

Chapelford Village Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 14th May 2021



The children are very excited this week as the Royal Mail have launched a competition for children aged 4 – 14 to design a new stamp honouring some of the heroes of the pandemic. There will be eight winners overall and the final stamps will be sent to Her Majesty the Queen before they can be printed and issued. Over the next couple of weeks, our children will be completing their own designs ready for us to enter them before the deadline before the end of half term. It would be lovely if one of the winning designs came from one of our children.

The children in EYFS this week have been learning about weather and the different types of weather we can have. They have completed a weather diary and discussed the different types of clothes we wear for different weather. They looked at Spring and the different signs of Spring although this week, we seem to have had experienced all four seasons! The children were incredibly excited by a special visitor. A tortoise came to EYFS that had just come out of hibernation. They thought that he still looked quite

sleepy!

During their English learning, the children in Year 1 have come to the end of their text, Toys in Space and have written their own fantastic recounts. They then completed some space collages in Art and absolutely loved it! The children have been particularly inspired when learning about space. In Science, they have been looking at the difference between artificial and real plants. In Maths, the children are currently focusing on subtraction and using number bonds to help them.

Year 2 have had another super week! In maths the children have begun their topic on division. They had lots of fun sharing pasta into equal groups and thought carefully about why we couldn't share 21 pieces of pasta in 2 equal groups. They then combined their PE with Maths and shared themselves into equal groups. The children said it was so great fun! This week the children have also been into Forest School and made their very own fire. The children drew pictures of how they could keep the fire safely in the circle and then enjoyed lighting it as a team. During the Great Fire of London there were no fire fighters so the Year 2 children filled buckets with water and put out the fire like they would have done in 1666.

Year 3 have continued exploring the English picture book, 'Journey' by Aaron Becker. It has intrigued them, made them excited as well as gasp in anticipation, as the little girl's journey has unfolded. They then developed their skill of writing a character description in preparation for creating a fantasy story themselves next week. They have also begun their new Maths topic on Time and have been practising reading, writing and drawing the time up quarter to and quarter past the hour. In Design Technology, they have been completing making the bag that they have designed in textiles. They are now experts in sewing!

This week in Maths Year 4 made a fantastic start to their new topic decimals. They started the week by using their prior knowledge from their fractions topic and investigated what a tenth was as a decimal. Using facts and rich and varied vocabulary, they continued their research into the Amazon rainforest and wrote a description of the canopy. In History, the children have continued to explore why the Romans were successful by completing research on Julius Caesar.

The Pyramids - one of the Ancient Wonders of the World. But... who built them? This week, during Year 5's exhibition through Ancient Egypt, they explored the Old Kingdom and why it was ground-breaking. Digging deeper, they began to wonder if slaves were really the builders of the Great Pyramids of Giza. Using their historical enquiry skills, Year 5 explored a range of sources in order for them to come to a conclusion. Some thought it was the slaves whilst others thought it was civilians. But who are the true builders? You decide.

Albert Einstein was given a terrible school report with his teacher stating that he would not get anywhere in life! Year 6 have been learning about his life through the book, In a Beam of Light. They have written letters back to this teacher as if they were Einstein letting them know of all his amazing achievements and how wrong that teacher was. During Science, the children have been investigating how light travels and whether you can alter the direction of a beam of light.

Chapelford PTA group, Chapta, have been doing an amazing job during lockdown and managed to raise money to support the school in a variety of ways. Some of the money raised will pay for specialised flooring to go underneath another of a Chapta purchase, the gym equipment. They currently have a vacancy for a secretary and a treasurer. If you have some spare time and are interested in joining Chapta then please email Gaby Hannibal at pta@chapelfordvillageprimary.co.uk.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Joanne Hewson Headteacher

Star Learner	
1. Finley	12. Bertie
2. Archie	13. Oliver
3. Noah	14. Summer
4. Sophia	15. Eli
5. Jessie	16. Corey
6. Charlie	17. Jake
7. Oliver	18. Keira
8. William	19. Hayden
9. Thomas	20. Aaron
10. Isla	21. Harry B
11. Fearn	

Reader of the Week	
1. Elodie	12. Sheethal
2. Bobby	13. Max
3. Lottie	14. Ellie-May
4. Jack	15. Zoe
5. Zach	16. Dylan
6. Louis	17. Holly
7. Zohran	18. Isabelle
8. Dante	19. Daniel
9. Maddison	20. Jenna
10. Molly	21. Harry L
11. Indi	



Parent Governor Election

We currently have a vacancy for one Parent Governor and are seeking nominations for an enthusiastic and committed parent or carer to join the Governing Board.

