

## Headteacher's Message



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a busy start to the year. Our children have settled back into school again and there have been a lot of interesting and creative projects happening through out the school. It has been lovely to see classes taking advantage of the autumn weather and using our outdoor space as much as possible. I particularly enjoyed watching Reception create an autumn tree in our playground.

Now that the weather is getting cooler, please make sure children have a named coat and jumper in school. As our classrooms need to be well ventilated to reduce the risk of Covid, they will be cooler than usual. Children may need to wear additional layers underneath their Chantry jumper and wear plain black/grey tracksuit bottoms instead of pe.shorts.

Just a reminder that we have individual photographs next Wednesday 21st October. Unfortunately we are not able to do sibling photographs this year.

Don't forget, term 1 finishes on Friday 23rd October and we welcome children back to school on Monday November 2nd for the start of term 2.

## Staffing News

This term we have welcomed a new member of staff to our school. Mrs Whitfield will be supporting individual children and groups across the school.

It is with sadness, that we will be saying goodbye next Tuesday to Mrs. Pollard. Mrs Pollard has been teaching at Chantry for many years and has taught lots of our Chantry families. We are very sad to see Mrs Pollard leave us but wish her well in her new role as a full time mum.

**Becky Reed**

## Black History Month

Next week, we will be holding an arts week as part of our work on Black History Month. Each of our classes will be studying an artist, and the life of an important figure. We will be sharing our learning with you through our Facebook group and the art work will be displayed across the school.

## Early Bird Club

Our Early Bird club is up and running again! The club opens from 8am each morning for breakfast and play. Children from all year groups are welcome and the club costs £2.50 per day. Please book in advance through the school office.

## Fundraising

Last Friday we raised £168 through our mufti day for Bexhill Caring Community, to start our year of fundraising. Thank you to everyone who donated. The children (and staff) really enjoyed wearing their own clothes to school.