

October 2020

Chantry Community Academy Newsletter



A Message from Mrs Duncan

I cannot believe we are coming to the end of term 1. Although the term has been very different to normal, it has gone so quickly. It was lovely to welcome back all the children for the start of a new academic year and it was great to see that they were and continue to be so eager to be learning and socialising again with their friends.

I know things have been very different to the start of this academic year in comparison to a 'normal' start of year and I want to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to you all for the support you have shown with what we have put in place. Although our expectations and approaches can seem a little inconvenient at times, these measures have really helped in keeping everyone safe which has been our ultimate aim.

We have some amazing news to share with you. Our Chair to the trust, Nikki King OBE has now received another title..... CBE for services to education. This is such an honour and we are all so privileged to have her leading the Skills for Life Trust. On behalf of the Chantry Community, we pass on our heartfelt congratulations.

In terms of the curriculum, we have continued to provide a broad and balanced curriculum but we are currently unable to provide swimming lessons or musical instrument tuition such as recorders and ukuleles which lots of our children have enjoyed in the past. Hopefully at some stage we will be able to reintroduce these back into the curriculum.

We are delighted with how well children are engaging with technology through some of our online programmes and also Microsoft teams. This is certainly the way forward in these uncertain times. If you need support with how to access some of these platforms, then please contact the school and someone will help you. It is vitally important with the increasing use of technology that children are supervised at home to ensure they are safe online. We have previously shared with you, the need to continue with learning while your child may be isolating. We would recommend 3 hours of learning per day.

I am pleased to report that there is still very much a buzz around school within the bubbles and the children are working very well. Behaviour in school is really very good and I want to congratulate the children on this.

Help! Please can I kindly request that over the half term holiday you encourage your children to have a look for any school reading books. During lockdown, we gave out many books and unfortunately we haven't had many returned. During the first week back, we will put some plastic boxes by the gates and if you have school reading books, then please just drop them in.

Parents' evenings will be held during the week beginning 9th November. These meetings will be phone calls to you from your child's class teacher. There will be more information about this nearer the time.

Can I take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and relaxing half term break and we will see you all again on 2nd November for the start of term 2.

Upcoming Events-

Term Dates

Term 1
Starts:
Wednesday 2nd September
Ends:
Friday 16th October

Term 2
Starts:
Monday 2nd November
Ends:
Friday 18th December

Parents Evening (Remote)

WB 9th November 2020-
More details to follow.

Children in Need

Friday 13th November
More details to follow.

Polite Reminders:-

Please follow our uniform guidelines particularly with regards to black school shoes and also jewellery. Earrings should be plain stud type ones.

Please ensure that you stick to the timings for collection and drop off. There are some parents who are trying to 'stretch' times and this isn't helpful.

Year 6 - please ensure that you complete the Kent admissions form to select the Year 7 schools for your child. The closing date for forms is 2nd November 2020.



Mrs Duncan
Headteacher



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Skills for Life Passports



All children across the school have a 'Skills for Life Passport of Experiences'. This passport contains a range of activities that we at the Skills for Life Trust believe that all children should have experienced by the time they leave primary school. The experiences are wide-ranging from making a daisy chain to completing some basic first aid training. Many of the experiences children will take part in at school. There are some, however, that can be completed at home. If your child completes a passport experience at home please take a photograph so that you can share it with their class teacher. They will then stamp this experience in their passport.

