children’s learning and experiences at school. All the dates for key sharing opportunities, as well as key events, are listed at the end of the newsletter (although please do check each week as some may change due to unforeseen circumstances as the year progresses). Included in the dates are:

Meet the teacher meetings: Come and meet your child’s class teacher, including information about the learning in their class, including expectations for learning, homework and behaviour.

Sharing Worships: We would love to welcome parents in to worship share with their children what value they have been exploring, and what it means to them.

Sharing Assemblies: We will be celebrating key learning in classes, as well as celebrating any certificates, medals and achievements the children have earned.

Open Classrooms: Our teachers would like to welcome parents in to their classrooms to spend time with their children sharing their learning together.

Class Assemblies: These will be the children’s chance to share their term’s learning with you.

Music Assemblies: A chance for our choirs, violinists and guitarists to perform to the school and parents, please do come along and support them.

Theme weeks: There are a variety of theme weeks throughout the year; please do speak to the teacher leading the week if you have any ideas, resources, or expertise to share, we would love to hear from you!

Please do also read the attached letter from Sarah Addison, our Chair of Governors. Our Governors are very involved in all aspects of our school life here at Chawton and make a huge impact on the quality of education for all children at Chawton, academically, socially, emotionally and spiritually. We all wish you a restful weekend ready for a full five days next week!

Dawn Tilley

What’s on next week

- 11th September** – School nurse Y6 Checks 9:30am
13th September – Meet the teacher
 2:45 – 3:15pm – Maple/Beech
 3:15 – 3:45pm – Yew/Sycamore
14th September – CSSG AGM 2:15–2:45pm – School Hall

Summer Reading Challenge

Mischief Makers, Alton Library’s Summer Reading Challenge, has been as popular as ever. The challenge finishes on Saturday 15th September. If your child is participating they need to go to their library, on or before that date, to complete the challenge and collect their rewards.

Once the final figures are through the library will let us know how many from our school completed this year’s challenge. We would also love for children to bring their certificates and medals to our Celebration Sharing Assembly (see diary dates).

Please help!

We have not been able to recruit a caretaker for our school and Miss Tilley and staff are struggling to fit some tasks into their school day as well as their current roles. We really need some help and would love to hear from any parents or friends of the school who are able to offer an amount of time, no matter how small, either regularly each week, or would be happy to be contacted if there is a job to be done. In particular we would like help with:

- Regularly weeding a section of the school, such as along a path, the EYFS Bridge area, or around a playground
- Sweeping up moss and leaves from a playground
- Emptying the two playground bins weekly
- Taking out the dustbins and bringing them back up once emptied weekly
- Completing any odd jobs as they arise (such as fixing a new coat peg up)

If you can help please let the school office, or Miss Tilley know as soon as possible, we would be really grateful for any help, however small. Thank you!

Notices:

School Lunches: **The price of a school lunch has changed to £2.30 per meal.** If your child has school lunches, and they are not eligible for free school meals, please make sure your child's account is in credit before they order a school lunch. You can pay for school meals online or with cash or a cheque (payable to Hampshire County Council) in the school office. All children in KS1 (Years R to 2) are eligible for free school meals, you do not need to do anything for your child to receive them, their class teacher will order their chosen meal for them at the beginning of each day. If your child is in KS2 (Years 3 to 6) and you think they may be eligible for free school meals, please come and speak, in confidence, to Mrs Morton, Mrs Edwards or Miss Tilley.

Lost Property: If your child lost any items of clothing before the school holidays please come and check the large collection of lost property in the school office. On Friday 14th September all unclaimed items will be given to CSSG to sell as second-hand uniform or donated to a charity shop. In the future, all unclaimed items of lost property will be sent to a charity shop or donated to CSSG on the last Friday of every term

Guitar and Violin Lessons: Both music teachers came into school this week to assess the children ready for the new term, lessons will begin again the week commencing **10th September**. Violin lessons are on Wednesdays and guitar lessons are on Fridays, both are within school hours. There are still spaces for both guitar and violin lessons so please let the office know if your child would like to take part, we are really excited about the different performance opportunities throughout this year. Lessons cost £65 per term and we kindly request children commit to at least 3 terms as the school has to pay for the music tuition that is booked for the whole year, even if a child drops out. The total cost per year is £195 (3 instalments of £65 each term). To find out more, including information about instrument hire, please go to <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/hampshiremusic>

Data Collection Sheets: Data collection sheets are coming home this week. Please check your details, amend any that need changing, sign and return to the office as soon as possible. Please sign and return your form even if no details have changed.

Attachments:

Letter from Chair of Governors



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!

House point collection will begin next week!

Dates for your diaries: Please note that for the majority of these events further details will be sent nearer the time. We will ensure that new dates, or any changed due to unforeseen circumstances, are in red.

