



CHANTRY COMMUNITY NEWS



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Dear Parents/Carers,

The days have gone so quickly and we find ourselves at the end of term. I think we have all done amazingly well in our temporary accommodation and this is due to the support and understanding that everyone has shown. I thank you all for your continued support of Chantry which is going from strength to strength.

Our Year 6 results which were released on government sites last week show how well we are doing – 49th out of 420 schools in Kent for combined progress in reading, writing and maths (Kent Online). This is such a great achievement and a massive well done to all staff, children and parents who have enabled this to happen. We can't wait to see our results next year – early signs are looking very promising.

Our children have continued to have a good curriculum with many visits and visitors out of school. We were very pleased last week when our Year 5 children went and sang at the Pentagon Centre in Chatham with other schools in the trust. This was a charity event and our children do have an excellent understanding of respect and supporting others less fortunate. It is pleasing that we are now able to offer recorder lessons and swimming lessons in key stage 2 along with French.

It has been lovely to see so many of you at our Christmas events this year – these have managed to go ahead despite not having a hall. Some of you have even commented that you loved the outside Christmas market and wouldn't want it to go in the school hall next year. Thank you to everyone for supporting us, we raised over £700.00. The Christmas jumper day raised £282.40.

As you can clearly see from the road and the school playground, the new build is coming along really well. It is ahead of schedule and we are hopeful that we will be in there in September 2019. The children still have access to the playground but it is very small. The field is extremely muddy but we have taken the decision to use the school field as much as we can next term and we have bought a pair of wellies for every child to enable this to happen. Please can you ensure you send in spare socks.

Inkpen Class will have 2 teachers on a teacher exchange programme for term 3 and Miss Basra and Miss Matharoo are very lucky to also be part of this professional exchange programme and will be working at other schools in term 3. They will return in term 4 and I can assure you there will be no disruption to learning.

A Few Gentle Reminders:-

Please ensure if you owe money for school dinners, your child will not be able to have a dinner until the debt is cleared.

After school club needs to be booked and paid for in advance.

Breakfast club will now be £1.50 for all children attending – breakfast is available. There will no longer be two different prices.

Plain black school shoes please for uniform.

Can I take this opportunity on behalf of all the children and staff, to wish you all a safe and peaceful holiday. We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday January 7th.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Duncan