

# CHANTRY NEWSLETTER

Confident, Caring, Creative

19th February 2018



## Headteacher's Message

Welcome back, I hope that you all had a good half term break. We have a very busy couple of weeks ahead with children taking part in the Music Festival and a range of sporting tournaments.

Just a reminder about how important it is to read with your child. Little and often is best as children lose concentration after 15-20 minutes. Please talk to your child about the text to make sure they understand what they are reading and encourage children to spot and self-correct their own mistakes. Look out for the letter about parent access to Accelerated Reader coming soon.

Our Chantry Value this week is honest. Next week our value will be passionate.

## Staff changes

We have a change of staff in Year 3 from this week with Mrs Pollard returning to Chantry to share the class with Mr Wickham.

Mrs Goldspink-Saunders also returns to Chantry this week as a teaching assistant, working with children in years 3 and 4. She will also be running our lunch club.



## Road safety

Just another plea to think about how you are driving and parking around the school site as there have continued to be near misses and poor parking.

Please turn engines off if you are sitting waiting for children.

**Becky Reed**

## Online Safety

We have made some changes to the way we teach online safety and the staff have recently had training on this. Instead of focusing on online safety at the start of each term, children will receive work on this as part of their regular weekly computing lessons. Online safety also forms part of the PSHE curriculum.

Look out for updates and helpful resources on the Chantry website.

To support you to keep your child safe online, we will be holding a parent workshop run by Childnet on Tuesday 22nd May at 6.30pm. Whether you're puzzled by parental controls or would like to know more about gaming come and join us.





## Creative Fridays

We are starting creative Fridays at Chantry! This will give children the opportunity to work on bigger arts and technology projects and get creative over a whole day. We hope to give parents the opportunity to come in and see some of the projects the children complete.

Our first Creative Friday will take place on Friday 2nd March. We won't be holding a celebration assembly on this date.

## Viola Performance

Next Monday, our year 3 children who have been learning the viola in school will be demonstrating what they have learned to parents. The performance will take place at 9am in the school hall. All parents, carers and families are welcome.



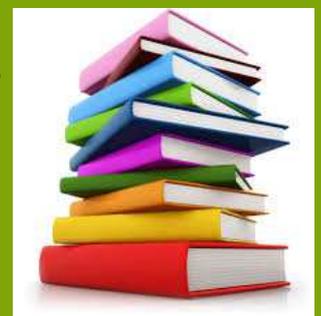
## Time to Dance



Children in Years 2, 5 and 6 took part in the 'Time to Dance' performance at the White Rock Theatre just before half term. It was a fantastic evening and it was great to see our children showcasing their dance talents and enjoying watching performances by other schools from the area. A big thank you to all the staff involved.

## Book Fair

We currently have the travelling book fair in school. This an opportunity for you to browse and buy children's books and also helps us to get new books for the school, as we receive a percentage of all sales. Classes have visited the book fair during school time to see what is on offer and the book fair will be open for the final time after school today from 3.15– 3.45pm.



## Parent Consultations

Our next parent consultations will take place on Tuesday 27th February from 3.30-5.20pm and Thursday March 1st from 3.30-6.50pm.

Online booking for appointments are now live. Please see Mrs Vaughan if you are unsure how to use the online booking service.