



## **Spring Term 2019**

### **Dear Parents**



### **Attendance**

We really would appreciate notification of absence before 9am. If the phone cannot be answered, there is an answer machine that we do listen to as soon as possible; also some parents have started emailing the reasons for absences which is very successful.

### **Staff News**

Mrs Atkinson returns from her maternity leave at the end of March and is excited to resume her role teaching Year 2OP on a Thursday and Friday. We thank Mrs Perry for covering Mrs Atkinson's absence.

This half-term will be busy for Miss Malpas who is getting married! We offer our congratulations to Miss Malpas and her husband-to-be; we wish them a wonderful day.

### **Uniform**

Thank you to all parents who have supported our uniform policy for PE and ensured their children wear plain navy blue tracksuits during cold weather. This uniformity promotes a sense of belonging and pride in our school.

### **Hair styles**

We remind parents to please ensure that hair styles are suitable for school and keep to school policy: minimum hair length is Grade 2 – long top hair with grade 0/1 sides is not allowed.

Please can you ensure that all items of uniform are clearly named as we cannot identify and return unnamed clothing!

### **Nut Free Zone**

We do need to remind some families what being a nut free school means as this is a very serious subject and needs to be adhered to.

**Anaphylaxis** is a severe and potentially life-threatening reaction to a trigger such as an allergy. It's also known as **anaphylactic** shock.

We cannot have items of food that say, "might have been produced in a nut environment" as this still carries a severe health risk to the children with nut allergies.

Please support us in this.

### **School Meals**

Please talk to your children about the menu choices; so many children appear to dislike the following menu options: fish pie, chicken pasta bake and chicken and leek pie. We rarely have alternatives to offer so please order jacket potato or a vegetarian option in advance. Whatever the reason Chartwell's are happy to change your choice in advance if you call them or edit on-line.

### **Sport**



On Friday 18th January 2019, our Year 5/6 football team represented Christ the King at the Premier League Primary Stars Tournament at Littledown.

The team won 3 out of their four games but lost out on a final spot by just one goal. Mr Cooper and Mr Smith were incredibly proud of the team: their dedication, teamwork, sportsmanship and effort were superb.

Well done boys!

Mr Cooper and Mr Smith

Congratulations also to our Year 5/6 netball team who, despite their recent defeat by St. Walburga's school, were told by their rivals that they played "brilliantly"! Well done.

### **Donations**

Thank you for the generous donations of books we have already received, a wide range of age groups has already benefitted but we would welcome more. Any donations to the office, thank you.

### **Health and Safety**

- School policy does not allow pupils to wear "smart watches". Any other type of watch is acceptable.
- Please **do not park** on the zigzag lines or on the crossing in Durdells Avenue when you are picking up your child/ren after any school activity. It is only a matter of time before someone is hurt.
- Children need to dismount their scooters and bikes in Durdells Avenue and Creasy Road, and push them into school NOT ride them on the paths as pedestrians are at risk. This is a health and safety hazard.
- Throat lozenges, melt in mouth pain relief or any other medicines are not to be kept in your child's bag. Any medicines are to be handed in to the office for care and dispensing.
- Please be aware of allowing younger children to run ahead and not walk with a responsible adult in Durdells Avenue, children can step onto the road and drivers cannot always see the little ones clearly.

### **Nurse Drop In**

The next drop in session is due on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 9am. Please ask at Reception on the morning or if you could give notice, call the office.

### **Easter Break**

The last day of term is Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April when the school closes at 1.30pm. After school club is available for the afternoon session by request.

### **Holidays**

No holiday will be authorised March to June as there are on-going assessments and tests taking place for all pupils, but most notably for Years 1, 2 and 6. Holidays are only ever authorised where parents can evidence that they meet the exceptional circumstances criteria listed on our website. Please make sure that Grandparents are aware of these dates and criteria too.

*Wishing you all a very happy half term break and I look forward to seeing the children return to school on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February.*

*Kind regards  
Mrs Clare Tickel*

Head teacher