



*Chittlehampton C of E Primary School*  
*Fortnightly Newsletter*  
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Wendy Evans  
Head of School

Welcome back! It is so nice to see everyone refreshed and excited ready for another school year. Our five new reception children have settled in very well and we wish them a very happy time here at Chittlehampton School. May we remind parents that our school uniform should be royal blue cardigans and not navy blue. We do hold a selection of second hand uniform, so please ask the office if you need any. Can we also please remind parents to name all uniform including P.E kit and coats, many thanks.

**Celebrations**

This week we would like to celebrate the following children:

Taw Class

**Reception** - all children have settled in well and have been playing together nicely,

**Tom** - wonderful manners at all times,

**Aisling, Maisy, Poppy & Rebecca** - for working independently,

Torrige Class

**Finnley** - for working hard and wanting to do his best,

**Year 6 Ambassadors** - for setting a good example and for good conduct in school,

**Librarians** - for taking responsibility for their role,

**Whole Class** - for settling in nicely.

**Staff Changes**

There are several new staff we would like to welcome into school: **Mrs Alice Hammett** will be teaching **Art and DT** to both classes, **Ms Jo Collins** will be teaching **Music** to both classes and **Mrs Sharon Jones** will be working with Mrs Sherwood as a **mealtime assistant**. Mrs Bunyard will continue as our administrator although she will finish work mid-afternoon. Any messages left on the answer phone after she has left will be picked up just before home time.

**Encouraging Independence**

Following on from Torrige Parent's Newsletter we would like to thank parents for supporting the school by encouraging their children to become more independent. We are achieving this by asking parents to drop off their children off at the foyer door to allow them to organise themselves independently. This independence is already having a positive impact in class and throughout the school, thank you again.

**Asbestos**

Some of you may have seen the article in this weeks North Devon Journal publishing schools in North Devon that have asbestos. We wanted to reassure you that we have an official Asbestos Register that details where the substance is. This is checked annually by NPS Property Consultants to ensure it meets regulations for safety, and the school caretaker also carries out visual checks.

**Inhalers**

Please can we ask parents to check their child's inhalers as we have noticed the expiry date on some have expired. If your child no longer requires their inhaler in school please can you inform the office, many thanks.

**Data Collection Sheets**

Please could parents inform the school office if any of their contact details change so we can update our records. It is very important that we are able to contact all of you during the school day, should the need arise.

**Parents' Evening**

Please note that we shall be holding a Parents' Evening on **Monday 17th October** in school from 3.45-6pm. Letters will be sent out nearer the time asking you to choose your preferred time.

**Residential Trip to London**

We are in the process of finalising costs for the trip and a payment schedule will be sent home next week.

**FOCS**

We will inform you soon of the date of the next meeting. We are currently actively seeking new members, so if you have any fundraising ideas and would like to help please see an existing member of the committee or Sarah in the office, thank you.

### **Prospective South Molton Community College Open Day for Year 6s**

South Molton Community College will be holding their Open Day/Evening on **Wednesday 14th September** for prospective parents of year 6 pupils. Flyers have gone home with further details and timings.

#### **Celebrating 100 Years of Roald Dahl**

A reminder that next **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September** we will be celebrating 100 years of the No.1 storyteller Roald Dahl by inviting the children to dress up as their favourite character. We are asking that each child donates £1 which will go to Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity, which helps to make life better for seriously ill children in the UK.

#### **Torrige Class Rosemoor Trip**

A reminder that Torrige Class will be visiting RHS Rosemoor on Wednesday 21st September. Please return permission slips by Friday 16th September. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to attend, Mrs Latham will be going with Torrige Class for the day.

#### **Bikeability**

Bikeability will take place on **Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd September** for years 5 & 6. If your child owns a bike this training will teach them to use it safely. Letters have gone home, please return permission slips to Sarah.

#### **Messy Church**

3rd Wednesday in the month, from 3.30-5.45pm. During September, October and November messy church will take place in the village hall. Fun activities, crafts, drama with a Christian message and snacks are provided and parents can stay or collect at the end. If you are not staying please can you ensure you leave a contact number when dropping off your child/children, thank you. For further details please call Catherine Crebbin on 01769 540345.

#### **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast Club has started again this term if you would like to book a place please see Sarah in the office.

#### **Clubs - Autumn 2016**

(starting w/c 12th September)

##### After-School

Monday: KS2 Sports Club with Clare Farrow 3.30-4.30pm

Tuesday: KS2 Computer Club with Dean 3.30-4.30pm (alternate weeks: 13th & 27th Sep & 11th Oct)

Thursday: KS2 S Drama Club with Mrs Evans 3.30-4.30pm

##### Thursday Break time

Recorder Club with Ms Collins

##### Thursday Lunchtime

Gardening Club with Mrs Sherwood, Mrs Jones, Mrs Dennis & Mrs Cook.

#### **Term Dates 2016-2017**

Autumn Half Term: 24<sup>th</sup>- 28<sup>th</sup> October

End of Autumn Term: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Non pupil day: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

Spring Term starts: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January

Spring Half Term: 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> February

End of Spring Term: Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

Non pupil day: Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April

Summer Term starts: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April

May Bank Holiday: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May

Summer Half Term: 29<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June

End of Summer Term: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July