

CHANTRY NEWSLETTER

Confident, Caring, Creative

18th March 2020

Headteacher's Message

Thank you for supporting us over the last week. This is a very challenging situation for the whole school community and our country and it is important that we are all working together.

At present, school is fully open. We have some children who are self-isolating and are not in school. However, we will remain open until we are ordered to close by the Government or Local Authority, or we do not have enough staff on site to open safely.

Although we have kept the week as normal as possible, the children have been unsettled by the uncertainty of the current situation and the COVID-19 virus. It is important that we support our children to manage their mental health as well as looking after our own. We will be having a creative Friday this week with a focus on art, we hope that this will enable all our children at Chantry to have a fun end to what has been a very unusual week.

As a school, we recognise that this is a difficult financial time for some families. Please speak to me or a member of the Chantry staff in confidence, if you are concerned about this or are in need of support.

For the rest of this term we have cancelled all parent meetings - including the meetings on our new Behaviour Policy which were to take place on Monday 23rd March. We have also postponed the following upcoming events for the time being; the year 5 trip to Battle Abbey; year 3/4 production; Rock Steady Concert. I know that this will be disappointing but is it necessary in order to ensure everyone's safety.

Becky Reed

Mufti Day This Friday

We will be holding a mufti day this Friday to show our support for others at this challenging time. Children may come to school in their own clothes instead of school uniform. We ask parents/carers to either send an item for the local foodbank (list below) or make a 50p donation to Mind, our school charity this year.



Our local foodbank is collecting:

- **Cereal, soup, pasta, rice, tinned tomatoes/ pasta sauce, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tea/coffee, tinned fruit, biscuits, UHT milk, fruit juice**
- **Toiletries – deodorant, shower gel, shaving gel, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, tooth paste, hand wipes**
- **Household items – liquid detergent, laundry powder, washing up liquid**
- **Feminine products – sanitary towels and tampons**
- **Baby supplies – nappies, baby wipes and baby food.**



Hastings Musical Festival



We had a fantastic time at the music festival earlier this month. Over 130 Chantry children performed in choirs and recorder groups.

Our recorder groups were the last to perform and came 2nd and 3rd in a very large class. We had some excellent marks and feedback. We were awarded the Lord Blanesburgh Challenge Trophy for the highest aggregate mark for a primary school.

Summer and Skye collected the cup on behalf of the school at the awards ceremony on Saturday. Here is a photo of them with the Deputy Mayor James Bacon.

Thank you to all the parents and families who came to watch the performances - it was lovely for the children to have your support. We are so proud of what we offer at Chantry and it is always great to have a chance to show what we can do!



Girls Football

Our year 4 girls football team got off to a fantastic start in their first tournament at Eastbourne Borough Football Club.

The team played brilliantly, showed great sporting attitude and made it through to the quarter finals against really tough opposition.

Well done girls, we look forward to your next match!

Thank you to Mr Smith for his coaching and for supporting the girls at the tournament.

