

Chidham Parochial Primary School



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" Love each other as I have loved you." John 15 verse 12

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Here is a look at what is happening in school next week:

Monday 27 th September	PE kits being worn by children in Willow and Oak Classes Apple Class am & Chestnut Class pm Last Harbour Conservancy Learning (see separate letter for details)
Tuesday 28 th September	Sama Karate Club at 8am Ukulele lesson for Oak Class pm PE kits being worn by children in Chestnut & Birch Classes
Wednesday 29 th September	Theatre Arts Street Dance Club at 8am Chestnut Class Bike Skills day (see separate letter for details) Apple Class children to be dressed for "Forest School Activities" (see separate letter for details) Piano lessons today for named children
Thursday 30 th September	PE kits being worn by children in Chestnut, Willow & London Plane Classes Children in Cherry and Willow Clases going for an outdoor learning walk am (see separate letters for details)
Friday 1 st October	PE kits being worn by children in Apple, Oak, Birch and London Plane Classes



Macmillan Coffee Morning Thank you for your support with our Macmillan fund raising event today. The children with huge smiles, eagerly tucked into their cakes in their classes, whilst the teachers gave some information about the charity and their work. Together we have raised £143.14 (I know some pennies are coming in later and this will increase) THANK YOU!



PTFA Second Hand Sale The PTFA were pleased with their after school second hand uniform sale yesterday - hope you were able to pick up a bargain! The intention is to hold a second hand uniform sale each half term; do look out for future dates.

The PTFA AGM is on Wednesday 13th October at 7.30pm. It will be held virtually again this year. If you can come along and support the team, please do, they will be pleased to see you. You will need to mail: ptfa@chidham.w-sussex.sch.uk for a link to the ZOOM meeting.



Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) Rebecca Walker from MAF spoke to all the children on Tuesday morning about the charity's work. MAF believe nothing should stop people from receiving the love of God and the essentials of life - no matter how remote they are. Their vision is 'to see isolated people changed by the love of Christ.' And do this by using aviation and technology, because in many places those are the only ways to reach isolated people in need. For over 75 years, MAF has been flying light aircraft over jungles, mountains, swamps and deserts. They enable more than 2,000 aid, development and mission organisations to bring medical care, emergency relief, long-term development and Christian hope to thousands of communities.

To find out more please see their website: <https://www.maf-uk.org/>

The children enjoyed learning about MAF's work and watching the light aircrafts landing on dirt tracks. We will be working in partnership with MAF this year and hope a pilot with his plane can visit us next summer!



COVID v Colds The colds season appears to be upon us and some people in our community (as across our nation) seem to be suffering quite badly. "We've actually been seeing a rise in the number of coughs and colds and viral infections," says Dr Philippa Kaye, a GP based in London. She says the numbers have been as high as you'd see in a normal winter and the main reason is because of the easing of coronavirus restrictions. "We are mixing in a way that we haven't been mixing over the past 18 months," says Dr Philippa.

If wanting information to learn the difference between a cold and COVID please read this BBC linked report: https://www.bbc.com/health/2021/01/covid-or-a-cold-how-to-tell-the-difference?utm_source=App



Governors On Wednesday evening at our governors meeting, we said "Goodbye & Thank You" to our chair of governors, Mrs Beccy Wild. As a school we have benefitted enormously from her passion, enthusiasm and commitment to the school. Her interest in ensuring that the school runs smoothly, that the children all have the opportunities and adventures they rightly deserve, to enable them to succeed plus her care for all, has been amazing. As a school family we all owe her so much.

So big shoes to fill!!! Having said our "Thank you's" we then looked to appointing a new chair. We are very grateful and excited that Mr Brendon Cook has picked up that baton and is looking forward to working with us in that role and supporting the school in its next chapter. Welcome aboard Brendon!



Driving In Chidham Lane This is just a reminder to say do drive carefully along Chidham Lane and especially outside the school. A neighbour noted a car driving past the school quite fast one morning and was concerned that someone could have got hurt. The driver may not be anyone connected to our school but I said I would pass the message on "just in case".



School Information Thank you to those in Y1-Y6 (YR forms already returned) who have returned the envelope with the following 2 forms in:

Contact information: This is the information we hold about you. Please can you check we have up to date addresses/phone numbers etc for you. It becomes apparent at times when we need to contact you that we do not have current mobile numbers etc - which is not helpful! Please sign and return the sheet - whether admendments have been made or not - thank you!

Administering Paracetamol/Piriton Form : It is a legal requirement that every year we have to get your consent again should a situation arise that we felt we needed to give Calpol or Piriton to your child. You can say "No" to one or both if you wish to. Please note that neither can ever be "booked in" ie you cannot ring and ask if we can give a dose at 1pm for instance - schools guidance re administering medicines is very strict ie it can only be given as an "emergency" and only once in a fortnight window ie we could not give a daily dose of piriton to a hayfever sufferer. Please note that we would never give Calpol before 1pm without ringing first, in case you gave a dose before school - 4 hrs needs to have elapsed before more is given.

If you have not returned the forms yet - please do!



COVID-19 Safety If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111.

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Please remember to:

- wash your hands with soap and water often - do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards.

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Please note the updated advice from the DfE should you become unwell with COVID but your child appears not to:

Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test and if the outcome is negative the child can attend school

The DfE are clearly wishing to keep schools open and children in school. The advice about possible "bubble closures" has this term changed ie a class would only be sent home now if:

- 10% of children, pupils or staff who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive* for Covid-19 within a 10-day period (for example 3 children/staff in a class of 30 would meet the threshold), or
- 5 children, pupils or staff who are likely to have mixed closely (for example in a sports team), test positive* for Covid-19 within a 10-day period

