



School Newsletter – Friday 29th November 2019

We are already approaching Christmas, which is hard to believe! Children are busy preparing for the Nativity and Carol Services. They are of course also very busy with their learning and have been excelling themselves and learning all of their 'sticky knowledge' – knowledge that needs to stick in their memories! Well done to Year 3 on their brilliant class assembly last week on the Stone Age!

Please remember that the PTA Christmas Fayre is taking place next Friday – I look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible. All donations and purchases will really help the school!

Mr R. Boyjoonauth
Principal

Reading

It was wonderful to hear at parents evening that so many of our children are enjoying reading regularly at home. However, please could you ensure that each time your child reads, it is logged in their reading record book so that we can award your child with the correct amount of raffle tickets and reading reward certificates.

Sponsored Read – VERY IMPORTANT!

Please note that Monday 2nd December is the final day for collecting sponsorship money for our Sponsored Read. Therefore, please could all sponsorship money be handed in to the school office by Monday 2nd December.

PE

PE is part of the national curriculum and as such it is a compulsory subject. In order for our pupils to fully participate in this learning, all children are required to bring to school a full PE kit. Please could you ensure your child brings with them to school their PE top, shorts, spare socks, jogging bottoms, jumper/zip up hoodie, plimsolls and trainers. In addition to this, no earrings should be worn during PE. Therefore, if your child is unable to remove their earrings themselves, they should not wear their earrings on PE days.

Making Maths More Fun!

Is your child finding it difficult to learn their times tables? Ask your child to log on to Times Table Rock Stars or Sumdog!

Times Tables Rock Stars and Sumdog are fun and engaging ways to help your child learn their multiplication facts. Your child can log on to either a computer or a tablet and play. Just 10 minutes per day will really help their arithmetic skills, in a fun way too!

Silent Auction at The Christmas Fayre

There are many fantastic prizes which could be yours at the Silent Auction this year! Please come and have a look and perhaps make a bid. Prizes include: Family passes to Kent Life, Chatham Historic Dockyard and The Royal Engineers Museum, tickets to Colchester Zoo and Port Lymphe / Howletts Zoo, Planet Ice and Flip Out. There are cinema tickets, restaurant vouchers, tickets to Adventure Island, toys, photography vouchers and even signed ballet shoes donated by the Prima Ballerina at the Royal Opera House, Lauren Cuthbertson. Do come and have a look... They could be yours!

Lost Property

Lost Property is becoming a real issue in the school. It is such a shame to see such a great amount of expensive school uniform in the lost property container. Please help your children by marking their names in their uniform. Some companies offer iron-on labels which are durable and don't come off in the wash. Companies such as mynametags.com provide these.

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.**

Medical Appointments

As far as possible, we kindly request that medical appointments are kept for outside of school hours. This helps to minimize disruption to learning time. If medical appointments are within school hours, the school office require proof of the appointment. Many thanks for your cooperation with this.

Weather

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

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 4th December 2019

Friday 6th December 2019

Wednesday 11th December 2019

Thursday 12th December 2019

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Friday 13th December 2019

Friday 13th December 2019

Tuesday 17th December 2019

Wednesday 18th December 2019

Monday 6th January 2020

Year R Health Checks

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 – CHANGE OF DATE

Christmas Parties

Last day of Term 2 – 2pm finish

First day of Term 3 – children return to school