



Chudleigh C.E. Community Primary School

Autumn Term 2017 Newsletter 2

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now well and truly into the new school year. It has been good to see so many of you recently and welcome new children and families in the last couple of weeks.

You will be aware that we have also had two inspections, SIAMS and Ofsted. It was a stressful few days (unheard of in Devon to have them so close together as, in the new system, they are now totally unrelated to each other) but we are pleased with the outcomes of both and hope to receive the reports to send out to you very soon.

Please take time to read and digest this newsletter. As always at the start of a new school year it contains a lot of important information, including details of events in the coming weeks.

Staff News

We said goodbye to Mrs Jena Glenn (Y5 Teaching Assistant) at the end of September and were sad to see her go as she has done an amazing job over the last 2 years. We wish her well for the future.

We are delighted to welcome several new members of staff in the last couple of weeks; Mrs Kate Fulton, Mrs Maria Gilbert and Mrs Juliet Harper have joined the Teaching Assistants team; and Ms Rachel Martin has joined the lunchtime team.

Miss Claire Perkins (Y5 Teaching Assistant) and Mrs Emily England (Deputy Headteacher) are both recovering from surgery at the moment and are planning to return soon.

We still have some vacancies for Mealtime Assistants. If you are interested in applying please contact the Business Management Team.

McMillan Coffee Morning

An enormous thank you from the school and McMillan team for the support with the Big Coffee Morning last Friday, which raised a staggering total of £1125. The team would like to thank everyone for their generosity for the donations and cakes received.

Harvest Service

Our Harvest celebration was on Monday 2nd October; a lovely opportunity for the school and community to

come together. Thank you for your donations of produce for the Teignbridge foodbanks. We hope these will be collected on Friday 6th October, so if you would like to donate there are still a few days left to do so.

Friends of Chudleigh School (FOCS)

An enormous thank you to FOCS for all their hard work for the school. You will be aware that Sam Bennett (one of our parents) took part in an Ultra Marathon which raised a staggering £4825. Very well done and thank you, Sam.

Coming up we have the Foundation Stage cake sale on Friday 13th October and the Y5 cake sale on Friday 24th November.

If you would like to get involved in helping with events and activities planned for this year please come along to the FOCS AGM on Wednesday 18th October at 7.00PM at school.

Parking

Thank you to all of you who are taking advantage of the Park and Stride scheme. As our numbers increase so does the risk to children from people parking irresponsibly when dropping off and collecting children. Please support this initiative, we have issued 60 parking permits so far this term and have asked Teignbridge District Council for more. Please be aware that last year's permits (2016-17) have now expired, replacements can be collected from the office.

A reminder that parents should not access the school drive during the school day unless displaying a Disabled Access Blue Badge. Please accept this decision and refrain from being verbally abusive to our site manager who monitors the gate at the start and end of the school day.

Dogs

We have had a number of complaints about parents allowing dogs to foul the paths outside school when walking their children to and from school. It is illegal not to clear up this mess and has resulted in numerous incidences of it being trodden in by other children and walked into school. If you are a dog owner please be vigilant and considerate.

This also relates to leaving dogs tied up and unattended outside the school grounds. Distressed,

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barking dogs can be very upsetting and even frightening for other children. Please be aware of this if you leave your dog in a public space when dropping off or collecting your children. Dogs should not be brought onto the school site.

Smoking on School Site

We have had reports of a number of parents smoking on the school site. I would like to remind you that by law we are a smoke free zone and that includes the school grounds. Smoking (tobacco and e-cigs) is prohibited anywhere on the school site.

Forgotten Items

Please try to be organised in the mornings. We are getting a significant number of forgotten PE kits, lunches and book bags each morning and the business management team are wearing out the carpets delivering them all around the school.

Parent-Teacher Consultations

You should have received information about this term's meetings on Tuesday 17th & Thursday 19th October (Monday 9th & Tuesday 10th October for Y5). I am delighted that the new Headteacher from Teign School, Suzannah Wharf, will be joining us on Tuesday 17th October to answer questions from any of you about the school, transition or anything else you may have queries about.

School Communication

We would ask that you check your e-mails daily, please, as the vast majority of our communications to you are in this form. A number of parents have missed vital information about school trips recently as messages have been unread.

It would also help the business management team if absences could be reported via 'press 1' on the telephone system in the mornings, please. Messages are checked regularly and it is not routinely necessary to speak to a member of the team about it.

School Meals

On Thursday 5th October we are having a themed lunch menu, 'lunch at the movies'. The menu for the day will be hot dog & chips, margarita pizza & chips, jacket potato with cheese with beans or sweetcorn and ice cream for dessert.

Please remember that the agreed policy is to pay for school meals in advance; if your child regularly has a school meal you will need to make sure there are sufficient funds in the account. Payments can be made via The Feeding Hungry Minds website at www.feedinghungryminds.co.uk

Uniform Sales

A reminder that we no longer sell school uniform nor book bags in school. Our supplier ceased trading last term and we now use the Price and Buckland online service <http://www.pbparentsonline.co.uk/chudleigh>. Further details are available on the school website

Old One Pound Coins

As of Sunday 15th October the old one pound coins will no longer be legal tender. Due to our banking procedures we will not be able to accept any old one pound coins as of Friday 6th October.

News from:

Please find attached a letter giving details of the peripatetic music lessons on offer at school.

Saints Southwest are running Soccer Schools during October Half Term. For more details please visit www.saintssouthwest.co.uk or call 01803 206350.

Finally, thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher in the first instance.

I look forward to working with you this term and in the year ahead.

Yours sincerely,



David Barnett
Headteacher

We have finalised some dates for this term and the year ahead which are detailed below.

Dates for the term

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| 09 & 10.10.17 | Y5 Parent-Teacher meetings |
| 13.10.17 | FOCS EYFS cake sale |
| 24.11.17 | FOCS Y5 cake sale |
| 17 & 19.10.17 | Whole School Parent-Teacher meetings |
| 18.10.19 | FOCS AGM |
| 30.10.17 | School photographs |
| 07.12.17 | 6.00PM KS1 Chudleigh lights event |
| 16.11.17 | FOCS school disco |
| 05 & 06.12.17 | KS2 Christmas performance (provisional time 6.30PM) |
| 08.12.17 | 1.45PM Whole school pantomime |
| 08.12.17 | Scrambled Legs cake sale |
| 14.12.17 | 10.00AM – Foundation stage nativity service |
| 15.12.17 | 9.30AM - Singalong |
| 15.12.17 | Last day of term |

Term Dates for 2018

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| 03.01.18 | First day of spring term |
| 12 – 16.02.18 | Half-term |
| 29.03.18 | Last day of spring term |
| 16.04.18 | First day of summer term |
| 28.05-01.06.18 | Half-term |
| 20.07.18 | Last day of summer term |