

CHANTRY NEWSLETTER

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28th February 2020

Headteacher's Message

Welcome back to term 4. We have had a very calm, settled start and there has been some fantastic learning taking place across the school.

Staffing News

From next week until the end of the academic year, Mrs Jackson will be supporting another school in East Sussex. This is a fantastic opportunity for her and we are delighted to be able to share the good practice that we have here at Chantry with other schools. Mrs Jackson will still be working at Chantry on a Thursday until term 6, this will allow her to continue teaching year 3 and 4 until Mrs Pollard returns from maternity leave. We wish Mrs Jackson every success and look forward to when she returns later this year.

Phonics Workshops

We are running two phonics workshops for parents in year R and 1, these will take place on:

Year R Tuesday 10th March 9am

Year 1 Tuesday 10th March 2.45pm

The workshops will help you to understand phonics and advise how you can practically support your child with their phonics and reading.

Water Bottles

Just a reminder that all children are encouraged to bring in their own water bottles to use throughout the school day. These should only contain water or water with fruit slices in e.g. lemon slices. Teachers have been noticing an increasing number of children who have been bringing juice in recently. Juice is absolutely fine for children to drink at lunchtimes but please ensure class bottles only contain water.

New Behaviour Policy- Find out more

We will be holding parent meetings on **Monday 23rd March** to give you the opportunity to find out more about our new Behaviour Policy and to ask any questions you may have.

The meetings will take place at 2.45pm and 6pm

A copy of our new Behaviour Policy can be found on our website

<http://www.chantry.e-sussex.sch.uk/web/policies/436119>

5p Collection!

Bring your 5p coins into the school office and add them to our 5p jar throughout February and March. Let's see how many we can collect - our jar is already half full!



Time to Dance



On Wednesday 12th February our year 2 class and our KS2 dance club took part in 'Time to Dance' at the White Rock Theatre, Hastings.

It was great to see the pieces they had been working so hard on and it was a real opportunity for our children to showcase their talents, along with other schools from Hastings and Rother. The behaviour of all the children was excellent and it was lovely to see how much they enjoyed performing.

A huge thank you to Miss Hayes-Smith and Mrs Knight for all their work in preparing the dances.

Parent questionnaire

Thank you for sharing your views on our new Attendance Policy, we really value your feedback and individual comments.

97% of parents feel the school is actively promoting good attendance and there was some good feedback about the new initiatives that we are trying. The majority of parents feel that our termly attendance rewards for the children and attendance meetings with parents are the most successful in raising attendance. 25% of parents said that the new policy has made them focus more on their child's attendance.

It has been good to see a reduction in the number of parents taking children out for term time holidays and we will continue to plan our inset days around school holidays to support you with this.

Thank you for all your efforts in helping us to raise attendance. Congratulation to Jodie Stearn who won our £50 attendance voucher at the end of term 3.

Diary Dates

Thursday	05.03.20	Dress up for World Book Day– your child could win a prize for the best home-made outfit
Friday	06.03.20	Choir & Yrs.2/3 Hastings Music Festival – White Rock 1.15pm
Thursday	12.03.20	Yr. 4/5 Hasting Music Festival – Recorders – White Rock 9.15am
Monday	16.03.20	PFF Mothers' Day gift shop – 3.15pm – 3.45pm
Tuesday	17.03.20	PFF Mothers' Day gift shop – 3.15pm – 3.45pm
Wednesday	18.03.20	Class Photos PFF Mothers' Day gift shop – 3.15pm – 3.45pm
Friday	20.03.20	PFF Mufti-Day – Chocolate for Easter Fayre
Friday	27.03.20	PFF Easter Fayre
Tuesday	31.03.20	Yr.3 & 4 Production 6pm-7pm
Wednesday	01.04.20	Yr.3 & 4 Production 2pm-3pm