



## Headteacher's Message

Welcome back and a happy new year to you all. We have had a very calm and settled start to term 3 and it has been lovely to hear about the exciting things that Chantry children have been enjoying over the Christmas holidays.

### Uniform

Just a reminder that all children need to be in the correct Chantry uniform of dark grey skirt/trousers, white polo shirt and Chantry Sweatshirt/Cardigan. Please remember that children should be wearing black school shoes and not trainers. From next week, we will ask children who come in wearing trainers to change into plimsolls whilst in school.

### Walk to school Challenge

Thank you for your continuing support with keeping our children safe on the way to school. Please continue to avoid parking in the area of Barrack Road outside the school between 8.25 -8.55am and 2.50-3.30pm. We would like to encourage all families to walk to / from school (where possible) at least twice a week which would also help to reduce traffic around the school further. We are challenging as many families to do this as possible over the next few months and will be offering prizes!

We have also been advised that Silvester Road will be closed for approximately ten weeks from Monday so parking in the area around the school will become limited further, even more reason to walk!

### Afternoon Playtime

After a lot of thought, we have decided to trial a different afternoon structure in Reception and KS1 during terms 3 and 4. Children in these classes will remain in class during the afternoon and teachers will ensure the children have learning breaks within the classroom and these will often involve physical activity. We have decided to trial this system as a lot of children were finding the transition from playtime to learning difficult in the afternoon.

**Becky Reed**

## ParentPay

Please make sure that ParentPay accounts are kept topped up in order to pay for your child's school lunches. Mrs Vaughan is spending hours each week chasing payments. In future, we will be unable to provide a school meal for your child if your account is overdrawn and you will need to provide a packed lunch. Please can we also remind you that Early Bird is a pre-paid club, therefore you must ensure funds are available on the day they attend.

## Open Learning Week

We are delighted to be holding an Open Learning Week during the week beginning 21st January. This is a great opportunity for parents and carers to spend time in their child's classroom, to get involved and experience the learning that is taking place. Grandparents are also most welcome!

As space in classrooms is limited, you will need to choose a session and book a place. Sign up sheets will be available from today in the school office. These Open Learning sessions are for adults only and we ask that you **do not bring younger children**. These sessions only work without the distraction that younger siblings will naturally bring.

### Reception:

Monday 21st January	9.30 –10am	Maths
Tuesday 22nd January	11 -11.30am	English
Wednesday 23rd January	9.10-9.30am	Phonics

### Year 1:

Monday 21st January	11.00 –11.30am	English
Tuesday 22nd January	9.10-9.30am	Phonics
Thursday 24th January	1.15 –2pm	Art

### Year 2:

Monday 21st January	11.00 –11.45am	Maths
Tuesday 22nd January	1.15 - 2pm	Art
Wednesday 23rd January	9.10 - 9.30am	Phonics

### Year 3:

Monday 21st January	1.45 –2.15pm	History
Tuesday 22nd January	11.15 –11.45am	P.E.
Friday 25th January	9.30 -10am	Art

### Year 4:

Tuesday 22nd January	11.15 -11.45am	Maths
Wednesday 23rd January	9.10 - 9.30am	Maths
Thursday 24th January	9.30-10am	English

### Year 5:

Tuesday 22nd January	11.15 -11.45am	Maths
Tuesday 22nd January	2.15 -2.45pm	P.E.
Wednesday 23rd January	9.10 - 9.30am	Spellings

### Year 6:

Monday 21st January	9.45 -10.15am	Grammar
Tuesday 22nd January	11.15 –11.45am	Maths
Thursday 24th January	9.10 - 9.30am	Spelling