



School Newsletter – Friday 1st November 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new term! Staff were busy on their Inset Days analysing our curriculum offer and planning what further we can do to improve the curriculum provision here. Part of this looked at improving children's long-term memory – we are now using a phrase called 'Sticky Knowledge' at school! This means the knowledge that needs to 'stick' in our brain at the end of a topic! So, feel free to quiz your children about the 'Sticky Knowledge' they have learnt!

We have a very exciting week next week with our STEAM week – read below for more information!

Mr R. Boyjoonauth
Principal

STEAM Week 4th to 8th November 2019 (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Maths)

We have a really exciting week for children next week! All children will be off their normal timetable and will be involved with workshops all week related to the various STEAM subjects! Monday will involve computing workshops, Tuesday will be devoted to Science, Wednesday will be our Arts day (Dance workshops with Don Rae who visited last year) Thursday will be our Bridge Building Competition and Careers Fair for Upper Key Stage 2 and Friday will be our Maths workshop day! It is going to be a thoroughly engaging week for pupils! **A massive thank you to the PTA as all the workshops have been funded by their donation from last year – it is highly appreciated!**

Weather

Now that we are moving into winter, please ensure that your children are well equipped with warm coats, scarves, hats and gloves!

PE News:

Now that the winter is approaching, may I please remind parents/carers to make sure children have their full winter PE kits in school: Navy Joggers/ leggings

Navy Hoody/ jumper

Spare socks (for girls who wear tights)

Thank you. Mrs. Stickings

Art Competition

Mrs Dhadwal is still looking for a few more entrants for the Art Competition. Winners will have their art work displayed in our new Art Gallery! Submissions open until end of next week! Be creative!

Parent/Carer Evening

Parents' Evening is taking place on Wednesday 13th November from 5pm to 7.30pm and on Thursday 14th November from 3.30pm to 6pm. Letters have gone out and hopefully you will be receiving your appointment times in due course. Please note that Mrs. Laker, our Special Needs Coordinator, will be available on the Thursday for appointments should you wish to see her. Chartwells will also be present during both evenings, with samples of food that the children are now having as a result of them taking over the catering contract. Feedback has been great and number of pupils taking hot dinners is increasing.

Packed Lunches

A reminder that crisps and chocolates are not allowed from Monday to Thursday in the children's packed lunches. They are allowed as a treat on Friday.

School Times: Punctuality

Being prompt and ready for school is a vital part of being a pupil at Chattenden. You are kindly reminded that the school gates open at **8.45am** and children are allowed to come straight into class. Children **must** be in school by **8.55am** as registration takes place at this time. After this time, children will have to report to the school office, where their lateness will be recorded. Individual classes will be rewarded for 100% punctuality, so it is in everybody's interest to be on time! School finishes at **3.20pm**. Please note that the school office hours are between **8.45am and 3.45pm (closed between 12pm and 1pm)**.

Absence from School

Just a quick reminder: can you please telephone **and** write a note in to the office to explain your child's absence from school. Unfortunately, contact books cannot be used for this purpose; **a specific call and note will only be accepted.**

Dates for the Diary

w/c Monday 4th November 2019

Thursday 7th November 2019

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w/c 11th November 2019

Wednesday 13th November 2019

Thursday 14th November 2019

Tuesday 19th November 2019

Thursday 21st November 2019

Thursday 21st November 2019

Tuesday 3rd December 2019

Friday 6th December 2019

Wednesday 11th December 2019

Thursday 12th December 2019

Thursday 12th December 2019

Friday 13th December 2019

Monday 16th December 2019

Tuesday 17th December 2019

Wednesday 18th December 2019

Monday 6th January 2020

STEAM week

MYG – Basketball

Careers Afternoon – Years 5 & 6

Scholastic Book Fair

Parent Consultations – 5pm-7:30pm

Parent Consultations – 3:30pm-6pm

Year 6 visit to The Historic Dockyard, Chatham

Ocelot Class Assembly

PTA Bonfire DISCO

Library Van

PTA Christmas Bazaar

KS1 Nativity (Years R & 1 parents only)

KS1 Nativity (Year 2 parents only)

Chattenden Carol Service

Flu Nasal Immunisations (whole school)

School Christmas Dinner

Christmas Parties

Last day of Term 2 – 2pm finish

First day of Term 3 – children return to school