

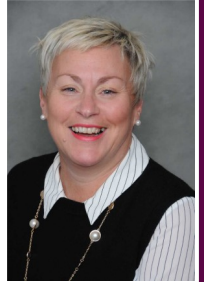


Chapelford Village Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 12th March 2021

Chapelford is full of children once more and I cannot tell you how wonderful it is to see them all again. There were huge smiles on the children's faces on Monday morning and even wider smiles on many of the parents' faces too! The children have settled back into school life incredibly well and it's a joy to hear them chatting and laughing together. The rainbow has been such a powerful symbol during these times so we felt it was important to celebrate that we have been reunited under one rainbow. Therefore, we introduced the book, 'We Made a Rainbow' during World Book Day and have continued with this lovely text in all classes this week as part of our PHSE curriculum. Some of the learning from this time will be placed into a time capsule and buried in the school grounds.



EYFS have all been very happy to return to their classes and see all of their friends. They really missed each other. In literacy, they have started looking at the book Jack in the Beanstalk. They have looked closely at the characters, the setting, problems of the story and the solution of the story. They have also been learning about Springtime and the different things that we notice in Spring. The children have especially enjoyed finding out what animals are born in springtime!

There were lots of smiles and laughter when year 1 all met up again. All week, they have been completing some fabulous learning based on the story, The Curious Case of the Missing Mamouth. The children have been practising writing their sentences making sure they punctuate them with capital letters and full stops. All of their writing is going to lead to the children writing a story of their own. We're can't wait to read their finished pieces.

The Year 2 children have made their teachers incredibly proud. They have blown them away with how well they have settled back into school and with the determination and fantastic attitudes to learning that they show every day. The children have begun an art topic based on the painting 'A Tiger in a Tropical Storm' by Henri Rousseau and have shown their fantastic artistic skills when using paints to create shade. This will come in great use when the children create their final art piece! In English, the children have written some brilliant stories based on the story 'The Disgusting Sandwich'. They have had lots of fun thinking about the disgusting ingredients they could include in their chosen food! In maths, the children have been using their knowledge of addition to problem solve and find missing values.

During English lessons, year 3 have been thoroughly enjoying reading all about whales and how we should be looking after our planet. Their learning has been based on two books, Big Blue Whale by Nicola Davies and Michael Morpurgo's book, The Day I Met a Whale. The children have been inspired to write some fantastic diary entries and created some lovely art to support their writing. This has also linked to RE where the children have listened to and retold the story of Jonah and the Whale. In PSHE, the children have been thinking about safety around the home so don't be surprised if they come back and instruct you how to make your rooms safer!

Year 4 have continued to make their teachers proud this week on their return to school. In English this week they wrote a recount from a character's perspective from the book, 'When the Giant Stirred', using their inference skills to explain how a character thinks and feels. The children also began to study their new artist, Andy Warhol as they began their new topic of painting in art. Year 4 are looking forward to creating some Pop Art of their own in the upcoming weeks, inspired by some of Andy Warhol's very own work!

This week, year 5 have not only been immersed in our classroom environment but also the lunar environment! The 1969 Moon Landing has had a huge influence on their learning as they sat side by side with Chris Hadfield during his childhood and imagined his thoughts and emotions at this life changing time. Year 5 text, The Darkest Dark, has allowed the children to put themselves in the shoes of a Canadian hero and witness the evolution of him becoming an astronaut. They had used all of skills of parenthesis, relative clauses and complex sentences to put themselves in the role of Chris and write a diary entry from the night his life changed forever. Who knows, we could have a future astronaut in our very own year 5!

Year 6 have had a great week and have settled back into school life brilliantly. The children have mastered using the perfect form of verbs in their writing, they have loved diving into their new text Explorer and drawing inferences about the new characters, and have especially loved their Commando Jo sessions, which involved crossing the 'sea' without being able to communicate to each other, working on the team work skills.

All of our staff would like to extend our thanks to you all for your support with remote learning during this recent lockdown. We appreciate that these have been, and for many families continue to be, difficult and stressful times. Therefore, if we can support you in any way or have any concerns at all, please don't hesitate to email your child's class teacher or the school office.

Kind regards

Mrs Hewson
Headteacher

"If a member of your family has symptoms and has to go for a test, the whole household must isolate from work and school until their test results come back. Should this happen to you or a member of your household please make school aware as soon as possible"

Covid Positive Test Reporting

Should you receive a positive result for a member of your household please report this to school immediately via covidreporting@chapelfordvillageprimary.co.uk rather than via Parentmail or any other email address. This email address is monitored outside of school hours and as such we will be able to act upon any positive cases more quickly and alert you to any necessary changes in a timely manner.

School Office Notices

- ◆ As the school is currently locked down during the school day please make sure that your child comes into school fully equipped for the day ie bookbags, water bottle, PE kit, to minimise the number of items which need to be collected and delivered to class by the office staff.
- ◆ If your child has an appointment during the school day please arrange these with the school office prior to collection. If you have any queries please call the school office on 01925 712554 or alternatively email us on chapelford_admin@omegamat.co.uk
- ◆ We have some outstanding school meal debt, please check your account and top up if necessary.
- ◆ After School Clubs - With new restrictions due to COVID, after school clubs will take place with children only from their own year group. In line with new health and safety measures, the number of clubs available to the children will be reduced this term. If your child fancies joining a club, you just need to sign up online via our ParentmailPMX shop – places are limited and are offered on a first come, first served basis.



Please be reminded that dogs, including dogs in arms are NOT allowed on the school site. Thank you for your understanding.

Please dismount all bicycles, scooters and hoverboards before entering the school premises.

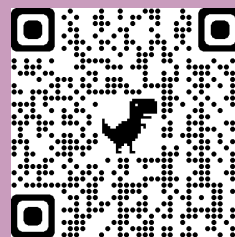


FACE COVERINGS

In primary schools and early years settings it is recommended that staff and visitors wear face coverings where social distancing cannot be maintained between adults. These measures will be in place until Easter. As with all measures, we will keep this under review and update guidance as needed. A face covering is not PPE and can be a scarf, bandana or hand made cloth which fits around the face.

Entitled to Free School Meals ? - Have you applied for Winter Grant funding yet?

If your child is entitled to free school meals and you have not yet claimed Winter Grant funding, the final payment is still available to you, but must be claimed using the following link before the 31st March 2021 closing date. If you think you may be entitled and need further advice please contact school and we will be happy to help. Application forms can be accessed at <https://www.warrington.gov.uk/COVID2020-WG>



Please be aware that we are a **NUT FREE** school as we have children in school with nut allergies.

Please do not send your child into school with nut related products. Thank you

Please remember to wear a face covering and follow our one-way system for the safety all.



Have a safe and happy weekend.