



Headteacher's Message

There's been so much going on at Chantry over the last couple of weeks, I don't know where to start...

Hastings Music Festival

Over the last two weeks 140 of our children have taken part in events at the Hastings Music Festival. All the groups performed so well and we received high marks and very encouraging feedback. A special mention to our children in Year 2 and 3 for their amazing performance and fantastic Honours award with a very well deserved 87 marks!

I have had so many positive comments from parents, Hastings Music Festival staff and members of the public about how impressed they were with the way the children behaved and the high standard of their performances. I am so proud of every single child for having the confidence to stand on the stage and perform to such a large audience. Huge thanks to all the parents and families who came along to support us. We have once again been awarded the Lord Blainsburgh Cup for the highest aggregate mark for a primary school at the festival.

Sporting Success

We have had considerable sporting success. Our netball team won the Bexhill Primary Netball Tournament and progressed through to the next round where they were up against the very best teams from Hastings and Rye. Well done all.

Our football team continue their success and are now through to the semi-finals of the Collins Cup. What a fantastic achievement boys. We look forward to their next match!

Yesterday seven children played a water polo match against Battle Abbey School.

Mrs Jackson commented on the exemplary behaviour and sporting attitude of those who took part. Well done - we are so pleased that you are modelling our Chantry Values so well. For a full sport report see the second page.

Enterprise Week

Next week is our Enterprise Week. Every class uses a £20 starting fund to make as much profit as possible at our Easter Fayre on Wednesday 3rd April.

Children will be planning and making, using their DT and math's skills. Maybe we have some future entrepreneurs amongst us?

Becky Reed

Comic Relief

We raised an amazing £363.50 for Comic Relief last week, though our mis-matched mufti day. We had great fun dressing up and there were some very creative costumes. Thank you for your generous donations which will go to help projects in the UK and beyond.



Mufti Day

Tomorrow is our Easter mufti day. Children can wear their own clothes in exchange for bringing in some chocolate for the Easter Raffle. If children choose not to participate they need to wear school uniform.



Sports Reports from Mr Smith

A busy week of sport at Chantry began with a **netball** tournament at St. Richards. Up against strong opponents from other local primary schools the team knew the competition would be tough. With the competition needing to be moved inside due to the adverse weather the challenge really was on. Chantry began slowly in their first game but soon found their rhythm and began creating scoring opportunities almost at will in the second half to run out 4-0 winners.

The second game began much the same as the first with scoring chances at a premium, Chantry again found their scoring skills and ran out winners once more to the tune of a 3-1 score line. The third and final game of the afternoon, showed how much the team had learnt from the previous two games, their movement was sharp and their shooting sharper to completely dominate proceedings and produce an emphatic 5-0 win. Three wins from three, saw the team run out overall winners and they are excited to advance to the next round of the competition.

The **football** team returned to Collins Cup action on Tuesday when they were up against Salehurst, chasing a place in the semi-finals. Both sides showed signs of rustiness in the opening few minutes and it could very easily have been a different game, if one of the sides had been able to capitalise on it. As it was the game settled down and a high standard of football was produced resulting in few clear-cut chances. The deadlock was eventually broken by a nice break away rounded off by a calm finish, advantage Chantry!

Half time came and went with neither side able to completely dominate the game. An unfortunate slip at the back led to the Salehurst forward being able to pounce on the ball and finish well to put the game back on terms. Salehurst went close again shortly after the restart and were denied by a fantastic save from the on-rushing Chantry keeper. The game looked like it would need a moment of magic to change it and that's exactly what it got; a well struck effort from way outside the box flew into the top corner to give Chantry the advantage once more, 2-1. Salehurst regrouped as they chased an equaliser but every Chantry shirt did what was needed to ensure the win - putting a determined defensive shift to ensure victory and a place in the semi-finals.

Chantry's indoor **cricket** team made the short walk up the road to Bexhill Academy on Friday. Placed in a group with Battle Abbey B, Guestling and Robsack Wood they knew it would be tough to finish top and qualify for the next round. Chantry started quickly against Battle Abbey in their first game and made an early claim to be group favourites after a 30 run win.

In their second game against Robsack Wood another strong batting performance meant Chantry produced another strong total. Some intelligent field placings restricted the Robsack Wood scoring giving Chantry a 45 run victory. There was all to play for in the final game against Guestling - which featured both undefeated sides from the group. Chantry fielded first and bowled tightly to restrict a strong batting line up to just 221. In reply Chantry, made a steady start in bat and ensured that they were always in the game. Some clever shots and some brutish straight hits saw Chantry home, finishing on a total of 234 meaning they finished top of the group and remain undefeated.