Sharing Worship:

14.09.18 – Sharing Worship
 09.11.18 – Sharing Worship
 18.01.19 – Sharing Worship
 08.03.19 – Sharing worship
 03.05.19 – Sharing worship
 14.06.19 – Sharing worship

Sharing Assemblies:

28.09.18 – Sharing Assembly
 23.11.18 – Sharing Assembly
 01.02.19 – Sharing worship
 22.03.19 – Sharing worship
 23.05.19 – Sharing worship

Class Assemblies:

17.10.18 – Yew/Sycamore
 18.10.18 – Maple/Beech
 19.12.18 – Maple/Beech
 20.12.18 – Yew/Sycamore
 13.02.19 – Yew/Sycamore
 14.02.19 – Maple/Beech
 03.04.19 – Maple/Beech
 04.04.19 – Year 4 East Meon Assembly
 24.04.19 – Calshot Parent Assembly
 15.05.19 – Oak Class Assembly
 08.07.19 – Maple/Beech
 11.07.19 – Yew/Sycamore

Theme Weeks:

12.11.18 – Anti-Bullying Week (Mrs Mason leading)
 19.11.18 – Science Week (Mrs Ross leading)
 04.02.19 – Safer Internet Week (Miss Spencer leading)
 25.02.19 – Chawton Week – History focus (Mrs Andrews leading)
 04.03.19 – Book Week (Miss Blandford leading)
 20.05.19 – Technology/STEM Week (Mrs Ross leading)

Open Classrooms (3:15 – 4:00pm):

04.10.18
 06.12.18
 06.02.19
 09.05.19
 20.06.19

Music Assemblies (2:45pm):

04.12.18
 25.03.19
 16.07.19

Inset Days:

07.01.19
 24.05.19
 03.06.19

Autumn 1

07.09.18 – YR in AM/PM
 07.09.18 – Kingsley tennis taster sessions
 11.09.18 – School nurse Y6 Checks 9:30am
 13.09.18 – Meet the teacher
 2:45 – 3:15pm – Maple/Beech
 3:15 – 3:45pm – Yew/Sycamore
 14.09.18 – CSSG AGM 2:15 – 2:45pm
 14.09.18 – Sharing Worship
 25.09.18 – 1:30pm – Prospective Parents Tour
 28.09.18 – Sharing Assembly
 04.10.18 – Open Classrooms – 3:15 – 4:00pm
 08.10.18 – Harvest festival – 9:30am
 10.10.18 – Prospective Parents Tour – 10am
 16.10.18 – Parents evening (3:30 – 6:30pm)
 17.10.18 – Yew/Sycamore Class Assembly
 17.10.18 – Parents evening (3:30 – 5:30pm)
 18.10.18 – Maple/Beech Class Assembly

Autumn 2

31.10.18 – School photos (portraits)
 08.11.18 – School Nurse – flu immunisations (YR-Y5)
 09.11.18 – Sharing Worship
 11.10.18 – Think Safe for YR6 (Alton Maltings) 12:00 – 2.30pm
 12.11.18 – Anti-Bullying Week (Mrs Mason leading)
 13.11.18 – Prospective Parents Tour – 1:30pm
 19.11.18 – Science Week (Mrs Ross leading)
 20.11.18 – National Takeover Day, EHDC for Year 6 pupils – 1:00 – 3:00pm
 23.11.18 – Sharing Assembly
 27.11.18 – Prospective Parents Tour – 9:30am
 04.12.18 – Music Assembly to parents – 2:45pm
 06.12.18 – Open Classrooms 3:15 – 4:00pm
 07.12.18 – CSSG Christmas Fair – 3:15 – 5:00pm
 12.12.18 – 2:00pm Nativity (Year R, Year 1 & Year 2) to parents

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14.12.18 – Year 6 Ice-Skating Trip
17.12.18 – R.E. Day
18.12.18 – Christmas Jumper Day
18.12.18 – Christmas Parties
18.12.18 – Christmas Dinner
19.12.18 – Class Assembly Maple/Beech
19.12.18 – Carol Service – 5:30pm – St Nicholas Church
20.12.18 – Class Assembly Yew/Sycamore
21.12.18 – Christmas Service 9:30am – St Nicholas Church

Other key dates:

01.03.19 – Women’s World Day of Prayer – Yr6 girls
07.03.19 – World Book day
27.03.19 – Easter play to parents 5:30pm
28.03.19 – Easter Play to parents 2:00pm
01.04.19 – 04.04.19 – Calshot
01.04.19 – 03.04.19 – East Meon
05.04.19 – Easter Service – 2:30pm and collection from church.
22.04.19 – BANK HOLIDAY
24.04.19 – KS2 SATs Meeting 3:15-3:45pm – Esme
25.04.19 – KS1 SATs Meeting 3:15 – 3:45pm – Kirsty
06.05.19 – BANK HOLIDAY
13.05.18 – SATS Week (Year 6)
14.05.19 – Class Photos
10.06.19 – Phonics testing (Year 1)
21.06.19 – CSSG Summer Fair
25.06.19 – Sports Day – 1:15pm on field
28.06.19 – Race for Life – 2:00pm
02.07.19 – Reserve Sports Day
16.07.19 – Year 6 production – 6:30pm
17.07.19 – Year 6 production – 6:30pm
22.07.19 – Year 6 Leavers’ Assembly – 2:00pm
22.07.19 – Year 6 Leavers’ BBQ
23.07.19 – Leavers’ service – 9:30am