

## 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 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Ktroo Club at 8am  PE kits being worn by children in Apple, Willow and Oak Classes
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Sama Karate Club at 8am  Ukulele lesson for Oak Class pm  PE kits being worn by children in Chestnut and Birch Classes  Lego Club after school until 4pm
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Theatre Arts Street Dance Club at 8am  London Plane Class children to be dressed for "Forest School Activities" (see separate letter for details)  Piano, violin and flute lessons today for named children  Spanish Club afterschool until 4.15pm
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Basketball Club at 7.45am  PE kits being worn by Chestnut and Willow  Swimming for Birch (Y5) & London Plane (Y6) Classes (see separate letter for details)  Contemporary Ballet Club afterschool until 4pm

Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	Fencing Club at 7.45am  PE kits to be worn by those in Apple and Oak Classes
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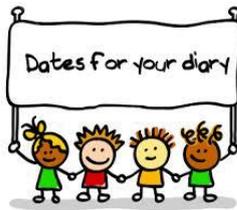
**The Dog's Trust** We enjoyed welcoming Steph Butler from the Dog's Trust this week. Her enthusiastic and engaging inputs about the work of the charity and her knowledge of "all things dogs" captivated the children. Her inputs were thoroughly enjoyed by all!



**Commando Joe** Commando Joe is a specific programme, endorsed by the DfE, that develops skills beyond the classroom. The company's founding ethos is: "No Child Left Behind". The "missions" that they set allow children to work in teams to develop life skills, develop a growth mindset and build resilience, and they have the added the bonus of impacting positively on their educational engagement, and supporting their physical and mental well-being. On the children's return after two lockdowns and the impact of Covid on their day to day lives these last two years, as a school we have noticed a decline in the children's resilience and social skills. The fun , challenging "Commando Joe missions" support the children to think critically and work collaboratively. Some classes will work on a weekly challenge, others will enjoy a "mission day". Importantly, each topic based mission will enrich the children's learning experience at Chidham School.....and I am sure you will hear all about them as your child takes part!

If you would like to find out more do visit the Commando Joe website: <https://commandojoes.co.uk/>





**Dates** As with each term there are events planned. Here is a list of dates, that you may appreciate advance notice of this term:

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February - INSET Day (no children in school)

w/b 21<sup>st</sup> February - Half Term

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March, Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March & Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March YR-Y6 parent/carer consultations after school until 5.30pm

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March -World Book Day

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March - Comic Relief, Red Nose Day

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March & Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March Birch Class Adventure Days at C.Y.E

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April -Y6 SATs Test meeting after school

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April school picnic - Easter themed packed lunch (do not book a hot school dinner)



**ICE on the Playground** As you may have noticed, as of this winter I have a new de-icing of the playground system in place! On those icy mornings, when I get to school, I am now spreading the salt more centrally ie I am sprinkling the salt in the main body of the playground - inside the cones. You will still need to be careful - I would advise against running into school on those icy mornings in case you slip - but with the cones in place you can see where I have concentrated the salting to make the playground safer for all.



**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)

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

Please note that as of Monday people will be able to leave isolation after negative lateral flow tests on days five and six. (UK Health Security Agency data has shown that two-thirds of positive cases were no longer infectious by day five)

Please remember that confirmatory PCR testing following a positive result on a lateral flow device (LFD) has recently changed. This means that for all education and childcare settings, staff and students who have tested (either at home or through ATS) and reported a positive LFD result will no longer be advised to get a confirmatory PCR test.

This change is informed by public health advice. With high COVID-19 rates, the risk of a positive LFD result being false is very small. People do not need a confirmatory PCR unless they:

- have symptoms (in which case they need to follow the stay at home guidance, self-isolate and order a PCR test)
- wish to claim the Test and Trace Support Payment
- have been advised to take a PCR test because they are in a clinically vulnerable group
- have been advised to do so as part of a research or surveillance programme

