



Issue 94

Chapel Chat

The weekly news from Chapel St Leonards Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It was brilliant to see the children back in school this week refreshed and ready for the second half of the Autumn Term. Supporting your children's learning at home by helping them with their homework set on the grids sent home is brilliant and we love to see the finished pieces of work the children bring in.

The single most important thing our parents and carers can do though is listening to their child read at home. Just 10 minutes each day spent listening to your child read, asking them some questions or discussing the story will make a huge difference. Our youngest children always bring home a story that they can read using their knowledge of the sounds letters make. In Key Stage 2 the children read their book and take an online quiz to check their understanding. Thank you for your help.

Graham Almond - Headteacher



Anti-Bullying Week 2020: United Against Bullying

Next week we will be taking part in Anti-Bullying Week. Last year 75% of schools in the country took part, this year's theme is United Against Bullying. This will be the theme for our assemblies and the teachers will carry out work with their class throughout the week to:

- explore ways in which we can stand united against bullying within our school
- embed the idea of collective responsibility
- celebrate our differences.
- understand roles involved in bullying.

To mark the first day of Anti-Bullying Week on **Monday 16th November** we will be taking part in **Odd Socks Day**.

The children should come to school in odd socks. No donations are required, children just come to school in some odd socks!



Hands, Face, Space

We are doing everything we possibly can to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our school. We have lots of measures in place and we stick very tightly to our risk assessment. I have asked staff to wear a face covering when moving around the school to ensure that the class 'bubbles' are maintained. Please make sure you help us by sticking to the national lockdown rules. In particular, I would ask that you continue to maintain 2 metre distancing outside of the school gates when dropping off and picking up your children. Let's keep everyone as safe as we possibly can.



Milk money, reply slips and dinner menus

Please remember to place any of the above items that need to come into school in the red post boxes (KS1 gate and on the fence near the KS2 entrance). This helps us to maintain our COVID 19 risk assessment and keep staff safe.

Parents' Evening Forms

Next week we will be sending home a short report to let you know how your child has settled into their new class. This replaces our traditional Parents' Evenings which we cannot hold due to lockdown restrictions and our COVID19 risk assessment. If you would like to discuss anything with your child's class teacher please return one copy of the form requesting a phone call. Thank you.



Chapel Champions: 13th November



Achievement Award

Values Award: Organisation

Reception Zak: sentence writing 'I am big'

La-Rae: organisation, getting all her resources prepared for a craft activity.

Year 1 Theo: coming back to school ready to learn and trying in all aspects of his learning

Leighton: coming in and washing his hands straight away and being more independent with his Dexcom.

Year 2 Connor: thinking of fabulous adjectives and nouns to describe his alien.

Joseph: always organising his equipment for the lesson and being ready to learn.

Year 3 Keria: concentrating so hard on her Bronze Age pottery.

Oscar: always being one of the first people organised and ready to start Maths.

Year 4 Leo for working hard with his reading and maths all week and a good attitude to learning.

Daisy for always being organised and ready to learn.

Year 5 Ryley: a brilliant first draft of instruction writing and continuing to develop his skills.

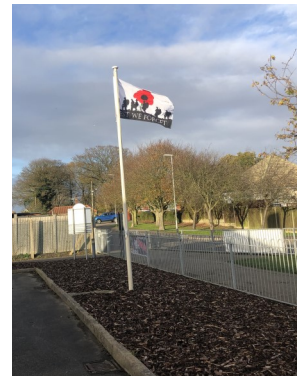
Alfie W: fantastic attitude towards his learning and always presenting his work beautifully.

Year 6 Lexie: demonstrating a fantastic understanding of fractions on a number line.

Carter: showing a great improvement in his preparation and commitment to learning.

Remembrance Day 2020

On Wednesday we took part in our annual Remembrance Assembly. This year it was held remotely using Microsoft Teams with the children in their classrooms. The oldest girl and boy started our two minutes silence by reading an extract from *For the Fallen* by Robert Laurence Binyon and the youngest girl and boy in school held our special poppy wreath during the silence. We discussed the importance of the poppy as a symbol and how so many people have sacrificed so much for our freedom this includes veterans and their families and our emergency services today.



You have probably noticed the special flag flying outside of the front of school and the 'waves' of poppies on the classroom doors and windows which each child in school contributed to.

Remote Learning

If we are informed to close a class due to a potential COVID-19 exposure all learning will take place remotely on Microsoft Teams with everyone (including staff) working from home. If individual children are self isolating at home we will make sure there provision for remote learning is in place whilst understanding our class teachers are still in school teaching. We will also make arrangements for a School Meal Box for any children eligible for Free School Meals who are isolating due to potential exposure to a positive close contact or a positive test result.

