



Headteacher's Message

Despite the cold weather, and a lot of staff illness we have had a very busy couple of weeks in school.

I am so pleased that a group of our Reception children have made their first visit to Orchard House, a local care home today. We will be taking a small group of reception children up to Orchard House each Friday, to spend time getting to know the residents, sharing songs and playing games with them. It is so important that our children interact with the older generation in our local community and I am sure it will have huge benefits for all involved. All of our reception children will be taking part in this project and we hope this is something we can continue with future reception classes.



Staffing news

It is with sadness, that we say goodbye to Mrs. Ray-Gain who will be leaving us this term to take up an exciting new job. Thank you for all your hard work and wish you well in your new role.

Prefects Tea

I had the pleasure last week of having afternoon tea with our fantastic group of prefects. Our focus was online safety and they spoke articulately about the ways they use the internet both at home and school.



Safer Internet Day 2019

On Tuesday it is Safer Internet Day and we will be focusing on online safety in school. I am aware this is a topic that has received lots of news coverage lately and is an area that we as parents often feel concerned about. All classes will be completing work on staying safe online during the day.

Becky Reed

Parent Survey

Thank you to all of you who took part in our parent survey. We had eighty families respond and it was really useful for us to see what you think of communication at Chantry.

The feedback was overwhelmingly positive however, as a result of your feedback there are a few areas we will work on improving:

- A few parents raised concerns that they felt they didn't know how their child was progressing. In addition to what we already do, we will be discussing ways we can improve this.
- We will also make sure that when you email teachers, they respond quickly to you. Please don't expect teachers to respond in the evening (although our staff are very dedicated and sometimes they choose to). Can I also ask please, that you don't message staff individually using our Facebook page.



Parents Filming/Taking photos in performances

We are considering changing our policy to allow parents to take photographs/video of their own child during our performances. In order to safeguard all children including those who are not allowed to be photographed in school we would ask parents to sign an agreement as they come in for the performance. This would agree to photos/video being for personal use only and agreeing that if any other child was visible they would not be posted on social media. Obviously this would rely on parents complying with this otherwise we would revert back to our no photos/filming policy. I'd really like to hear your views on this and I will copy this onto our Facebook page for comments. Please also feel free to email / drop comments off to the school office.

Viola Performance

On Monday our year 3 children who have been learning the viola in school since September performed to their parents. They were fabulous and so confident considering the very short time they have been learning for. Thank you to Mr Coldwell for his hard work and to Miss Byles for her support. I think we might have some budding musicians...



Upcoming Events

We have lots of exciting events coming up over the next couple of weeks that we warmly invite parents/carers to attend:

Tuesday 12th February—Yrs. 3 & 4 production 2pm & 6pm, tickets available in school office.

Wednesday 13th February - Year 2 class & 'Time to Dance' club - White Rock Theatre.

Friday 15th February - PFF Crazy Hair Day - Mothers' Day Gift donation.

Wednesday 13th March - Yrs. 4 & 5 Hastings Music Festival—White Rock Theatre.

Friday 15th March - Yrs. 2 & 3 & Choir Club - Hastings Music Festival - White Rock Theatre.