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## NEWSLETTER – 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019

I would just like to say a huge thank you to all of the parents, staff and governors for making me feel so welcome during my first week at Chawton - out at the gate I have felt your support, warmth and kindness. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first week. It is a real privilege to work with such a dedicated staff and lovely children. I have witnessed beautiful manners from children across the school and a team of staff who will go the extra mile to ensure that the children have everything they need to feel safe and secure in school. I am looking forward to the rest of the summer term. There are some very exciting events that will be taking place over the course of the term and I look forward to being a part of everything to come. I will be out on the gate as much as possible, so please feel free to come and discuss any worries or concerns that you have or make an appointment to speak with me.

Just a little bit about myself. I have been a primary school teacher for 21 years, starting out in Ealing, central London. I worked in a range of schools from one form entry through to a school with 640 pupils. I was a deputy headteacher in London for 8 years before making a decision to move to the New Forest with my family. Since moving, I began my first headship in a small school in East Hants. I then became head in a small school in Totton, before moving on to become the interim head at Chawton.

I have two daughters aged 7 and 13 and a long suffering husband of 24 years. We live in the forest with our pet labradoodle and two new bengal kittens. My passions are working and spending time with the family. I have recently started running and cycling again, after having a few years off from sport and will again be starting up my hula hooping on a mission to become healthier.

Marcella Dobson

### Message from the Governing Body

Welcome back, we do hope you have enjoyed the Easter break. On behalf of the wider school community the Governing Body would like to welcome Ms Marcella Dobson as interim Head of school. Ms Dobson is a very experienced Primary Headteacher. We are fortunate that she is available to embed the wonderful learning experience recognised by Ofsted in our school.

We know that change can be unsettling but our aim as Governors is to ensure we appoint a new head who shares Chawton C of E Primary School's vision and is the best Headteacher for our school.

The appointment of the Headteacher is the most important role of the Governing Body. As you would expect the recruitment process in Education is rigorous. We are supported and advised throughout the process by representatives from Hampshire Education Service and the Diocese. We are required to keep the process completely confidential and hope to be in a position to update you after half term. Thank you for your support. If you have any queries please do make contact via the school office.

### Materials & Helpers wanted for Technology Week

We are looking forward to Technology Week which begins on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May. Do you have any wooden offcuts, plastic tubes of all sizes and possible joining materials you would be willing to donate? Are any parents/grandparents available from 10am on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May to help the children use drills, screwdrivers, junior hacksaws and safety gloves? We also need helpers to help the School Houses make their bridges from their own designs. If you are able to help please speak to Mrs Ross, Oak Class teacher.

### Battery Collection

Thank you for bringing your used batteries to school, we have received 2970 batteries and filled the barrel. Mrs Ross has arranged for collection but you still have until time to collect as many as possible from family and friends and work colleagues, and work colleagues of friends and family! You can bring your batteries to school until the 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

### Y5 Bikeability

Bikeability starts next week on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April and runs all week. Year 5 children need to bring their bike, which must be in good working order, and a helmet.

## Notices

**Dinner money** – please make sure your child’s dinner money account is in credit before your child orders any meals. Dinners for KS2 children cost £2.30 a day, £11.50 a week. You can pay online, or by cheque or cash on the school office. Cheques should be made payable to HCC. If you need help paying for school meals please speak to Ms Dobson or Mrs Morton.

**Y5 Cooking Club** – please note that Y5 Cooking Club starts next week on Monday at 3.15pm. Year 6 Cooking Club will begin after half-term and will run on Thursday nights.

**Mrs Mason’s dance club** – Mrs Mason would like to thank the Year 5 & 6 children who took part in her dance club last term. This term the lunchtime dance club is for to children in Years 3 and 4. If your child would like to join they should speak to Mrs Mason.

|                     | FALCONS | EAGLES | HAWKS |
|---------------------|---------|--------|-------|
| PREVIOUS YEAR TOTAL | 3394    | 3618   | 3259  |
| WEEK TOTAL          | 99      | 121    | 103   |
| NEW YEAR TOTAL      | 3493    | 3739   | 3362  |

