

Chapel Chat

The weekly news from Chapel St Leonards Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you and your families had a great summer break. As always it seems to have flown by. We have had a fantastic start to the term and all of the staff were very excited to welcome the children in Year 1 to 6 back to school on Wednesday. We extend a warm welcome to the children and their families that started in our Reception class on Wednesday too.

The teachers have been working incredibly hard during the summer to prepare the school for the return of the children. The classrooms and learning environments look really bright and engaging. The children will bring home a curriculum letter next week which will give you more information about what they will be learning about over the next term.

We will continue to send out our weekly newsletter please look out for it and take a few moments to read it. This means we do not have to send lots of separate letters out as reminders. You will also get to find out all that goes on in school.

As well as welcoming our new children and teaching staff, who you will get to meet as the term progresses, we are delighted to welcome Mrs Richardson as our new School Cook.

Graham Almond

Headteacher

Hot Meals

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 continue to receive Universal Infant Free School Meals please complete menu choice for your child. Menus are sent out each Wednesday to be returned by Friday. If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and you do not choose a hot meal for your child or indicate a packed lunch will be provided; their selection will default to the first main meal.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 11th September

Year 5 and 6 Parents' Meeting (letter for more info)

Thursday 13th September 2018

Year 3 and 4 Parents' Meeting (letter for more info)

Friday 14th September 2018

Verbal Reasoning Test (in school)

Friday 21st September 2018

11+ Non Verbal Reasoning Test (in school)

Tuesday 25th September 2018

Year 5 World War II Trip

Thursday 27th September 2018

Year 6 World War II Trip

Diary Dates

House system

We have introduced a new house system in school. All of the staff and the children in school have been allocated one of our four coloured houses:

Sandilands, Gibraltar Point, Donna Nook and Anderby Creek

The children will be awarded House Points for excellent work, effort and behaviour and we will total the points each week in our Achievement Assembly.

Allergies

Some of our children risk suffering a life threatening reaction to nuts – even by simply being in the vicinity of a nut. For this reason, we ask



that no child bring any food items into school that contain nuts, even for their own consumption.

Water bottles

We know that it is vital that the children stay hydrated in order to be able to concentrate fully and engage in their learning. The children are allowed to bring with them a clear plastic water bottle in order for them to have access to water during the school day. Please make sure bottles are named. Bottles should be taken home each night to be washed and refilled.



School Uniform

We are proud of our school uniform and the sense of belonging it brings.

Our school uniform is now available to order online from Nationwide School Uniforms.



Visit their website and select our school:

www.nationwideschooluniforms.co.uk

Milk and Fruit



Reception children will be provided with a free piece of fruit and a free carton of milk each day (subsidised by the Government)

<u>Year 1 and Year 2 children</u> will receive a free piece of fruit each day (subsidised by the Government) and can buy a carton of milk for 20p please send the money in with your child.

Key Stage 2 (Y3 to Y6) can buy a piece of fruit and/or a carton of milk for 20p please send the money in with your child.

At Chapel St Leonards Primary School, we take your child's attendance very seriously.

In school for the full 190 days **190 DAYS** 100% attendance gives your child the best chance of success In school for 180 days = 10 days missed 180 DAYS 95% attendance is the minimum target for all children 95% In school for 171 days = 19 days missed 90% attendance is a concern and we meet with all families 171 DAYS and monitor this carefully as this = 4 weeks of school missed 90% In school for 161 days = 29 days missed 85% is a worrying attendance record with almost 6 weeks missed. **161 DAYS** We will now request you attend a meeting. 85% In school for 152 days = 38 days missed We will now require you to work with us to improve your child's 152 DAYS attendance before we take further action including an attedance panel meeting. This may include Fixed Penaly fines.

Is your child attending at least 95% of the time?

If not, then their attendance is not at the expected level.

Is your child late to school?

- If your child arrives after 8.55am they MUST go through the front entrance via the School Office.
- The reason for lateness must be given and will be recorded by the office in the LATE book.
- Your child will receive a late mark in the register.
- If your child is repeatedly late, we will contact you to see if we can help you to make sure they attend school on time. It is your duty as a parent or carer to ensure they arrive at school promptly and on time.

Medical Appointments

Please fill out a form at the office if your child has an appointment during school hours or will be late. Then we will be able to authorise the absence or lateness. It is expected that your child comes to school around or after appointments so they do not miss any lessons.