



Chaloner Newsletter

October 2018



Message from Mrs Parker

We are nearly at the end of our first half term and what a lot to celebrate already. Two classes have led their family assemblies and they were brilliant. Thank you for all who attended and we look forward to what Y6 have to bring on Wednesday. There was a huge turnout for our coffee morning and Harvest Festival and there were so many positive comments from parents and carers during parents evening. We have many more exciting events for you to join in with next half term and I look forward to seeing you there.

School Books

We want to promote the love of reading further here at Chaloner and so we are sending home more school books for children to read at home. We have invested in a rich variety of new scheme books for EYFS, KS1 and KS2 so look out for those coming home after the half term. Sending the books home for you to share is a big financial commitment from the school but we acknowledge and value the support you provide in helping children become confident and enthusiastic readers. However, we do need your help to look after the books and make sure they are returned to school. Because we want all children to enjoy these books, you will be asked to pay towards replacing any lost or damaged books.

Good News

Lola Foster was invited to Newcastle to 'Ring the Bell' in the hospital. This means all treatment is over and it is looking really positive for her in the future. It is wonderful news for Lola and her family but also for the whole school community.

Lest we Forget

As it is the 100-year anniversary of the end of WW1 on 11th November, we would like to celebrate this in school in a special way. We are participating in many events building up to a themed day in Chaloner. This day will take place on Friday 9th November. We want to take the children back in time so all children and staff are welcome to dress up in the period of either WW1 or WW2. We will plan a themed dinner menu and all the learning through the day will reflect the life experiences of this period in history. I really believe that we mustn't forget but, as time goes by, there are fewer people to help us remember.

In the theme of 'Lest we Forget' I am setting a research homework for all children to find out real life stories about WW1 or WW2 from members of their family. We will create a display based on the work returned so please help your child complete this. For some families it will be a story they remember being told about a great grandma or grandpa but for some of you there may be pictures or artefacts to share. I look forward to seeing what we discover.

Parent Questionnaire

I am sending home a questionnaire for all parents/ carers to complete after half term. Your opinions are important to me and I want you to contribute to the future of our school so please do take a little time out of your day to complete them, thank you.

Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club begins at 8.00am and is really reasonable at £1 a day. As the weather gets colder, it is a really good facility for children who arrive early for school. You are welcome to bring them into breakfast club rather than them standing for a long time on a cold playground. Please note, there is a parent/carer signing in procedure for the children. They can't just turn up on their own.

Parent Governor

We have recruited two foundation and two parent Governors with the applications received from parents. The next Governor meeting will be used to allocate roles and responsibilities for all new and existing Governors. After this meeting, I will share information about Governors with you.

Staffing Update

We welcome back Mrs Pratt from maternity leave. She is re-joining us in a part time role in Y6 after half term. Mrs Elvis and Mrs Peel have been with us for a long time as supply cover. This was an extra provision that the school can no longer afford to fund so we are saying goodbye to them both at the end of the week. We thank them for their hard work and dedication to Chaloner and wish them all the best.

School Times

I am reminding you again that the school day begins at 8.50am and teachers are outside to supervise from 8.30am. There are an increasing number of children

late coming into school and this really makes them have an unsettled start to the day.

Marvellous Me

I have had lots of positive feedback from parents about this app. If you haven't signed up for it yet, please do. Also if you are having any difficulty with it please let us know so we can help you.

Dates for your diary:

23rd October- School Choir Festival at St Nicholas Church- 1.00pm- (selected children from Y3,4 & 5)

24th October- School Disco

8th October- Flu Immunisations (YR-Y5)

9th October- WW1 & WW2 themed day.

13th November- Remembrance service- KS2- St Nicholas Church- 10.30am.

16th November- Children in Need

30th November- Family Day

4th December- Christmas Tree Concert- St Nicholas Church- 6.00pm

5th December- Christmas Fayre- 3.30pm

10th December- KS1 Production(am) & KS2 production (pm)

11th December- Carol Concert- St Nicholas Church- 1.00pm.

12th December- KS2 Production(am) & KS1 production (pm)

13th December- The Snowman- St Nicholas- 6.30pm

14th December- Pantomime visit to the school- Treasure Island.

18th December- Snappy music event for the choir- 1.00pm

20th December- Party Day (whole school)

21st December- Festive non-uniform day (PTFA)