

CHANTRY NEWSLETTER

Confident, Caring, Creative

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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a fantastic week it has been. It is so good to have all of our Chantry children back in school again. The children have really enjoyed playing with their friends, seeing their teachers and support staff and being in the classroom again. We recognise that the transition back into school after a long period at home can be challenging and this week all of our classes have been taking part in lots of activities to support children's mental and emotional health. Today is a Creative Friday which is a great way to end the week as I think that lots of the children are quite tired after their first full week back in school. I've included some photos of some of this week's activities.



I know that many of you are concerned about the learning that children may have missed over the two periods of lockdown. We will be working hard as a school over the next few weeks and months, supporting children to close any learning gaps they may have. This will mainly be through activities within the classroom but we also are running a range of supported groups and one-to-one tutoring across the school; where we feel children may need some additional support.

It will take time for children to settle back into school, and catch up with their learning. During this time, we want their school experience to be as positive as possible. Therefore, we will be continuing to focus on a very broad curriculum with lots of practical and creative experiences as we have seen that this supports children to make progress. We have all missed out on so much over the last year and we strive to make school a safe, nurturing and exciting place for all the children at Chantry.



We will be holding parent consultations in May. This will give you an opportunity to see how your child has settled back into school and how they are progressing with their learning.

Drop off /Pick up times

Thank you for your cooperation this week, on the whole, our drop off and pick up arrangements are working well. Just a few reminders so that we can make it even better for everyone next week.

We ask all parents/carers to wear masks while on the school site. This is to ensure that we are doing everything possible to stop potential transmission of Covid and to make sure all of our school community feel safe.

During this week we have noticed that there are quite a few children arriving very early or being dropped off late. Please try and stick to the ten minute window for drop off for each class, if children are arriving outside of these times it makes it more difficult for us to keep the bubbles separate.

Please remember not to park or drop off children in Barrack Road outside the school or on the corner of Crowmere Avenue. Don't forget walking (scooting or cycling) is Chantry's preferred transport to school!

Staffing News

From term 5, Mrs. Jackson will be again supporting another school in East Sussex. This is a fantastic opportunity for her and we are always delighted to be able to share the good practice that we have here at Chantry with other schools.

We wish Mrs. Jackson every success and look forward to when she returns after Easter next year.

Parent Survey

Thank you to all of our parents who have taken part in our Remote Learning Survey, it's been great to have your feedback. We'd love to hear from a lot more of you, particularly those parents with children in year 1,2 5 or 6. The survey is very quick to complete and will help us to keep improving our provision.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/R9F3GKG>

Comic Relief

On Friday 19th March, we will be celebrating Red Nose Day 2021. To raise money for this great cause we are inviting children to come to school in their own clothes in return for a donation of at least £1 for Comic Relief. Children can wear their red nose in school (these are available to buy online or from Sainsbury's)

You can make your donations on our just giving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/chantry-primary-school3>

The image shows the Comic Relief logo, which consists of the words "COMIC RELIEF" in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters on a red rectangular background.

Uniform

Children should be coming into school in full school uniform every day. On the days when your child has P.E. they need to come into school in their P.E. kit with their school sweatshirt over the top. Plain, dark jogging bottoms can be worn when the weather is too cold for shorts.

Children may wear trainers every day for the rest of this term, from term 5, we would like children to wear school shoes when they are not wearing their P.E. kit to school. Sports tops or sweatshirts (other than the Chantry sweatshirt) should not be worn to school.

Life in Lockdown Video Competition: A Bexhill Rotary Club competition.

Life in lockdown: How was it for you? If you're aged 7 – 16 and live or go to school in Bexhill we'd like you to make a video telling us about it.

The videos can be as imaginative as you wish as long as your presentation tell us something about your lockdown life. How has it affected you? What have you missed most? Have you learnt a new skill like knitting or baking? Is there anything that has surprised you about lockdown life? How has home schooling been?

Shoot a video (maximum 3-minute length) on a smartphone or iPad and you could win a £30.00 Amazon gift voucher. There are runner-up prizes too!

