

# CHANTRY NEWSLETTER

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## Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a challenging week with rising Covid cases at Chantry. Unfortunately this has meant that we have needed to reinstate measures such as adults wearing masks inside the building and we haven't been able to hold assemblies or larger gatherings. We are kindly asking that any child who has any symptoms including a cold has a PCR test, as we are seeing cases in children appearing like a common cold. We would also encourage families to complete regular LFT home tests for those who do not have symptoms. This will help us limit the spread of Covid infections in school and protect other children and staff. Sharing your results with the school will help us carry out our responsibility in letting both ESCC and Public Health England know of the amount of cases within our school. Thank you for your support.



## Mufti Day / Fundraising

We try to select the charities we support carefully at Chantry and as we supported 'Wear Red for Racism' recently we have decided not to hold a specific event for Children in Need and welcome families to support the cause outside of school. There are details below of our main charity this year and we will also be supporting our own children here at Chantry by supporting our PFF. We will be holding a mufti day on Wednesday 8th December to raise funds for our PFF. Children can come to school in their own clothes and Christmas jumpers in return for a minimum donation of £1, contribution will be via Parentpay.

The PFF support the school by helping us keep the cost of trips down and funding events and equipment to help with the children's learning. All our children benefit from their support and we wouldn't be able to do many of the exciting activities we put on without them. This term, the PFF are funding the cost of the coaches to the pantomime (to keep costs down for parents) and providing crackers and drinks for the school's Christmas lunch. **Becky Reed**

## Facebook



We have now launched our new Facebook page. Please search for Chantry Community Primary School or click this link <https://www.facebook.com/ChantryCPS> and like our page. Please note the old group will close this week so make sure you find our new home!

## Chantry Charity of the Year

This year, our Chantry charity of the year will be You Raise Me Up. This is a small local charity, that supports families after the loss of a young adult. This is a charity close to our hearts as they are currently supporting one of our Chantry families. After Christmas we will be holding our first fundraising event to raise money to support this great cause.



## Uniform

A gentle reminder that children need to wear full school uniform, including black shoes in school. KS2 can come into school wearing their kit on their P.E. days: green shorts, a plain white t-shirt, trainers and a school jumper. Plain dark joggers can also be worn for P.E. on colder days.

Children in Years R - 3 can bring book bags into school. From year 4, children may bring a small flat bag (that can be folded away when they get to school) with their water bottle and reading book in.

Please remember that make-up, jewellery (except small stud earrings) and nail varnish are not part of our uniform and children will be asked to remove these items when at school.

## Toys

We politely request that children do not bring in any toys or fiddle toys. Toys are not allowed in school and if they do bring them in they will be looked after by the class teacher and returned to parent/carer at the end of the day. Fiddle toys will be provided by the school if Ms Drake feels that this is appropriate to your child's needs. They should not be brought in from home unless agreed by the school. Thank you for your understanding.

## Remember:

Don't forget to check out our online safety newsletters—being sent through email but also available on our website where you will find all sorts of extra information along with those all important diary dates.

**Our Chantry Value this week is Kind. During the week beginning the 22nd of November our value will be: Independent**

## Individual School Photos

On Wednesday this week the photographer will be in school, please ensure your children are in smart school uniform. For family photos please wait outside on the amphitheatre from 8am-8.40am

## Reception children working on their poppies this week