Mrs Woodroof - Deputy Head



- I can act, dance or sing to an audience
- I can say and write my own address
- I say good morning or good afternoon when I pass people in the corridor
- I know how to make an emergency call
- I can make a sandwich
- I have been a good friend to someone I don't usually play/work with
- I can say please and thank you
- I can hold the door open for somebody else
- I know the school values - RECIPE
- I have visited a historic building
- I can praise someone else
- I can care for living things (plants and animals)
- I have a responsibility within school
- I can share interesting facts about my family history
- I know five facts about Great Britain
- I know about historic events or people
- I can enjoy a dining experience
- I have learnt about another culture and can tell you facts about it
- I recognise well known people in the world we live
- I have planted some bulbs and watched them grow
- I have been on an Autumn walk
- I have made a picture from leaf rubbings
- I can paint a self portrait
- I can be responsible for my school environment
- I have visited a place of worship
- I have made a paper boat and watched it float on water
- I am able to perform a song in sign language
- I have posted a letter to a friend
- I can fly a kite
- I have taken a photograph using a camera
- I am able to look up where I live on a map
- I have borrowed a book from the library
- I have created a piece of art for an exhibition
- I have looked at the stars on a clear night
- I have made a daisy chain
- I have been on a hunt for small creatures
- I know how to cross a road safely
- I can make healthy food choices and exercise
- I have designed and made a board game
- I have bought something in a shop and was able to check my change
- I am able to light a candle to celebrate something special
- I have learnt to play a game of cards
- I have tried yoga
- I can tell my class about my favourite character from a book
- I have eaten something I have grown
- I have learnt to sew on a button
- I can help younger children in an activity
- I can make a cup of tea and toast with support
- I took part in a treasure hunt
- I can hold the door open for somebody I meet in the corridor
- I can advertise a charity event
- I can prepare for a debate
- I can use my manners to show appreciation
- I can make a telephone call
- I can deliver a message
- I can buy a ticket and travel on public transport
- I can plan and help to run a charity event
- I understand the importance of being on time
- I can welcome an adult to the classroom
- I can vote in an election
- I can plan a journey
- I can take part in a debate
- I have contributed to a historical service
- I have made and launched an air-powered rocket
- I have used junk modelling to make a large scale model
- I have climbed something that is taller than I am
- I can follow a recipe
- I have picked up litter in my local area
- I have interviewed someone
- I visited a local charity and found out how I can support them
- I helped organise an afternoon tea for parents and carers at my school
- I am able to access the news
- I kept a diary for a week
- I can keep myself safe online

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Jeans for Genes Day



The first charity event of the new school year was held in September. Jeans for Genes Day is the annual fundraising event for Genetic Disorders UK. On Friday 18th September all children and staff wore their jeans to school to raise money for children affected by genetic disorders. The money we raised as a school will go towards providing specialist care and equipment for those children. The final total was a fantastic £256. By supporting this cause the children have shown the RECIPE values of respect, by showing respect for all people in the world and cooperation by working as a school to raise the money.



We will be supporting a number of charities as we progress through the school year including, Gravesham Foodbank, Children in Need and Porchlight a charity that supports the homeless. We look forward to your continued support for these worthy causes.

Mrs Woodroof - Deputy Head





Classroom News

Nursery-



The Nursery children have been learning a variety of Nursery rhymes this term. Their favourites are Roly Poly and Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes. They have been showing great enjoyment and cooperation by learning how they can use their voices to recite rhymes very quickly and then very slowly.

Reception-

In Reception, the children have been learning all about themselves. They have been looking at similarities and differences between families, as well as sharing their own likes and dislikes. In Mathematics they have been counting and sorting objects to 5. Towards the end of term, Reception have been learning about Harvest.



Year 1-



Year 1 have had a fantastic start to the new school year with some great learning. In Literacy, we have been reading the story 'Funnybones' and practicing writing labels, lists and sentences independently. Our big question for the term is 'Who am I?' and so we have been learning about our bodies and senses in Science, our family trees in History and our surroundings in Geography. Our Art lessons have also continued this theme, so we have been learning about the artist Frida Kahlo and developing our own self-portraits.

Year 2-

Year 2 have really enjoyed the start to the new year. We have engaged in learning about different materials in Science, and have been helping Paddington choose which one to use for a new coat now he's in London. In our Geography lessons we have been working on maps and had a go at using the plan view to draw maps of our classroom, we have also been practising our different pencil techniques such as solid shading and hatching in Art, ready to draw some London landmarks!