## Letters home this week

Eggar’s Big Folk Sing Y3/4

Tri Golf KS2

Y5/6 Rounders Training Session at Amery Hill

Y5/6 Rounders Competition at Amery Hill

## Next week at Chawton

| w/c<br>29.04.19 | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday                        | Thursday  | Friday                                    |
|-----------------|--|---|----------------------------------|---|---|
| AM              | Y5 Bikeability<br>Y3/4, Hampshire Music Service, Ukelele lessons | Y5 Bikeability<br>Y3/4 Big Folk Sing, Eggar’s, 9.30 -2.20pm | Y5 Bikeability<br>Violin Lessons | Y5 Bikeability  | Y5 Bikeability<br>Guitar Lessons          |
| Lunch Time      |  |   |                                  |   |   |
| PM              |  |   |                                  | Sports for School GB Athlete visit                            | 2.45pm, Sharing Assembly, parents welcome |
| After School    | Y5 Cooking Club, 3.15 – 4.30pm                                   |   |                                  | STEM Club 3015 – 4.15pm<br>Y5/6 Rounders Training, Amery Hill | PH Sports Rounders Training 3.15 – 4.15pm |

### Sharing Worship:

(Sharing our half term value)

03.05.19 – Sharing worship

14.06.19 – Sharing worship

### Sharing Assemblies:

(Certificates, achievements and some of our learning)

23.05.19 – Sharing assembly

### Class Assemblies:

(Sharing topic learning from the half term)

15.05.19 – Oak Class Assembly

08.07.19 – Maple/Beech

11.07.19 – Yew/Sycamore

### Theme Weeks:

20.05.19 – Technology/STEM Week (Mrs Ross leading)

### Open Classrooms (3:15 – 4:00pm):

(A chance to share your child’s learning in their classroom with them)

09.05.19

20.06.19

### Music Assemblies (2:45pm):

(Choirs and peripatetic musicians will perform to everyone)

16.07.19

### Inset Days:

24.05.19

03.06.19

**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.

### Summer 1

29.04.19 – Year 5 Bikeability – all week  
01.05.19 – Big Folk Sing Eggar's. Y3/4, parents to take and collect  
02.05.19 – Sports for School GB Athlete visit  
**02.05.19 – Rounders Training at Amery Hill. Y5/6, 4-5pm**  
03.05.19 – Sharing Worship, parents welcome  
06.05.19 – BANK HOLIDAY  
**09.05.19 – Rounders Competition at Amery Hill. Y5/6, 12-3pm**  
09.05.19 – Open Classrooms, 3.15 - 3.45pm  
10.05.19 – CSSG Cake & Uniform Sale Organised by Maple Class  
13.05.18 – SATS Week (Year 6 & Year 2)  
14.05.19 – Class Photos 1pm  
15.05.19 – Oak Class Assembly, parents welcome  
16.05.19 – Year 6 treat  
**20.05.19 – Science Week**  
22.05.19 – Gymnastics Festival, Eggar's 9.30 - 2.30pm  
23.05.19 – Amery Hill Primary Music Festival Y4 & 5  
23.05.19 – Sharing Assembly, parents welcome

### Summer 2

05.06.19 – Marvellous Maths Day Eggar's 9.30- 1.30pm  
05.06.19 – Rotary Young Writers & Photographers Competition Presentation, Four Marks Village Hall, 5-6.30pm  
05.06.19 – New Year R Meet and Greet  
07.06.19 – CSSG Cake & Uniform Sale Organised by Sycamore Class  
10.06.19 – Phonics testing (Year 1)  
13.06.19 – New Year R drop-in 3.30-4pm  
14.06.19 – CSSG Summer Fair  
**20.06.19 – Y5 Eggar's Taster Day 9.15 – 2.45pm**  
21.06.19 – Sharing Worship, parents welcome  
24.06.19 – Amery Hill Y5 Taster Day, 8.45 – 2.45pm  
25.06.19 – Sports Day – 1:15pm on field  
26.06.19 – New Year R parent meeting 6.30 -7.30pm  
28.06.19 – Year R Induction 1 9.30-11.30am  
28.06.19 – Race for Life – 2:00pm  
02.07.19 – Reserve Sports Day  
04.07.19 – Eggar's Year 6 Induction Meeting 5-6.30pm  
05.07.19 – Move Up sessions 9.30-11.30am  
05.07.19 – Year R Induction 2 9.30-11.30am  
05.07.19 – Reports home  
05.07.19 – CSSG Cake & Uniform Sale Organised by Oak Class  
08.07.19 – Maple/Beech Class Assembly 2.45pm, Parents welcome  
10.07.19 – Open Evening 6pm, with meet the teacher meetings  
11.07.19 – Yew /Sycamore Class Assembly 2.45pm, parents welcome  
11.07.19 – Y4/5/6 Open Morning Eggar's 9.15-12pm  
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13.07.19 – Eggar's Open Day 10-12 Saturday  
15.07.19 – Year 6 Production Dress Rehearsal  
16.07.19 – Year 5 Perins Taster Day  
16.07.19 – Year 6 production – 6:30pm  
17.07.19 – Music Assembly  
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 St Nicholas Church

24.07.18 – Eggar's Summer Transition days for new Year 7s

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