

# CHANTRY NEWSLETTER

Confident, Caring, Creative

21st January 2019



## Headteacher's Message

It has been great to see many of you at Open Learning events today. Don't forget they are taking place throughout the week so please sign up if you would like to come in and see what's happening in our classrooms.

This term we have had some great comments from others in the community about how well our children have been behaving and representing Chantry at sporting events and on visits. It has been good to hear that they are modelling our Chantry Values of Resilient and Kind so beautifully.

Our Chantry Value this week is Aspirational and Ms Drake led our collective worship on Martin Luther King this morning. Next week our Value is Confident.

## Parking

Thank you for your continuing support with keeping our children safe on the way to school by parking safely away from the front of the school. At the moment, we have a small, dedicated team of parents who support us by patrolling the road at the end of the school day and we are very grateful for their help. However, we need more parents to volunteer to help once or twice a week either at the beginning or end of the school day. We will provide a yellow jacket! If you would be willing to be on a rota, please contact Mrs Vaughan in the school office.

## Afternoon Playtime

I have had some questions from parents regarding our decision to change the afternoon play for KS1 and Reception. Many children were struggling to make the transition to and from the playground in the afternoon and there was starting to be a lot of rough play outside which then had an effect on the learning back in the classroom. All KS1 and Reception children have an afternoon break either in the classroom or out in the playground, at the point in the afternoon when their class teacher feels they need it.

This has had a very positive impact so far and has meant that if the children are engrossed in a task or are finding the afternoon difficult the timing of their break can be adapted by their teacher. Please let me know if you have any further questions or comments.

**Becky Reed**

## Parent Survey

We are always trying to improve and would love to hear what you think about school/parent communication! We would be grateful if you could spare 2-3 minutes to complete our parent survey as we'd like to have feedback from as many parents as possible.

The survey can be found at: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QG76YX2>

There is also a link on our Facebook page.



## Artsmark Platinum

We are delighted to discover that we are the only primary or secondary school in East Sussex to be awarded the Artsmark Platinum award to celebrate the arts provision we offer children at Chantry.

We have asked the local press to help us share our news.

## Creative Fridays

We will be holding Creative Fridays on 4th February and 4th March. To ensure we have a creative finish to term 4, the week beginning 1st April will be an Arts Week. More details to follow nearer the time.



## Parent Information

Unfortunately, we have received several reports from concerned parents recently about a group of older boys threatening younger children in JJ's park in St George's Road. We understand that the police have been involved and you may want to make sure that your children are supervised whilst using the park.

## Bringing toys into school

Staff have noticed that a number of children have been bringing toys into school.

**Please check your child's pockets and book bag! Precious toys are so easily lost or broken in school and can cause friendship issues on the playground.**

**We have a 'no toy' policy at Chantry unless teachers specifically ask for toys to be brought in for a particular project/activity in which case we will contact you to let you know. Thank you for your support with this.**

Chantry PFF  
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# SCHOOL DISCO

Friday 25th  
January

Tickets £4 per child

KS1: 3.15 - 4.45  
KS2: 5.00 - 6.30

Glow sticks on sale 20p - £1  
KS2 Tuck Shop

Please can you make us aware beforehand of  
any allergies