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Year 3-

Year 3 have had a great start to the new academic year and have been learning lots of new skills in their curriculum lessons. In Computing, the children have been learning how to use algorithms to sequence events by writing and making a jam sandwich. In our RE lessons the children have been learning about the Hindu festival Diwali and making Diva lamps. The children showed great enjoyment in both subjects and loved eating their jam sandwiches.



Year 4-

Year 4 have done some amazing work this term and have gained great knowledge in their different subjects. In Science, we have been learning how to use classification keys to group animals. In History we have been doing some research on famous female scientists and environmentalists. We have also been learning about different types of biomes in Geography and have gained some valuable map skills while searching for the different countries that are located in each biome. All of the research that we have done have raised some interesting questions and led us to a discussion about global warming and climate change. All of this which linked in nicely with our book this term, Mouse Bird Snake Wolf.



Year 5-

Year 5 have had a great start to the new year with some really exciting learning. In Science we have been learning about the life cycles of plants and animals, where the children got to dissect a plant. In our Art lessons, following the theme of our London topic, we have been creating amazing cityscapes. This is alongside our captivating book, 'The London Eye Mystery'.



Year 6-

Year 6 have been working on their scientific enquiry skills and building electrical circuits. They have independently focused on how to get a broken circuit to work. For their History learning year 6 have been studying our big question for this term on 'How does our past shape our future? Pupils have been learning about evacuation and what happened during WW2, which has also been linked in with our amazing power of reading book Goodnight Mr Tom.





This term each year group began their Mastery Maths learning with Place value. This is an essential base of all number learning and sets each child up with the skills they need to access the learning in their year group. Each child has been given a pack of personal maths equipment to use within the class ranging from Numicon to place value counters.

To support your child's learning at home we have two online platforms. Mathletics is used by years 1-6 and is where your child's weekly homework is set for maths. TT Rockstars is a times table platform that years 2-6 should be using to learn and practice their times tables. Children can win weekly rewards and certificates for their engagement and hard work on both of these platforms during their weekly Maths Celebration Assembly.

If you want to support your child further at home discuss you can incorporate maths into your normal day when cooking, shopping or on a walk. Follow the link below to view some brilliant videos on Mastery Maths skills:



Miss Moore
Numeracy Lead

https://www.youtube.com/user/NCETM/playlists?view=50&sort=dd&shelf_id=4

P.E.



The importance of PE has also been recognised at Chantry. Following the extended period of time our pupils have been at home we recognise the increased importance of PE for our pupils health both physically and mentally. Our focus in PE this term has been to reintroduce our pupils into being regularly active while displaying Respect and Cooperation. The children have taken part in weekly games that require high levels of listening skills while promoting team work.

Mr Simmonds
P.E. Lead





A few weeks into the school term and the weather is rapidly changing and getting colder. We would like to remind all parents/carers that our catering team are offering tasty, nutritious hot meals. In line with government guidelines the children are eating their lunches with their allocated bubbles in their classrooms. We would like to reassure you that this has not compromised the usual high standards and quality of the meals on offer.

A gentle reminder to all parents/carers of all children in Reception and Key stage 1, that school lunches are free for every child. For Key stage 2 children school lunches are £2.30 a day or £11.50 for the week. Any parents/carers who may have any questions or concerns regarding food allergies or intolerances are asked to contact Tracey our Cook Manager for any advice.

Miss Treleven
Midday Supervisor



RECIPE Ambassadors



At Chantry we believe that everyone's voice matters. That is why we have our RECIPE ambassadors program. This allows one child from each class to act as a representative and bring their class views to the attention of the school leaders. So, how are RECIPE ambassadors selected? Any and all children can put themselves forward to be their class RECIPE ambassador, however they must campaign to their peers, explaining why they want the role. Each class will then vote for the pupil they believe will best represent their class and the person they think displays the RECIPE in every day school life the best. This term our classes have already voted for their RECIPE ambassador and we are looking forward to our first meeting at the end of term via teams.

