

Chilton Community Primary School Newsletter

Autumn Term (2) 2018

Dear Parents

It's been a great start to the year at Chilton. I've been really impressed by how tuned in the children have been when I've been round to classes.

There has been a big improvement in children's reading practice, so a big thank you to you parents for supporting your children with this.

We had some really exciting news this week; Chilton has been selected to be published in the 2019 Parliamentary Review of Education. Last year, nine schools were chosen across the East of England and East Midlands. The publication aims to 'demonstrate how schools/headteachers have become outstanding leaders in their field and how they have responded to challenges, sharing best practice'. It's a great testament to everyone's hard work here at Chilton and I look forward to sharing the finished publication with you in September 2019.

Mr Hemmings

Safeguarding

Fortnite is a computer based game which is played by a lot of children and can be a lot of fun! However please make sure that both you and your child know who they are playing with and talking to! Please ensure that any games your children play are age appropriate.

The link below is a video that your children will be shown in school, please feel free to watch the online safety message with your child <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i150BqInjnY>

Our Junior Road Safety Officers have run a competition to raise awareness of "idling." This is where engines are left running while waiting in traffic/car parks/outside schools etc. It can cause medical problems, as well as wasting the car owners fuel. Please bear this in mind when you are driving, especially when dropping off children at school.

Car parking

A reminder to all parents and carers who drive to school that they should not be parking in the school car park. This is for the safety of all our children. Pupils and parents coming in to school should follow the yellow footprints on the path and should not be cutting across the car park. Can we also remind pupils that they should not be cycling or scooting on the school site or playing on the premises after the school day.

Books for Schools

We are collecting "Books for Schools" tokens. We have a collection box in the front office, please ask any family and friends to cut these out of the EADT and Evening Star and hand them in!

Children in Need

This year we will be supporting Children in Need on Friday the 16th November. We invite children to come to school in non-school uniform (the spottier the better) for a minimum donation of 50p. For a further donation of 50p children will also be able to take part in a 'swap shop' where they can bring one item to exchange, this might be an unwanted film, game, book or toy. A letter will follow with more information nearer the date.



PE Kit

A reminder that pupils should have PE kit in school every day. Pupils will be taking part in both indoor and outdoor PE throughout the school year. Chilton PE kit is black shorts, a plain white or white with school emblem tee shirt, plimsolls (for indoors) and trainers (for outdoor). A black or navy sweatshirt (not school jumper) and tracksuit trousers may be worn in cooler weather. Please ensure you have the correct clothing and that clothing is named. We already have quite a collection of lost property.

Please make sure you name all clothing in bold writing as we regularly have a 'lost property' box full of unnamed items.

Reading badges

We are looking to change the system for awarding reading badges. I have ensured that those that have read for 6 weeks have received a reading badge for this half term. From next half term onwards badges will be given to those children on accelerated reader who have achieved 85% accuracy and 25 minutes average reading across the half term period. For those not yet on accelerated reader we will continue to use the reading calendar and award badges for reading four times for six weeks. If you have been recording reading on the homework book it would be good to continue this so we can support each other in encouraging good regular reading habits at home and in school.



Sports News

This month we have competed in two sports events run by the Gipping Valley School Sports Partnership. We entered a team into the cross country event at Stowupland High School. Our team of 10 all successfully completed the run and came in 4th overall. The tag rugby tournament was at Stowmarket Rugby club this week. Mr Canham said the team played really well and managed to score some amazing tries and although not quite securing a win, Chilton were definitely the best improved throughout the matches. Well done to all our participants. Look out for us next year!

Afterschool club

There are still some spaces available for afterschool club if you would like your child to attend. Pupils who are waiting to be collected for more than 10 minutes will join the other children at After School club. You will need to collect them from the Nurture room and will be invoiced appropriately. Contact the office to book a space.

Parents evening

Parents evening will be on Tuesday 6th November for year 6 and on Thursday 8th November for reception, year 1,2,3,4 and 5. Sessions will run from 1.30p.m. to 6.00p.m. Appointments can be made online now via the website (please contact us if you need your login or password) or return the slip which will be sent home.

Our local health worker will be at parents evening to talk to parents about any worries you or your children may have. Please speak to her if you have any concerns.

Sports Athlete to Visit Chilton

On 27th November Sports Athlete Caradh O'Donovan is coming to school. She will be doing a fitness circuit which the children will be able to participate in. Pupils will need to have their P.E kits to be able to take part. Once everyone has completed the fitness circuit she will do a whole school assembly, if there are any questions which the children would like to ask then she will answer them then.

Christmas Dates

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| 4th December 2018 | Choir to sing at St Peter and St Mary's Christmas tree festival. |
| 18th December 2018 | Years Reception, 1 and 2, Christmas performance |
| 19th December 2018 | Carol Concert at Salvation Army Hall (parents invited). School Christmas dinner. Last day of term |
| 2nd January 2019 | Non pupil day. |
| 3rd January 2019 | Pupils return to school. |