Chapelford Village Primary School is part of the Omega Multi Academy Trust. The local Governing Body has the following key overarching areas of focus:

- Pupil/Staff Wellbeing and safeguarding.
- Health and Safety
- School Performance and improvement
- Monitoring or teaching and learning
- Parent and community monitoring/feedback

If you are interested in becoming a Governor, self-nomination is acceptable – for this form scan the QR code above or visit our school website, which will need to be submitted to the school office post box by 9am on 21st May 2021.



PARKING NOTICE

For the safety of all children and adults, please be reminded that there is strictly no parking on the zebra crossing on both car parks. Thank you.

From Monday 17th May the entrance gate will be open for access to the school office. At this time we are allowing only one family into the foyer at any one time. We ask that you wear a face covering and sanitise your hands before entering the foyer.

During drop off and pick up the one way system will still be in place.

Thank you for your understanding.

Chapelford Village Primary School will close for Whit Holidays on **Friday 28th May**, returning on **Monday 14th June 2021**.

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

At the end of the day please do not allow your child to ride until you have left the school grounds.

Notice to Parents - *Play equipment*

Please do not allow your children to use the outdoor play equipment before or after the end of the school day. This equipment is used on a strict rota based during the school day to maintain health and safety, and ensure the integrity of the children's bubbles.

Thank you for you co-operation.

CORONAVIRUS INFORMATON

Changes to the Test and Support payment for parents

Parents and carers of children who have been advised to self-isolate by their schools or by NHS Test and Trace are now able to apply for a <u>Test and Trace Support Payment</u> or discretionary payment of £500, if they meet the eligibility criteria. The extension of the Test and Trace Support Payment Scheme is intended to ensure that parents receive the financial support they need if they are unable to attend work due to childcare responsibilities.

Applications for the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme are made via the local authority in which the parent or carer resides, not the local authority where the school is situated if these are different.

To be eligible applicants must meet all the criteria that:

- *They are the parent or guardian of a child or young person in the same household and need to take time off work to care for them while they self-isolate. This is limited to one parent or guardian per household for the child or young person's self-isolation period.
- *They are employed or self-employed.
- *They cannot work from home while undertaking caring responsibilities and will lose income as a result.
- *The meet all the other means-tested eligibility criteria for a Test and Trace Support.
- *Payment or locally determined criteria for a discretionary payment.

That their child:

- *Is aged 15 or under (or 25 or under with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHC)) and normally attends an education childcare setting.
- *Has been told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or by someone who has tested positive for Covid-19.

Primary school pupils and rapid asymptomatic testing

On advice from Public Health England (PHE), pupils in primary schools and children in nursery settings are not included in the rapid asymptomatic testing programme.

PHE has advised that there are currently limited public health benefits to testing primary-aged pupils with lateral flow devices (LFD). In addition, primary-aged pupils, particularly younger children, may find the LFD testing process unpleasant and are unable to self-swab.

We are advising that primary-aged pupils should only be tested if they are symptomatic, in which case their families should follow the <u>guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection</u> and <u>book a PCR test</u> for the child.

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.

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









WHIT HOLIDAY CLUB 1ST- 11TH JUNE

A great place to play and make friends
Children aged 3-11 welcome from all local primary



This holiday club will be based at Chapelford Village Nursery & Link Club

9am-3pm £17.50 8am -5pm £27.50 FIRST 20 BOOKINGS USE CODE PLAY! TO SAVE 10%

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