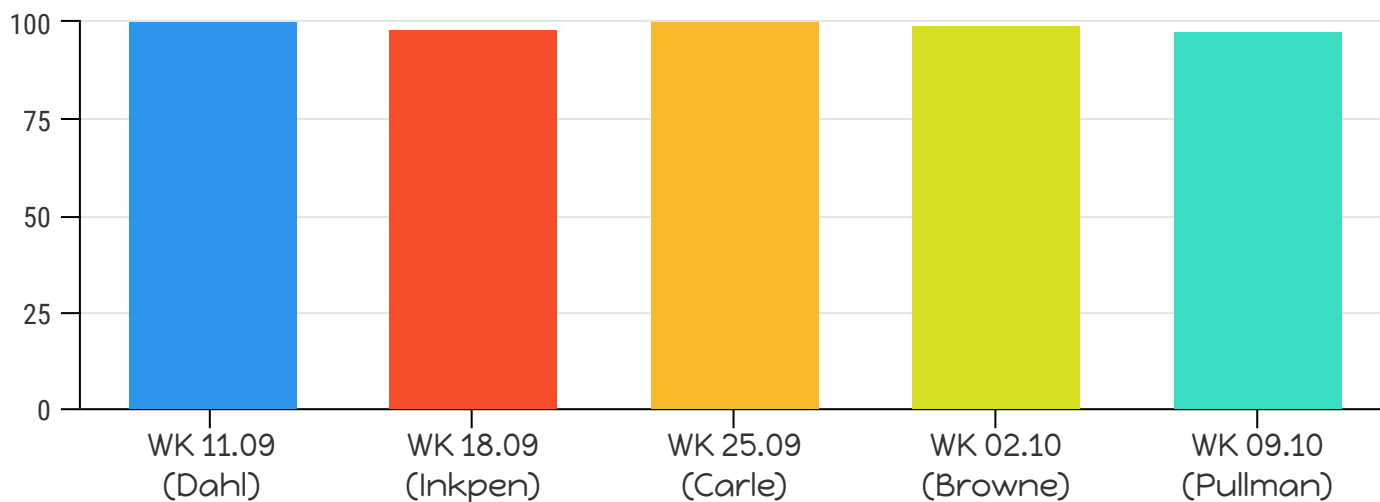
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Attendance and Punctuality

Best Attending Class



Punctuality - 0 lates

WK 11.09	WK 18.09	WK 25.09	WK 02.10	WK 09.10
Carle	Carle	Carle	Carle	Donaldson
Browne	Potter	Potter	Inkpen	Pullman
Inkpen	Inkpen		Donaldson	
Rosen	Rosen		Dahl	
Donaldson	Seuss		Rowling	
Lewis	Donaldson		Pullman	
Ahlberg	Lewis			
Sacher	Ahlberg			
Dahl	Sacher			
Rowling	Dahl			
Morpurgo	Rowling			
Pullman	Morpurgo			
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Chantry's Time Capsule



As you are aware, our school building was completed this time last year and we had a lovely opening ceremony at the start of March. We have been planning for a while to have a time capsule in the school grounds to commemorate this event and of course the new build.

We really want the children to contribute to the time capsule and would like as many children as possible to produce something during the half term to go inside it. Ideas include:

- Favourite fashion trends from a magazine
- Writing about current pop groups
- Certificates/ribbons from sports/ games
- School papers/art projects
- Photos from the past year/years
- Pictures of toys and technology
- A diary entry
- Self portrait
- Pictures of the school, school timetable, plan drawing of a classroom
- Drawings/ writing about the RECIPE
- Writing about a day at school 2020

Anything else you can think about.

Mrs Duncan
Headteacher





Reception 2021 applications open soon. For more information, please call us on 01474 350011

Please have a look at Chantry's new Promotional Video.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AAaui42ftj8&feature=emb_logo

Microsoft Teams- If you are self isolating please login to MS Teams to access a directory of activities to complete for your year group.

Every week teachers are posting a Homework assignment for the children to complete.



E-Safety Alert:

Some of our children have been talking about playing the game 'Among Us' at home. Please be aware that the rating for this game has now been updated to 10+ as the game features Fantasy violence, Mild blood and Horror/Fear Themes.



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