

# CHANTRY NEWSLETTER

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25th September 2019

## Headteacher's Message

Welcome back, we have had a fabulous start to term 1 with all the children coming back to school smartly dressed and eager to learn. A special welcome to our new reception children and their families - it is lovely to have you as part of our Chantry Community and I hope that your children have had a very positive experience of school life so far.

It's been lovely to see many of you at our 'Meet the Teacher' Events which have begun this week.

These are a great way for you to find out more about the curriculum, routines and expectations of your child's new year group. Don't forget that more detailed information about our curriculum and what your child's class are learning this term is available on our website.



You may have noticed that our website has been updated and has a new look! We hope that this will make it easier for parents and visitors to find information. Although the new website is up and running, please be patient over the next few weeks while the final changes are made.

If you would like to know what the school is focusing on this year to try and make Chantry even better, copies of the 'School Development Plan for Parents' will be available at the end of the week from the school office or to download from our website.

**Becky Reed**

## Coffee Afternoon

There will be a parent coffee afternoon on Friday 27th September at 2.30pm in the school's Learning Zone to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Research. Come and chat to other parents, Mrs Reed, and Mrs Jackson and find out more about what's going on at Chantry.

All parents and carers are most welcome and it would be great to see you at this event.





## Chantry Attendance Challenge!



This year we are beginning a new attendance challenge. Last year we had a large number of children whose attendance was below our good attendance figure and we want to work with our school community to try and improve our attendance. It is so important that children have good attendance as children miss out on vital learning that is often not repeated later in the year. Other than due to illness or medical appointments that can not be booked outside of school hours children should not be missing school.

We recognise the importance of families having a break together and to try and enable you to take advantage of cheaper holiday prices, we have added three of our Inset days onto the May half term. Therefore the holiday will run from Saturday 23rd May until Wednesday 3rd June. Children will return to school on Thursday 4th June. We hope this will enable families to book cheaper holidays as the majority of schools have gone back by then. Please try to take advantage of these days, as term time holidays will not be authorised and fines will be issued.

Children do go down with illnesses during the year and if they are too ill to be in school, please keep them at home. For sickness and diarrhea, please ensure children do not return to school for 48 hours after the last bout.

If your child has a cold or cough, or is just bit under the weather, please send them into school. We will always phone you if we feel children are too poorly to be here.

### Attendance rewards for families

Each term every child who has attendance which is 98% or above for that term, will be entered into a prize draw. Children with 98% will get 1 ticket, 99% 2 tickets, and 100% 3 tickets. A draw will be made on the last day of term and the winning family will receive a £50 Tesco voucher.

There will be an additional prize draw at the end of term 6 for yearly attendance 98% and above with a £100 Tesco voucher for the winner.

### 100% Attendance Awards for children

Each term, every child with 100% attendance for that term will take part in a reward activity, these will be a range of different, exciting activities across the year.

There will also be an extra-special reward trip for children who manage an amazing 100% attendance across the whole year!

**Please help us to improve attendance during 2019/20! If you have a question around your child's attendance please come in and speak to us. Thank you for your support.**