



School Newsletter – Friday 29th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I know that times remain challenging and at times the world can seem a bit of a struggle. However, we have our children who continue to make us smile with their wonderful home learning and showing such great resilience and perseverance. I am very proud of all of the children! They have made some great achievements (see below re the Sumdog Competition!) and we are so pleased that many children are engaging so well with their learning. Well done everyone and fingers crossed, we will begin to move into some sense of normality in March!

Mr R. Boyjoonauth
Principal

SumDog Competition!

We are Sumdog Maths Champions!

This week, each year group 1 -6, competed in the Sumdog Medway Maths Competition. The children worked so hard and we have produced some absolutely fantastic results.

Well done to Years 1 and 3 who just missed out on a spot on the top 10 leaderboard. Fantastic effort from Year 4 who came 8th overall and our super Year 6 class came 4th. We are delighted to announce that Year 5 came 2nd, which is fabulous. However, Year 2 triumphed with the first place position. Well done Year 2! This is really excellent, 39 other classes across Medway took part and for Chattenden to do so well is truly wonderful. Thank you to all the parents and carers for your ongoing support.

Home Learning

In the first lockdown, we saw many of our children regress in their learning. The school are doing everything it can to ensure that this does not happen again. We are offering live Teams lessons, a robust and rich set of learning activities via the website, additional interventions to help our children who need some extra support with their learning, as well as teachers being on the end of email for regular feedback. We are very proud of all we are doing here at Chattenden to support our wonderful children. Please help us by supporting your child with the Home Learning and engaging with the live lessons and daily work. We understand that this is not easy, and that there is a lot of pressure on parents right now. However, we really don't want our children falling back in their learning. So, be brave, engage and succeed!! Thank you.

Inside Out Day

Next Wednesday we are going to be celebrating Inside Out Day! This is being promoted by a mental health charity who are hosting this virtual event! The idea is that pupils and teachers will wear an item of clothing inside out, as a reminder that how someone else looks on the outside, doesn't necessarily reflect how they are truly feeling on the inside. It will help to remind everyone to always be kind and think of others, as no one knows how another person may be feeling. It is also a meaningful way to engage the children in discussions about emotional wellbeing. If you are at home you can tell your teachers on your Teams lesson what you are wearing inside out! If you are attending school, you may wear non-uniform on this day and wear something inside out!

Instagram!

We are excited to announce Chattenden has now got its own Instagram account, so you can see all the wonderful things which are taking place on a daily basis at school.

Please follow chattenden_primary and if you see our posts give us a "double tap".

If you follow us on Twitter, our Twitter account will be closing in two weeks; Instagram will be our only social media platform.

Art Week!

Next week, we are celebrating Art Week. Class Teachers have all chosen an artist or a genre to focus on so we look forward to seeing some of your creations you have made at home!

Reading at home

It is crucial at this time that children continue reading regularly to help develop their fluency and comprehension skills. As per the letter sent out recently by Miss Viertel, we have plenty of E-books for children to read on the Oxford Owl website <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>. Please log in using the username and password for your class (e.g. username and password for Year 2 = chattenden2, year2) to access the range of books. Your child can also access books for the next stage up. We encourage all parents and carers to access these texts at this time to support your child's development with reading.

Dates for the Diary

Friday 12th February 2021

Last day of Term 3