Chalton Lower School Newsletter: 6th November 2026

Value of the Month



Stars of the Week



Emeralds & Amethysts: Zara P & Joshua

Rubies & Sapphires: Ollie & Grace

Diamonds: River

Sports Stars of the Week



Emeralds & Amethysts: Ethan H, Aqsa & Oscar

Rubies & Sapphires: Maria & Nathan

Diamonds: Raine

Writer of the Week



Emeralds & Amethysts: Anais & Lewis

Rubies & Sapphires: Jensen & Eron

Diamonds: Rosalene

Headteachers Message

We have had a wonderful week in school. It has been lovely to welcome the children back after the half term break. They have returned refreshed, enthusiastic and ready to learn and it has been a joy to see them reunited with their friends, sharing stories and settling back into their routines. This week we have also begun exploring our new school value of peace. This is a particularly important value for us to reflect on during November as we mark Remembrance Day and take time to remember all those who have served, sacrificed and lost their lives in conflicts around the world. Throughout the coming weeks, we will be encouraging the children to think about what peace means in their everyday lives, including how we show kindness, respect and understanding towards others, how we resolve disagreements calmly and how we can all contribute to creating a peaceful and caring school community. It has been wonderful to see the children embracing this value already and we look forward to continuing these important conversations together.

Diamond Class have had a super start to the new half term. On Monday morning the children received a mysterious letter from PC Goat, explaining that a crime had been committed in Diamond classroom. On investigating, the children discovered straw, twigs and footprints scattered around their rather messy home corner. The children worked incredibly hard to carefully record the evidence and make predictions about who might have committed the crime. PC Goat then discovered another important clue hidden in the oven - a copy of The Three Little Pigs. Inspired by their investigation, the children wrote letters to PC Goat sharing their theories and predictions. They also put their creative skills to the test by designing their own wanted posters, which are now proudly displayed around the classroom. The children have also started their new topic, 'Remember, Remember', by exploring why we celebrate Bonfire Night. The children have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a range of exciting, hands on activities linked to the theme. They have created colourful firework pictures using mixed media, built marshmallow sticks to spell out their names and

toasted them over their very own stick fires. They have also enjoyed making pretend sparklers using sticks.

The children have had a great week in Key Stage One. In Mathematics this week the children have begun learning about 2D and 3D shapes. They have been practising naming shapes, counting their sides and corners and exploring their similarities and differences. Year 2 have also started investigating 3D shapes, identifying and recording their faces and the 2D shapes within them. In English the children have started their new book, The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark by Jill Tomlinson. They made predictions about the story and explored facts about owls, sharing what they already know and what they would like to find out. Later in the week, Year 1 focused on nouns and began using them in sentences, while the Year 2 children explored adverbs and practised including them in their writing. In Art this week the children began their new topic 'Self-Portraits'. They explored famous portraits, including the Mona Lisa and artwork by Henri Matisse and learnt about drawing different facial features. Using mirrors, templates and a range of art resources they practised creating their own self-portraits.

Key Stage Two have had a fantastic start to their new topics this week. In Science the children began their new topic 'Reduce, Reuse and Recycle'. They investigated the rubbish from their own lunchboxes, sorting items into recyclable and non-recyclable materials. This encouraged them to think about the waste we produce and how we can make more environmentally friendly choices. In History the children travelled back in time to explore Ancient Egypt. They investigated a range of fascinating Egyptian artefacts, using their detective skills to predict what they were used for, who owned them and what they tell us about life in Ancient Egypt. In English the children started their new class text, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl. They have been getting to know Charlie Bucket and writing character descriptions, exploring his personality, family and home life as well as his appearance. They also enjoyed their first whole class guided reading sessions, practising reading aloud and developing their inference skills by exploring the characters' thoughts and feelings using clues from the text. They are already hooked and can not wait to find out what happens next. A little reminder: If your child has a copy of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory at home, they are very welcome to bring it into school so they can follow along using their own book rather than reading from the screen.

Twinkl Phonics

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for our Twinkl Phonics information session on the Thursday before half term. It was a fantastic opportunity to learn more about our phonics approach and how you can support your child's learning at home. Don't forget, the Twinkl YouTube channel https://www.youtube.com/@TwinklPhonics/videos has lots of helpful videos to show you how to pronounce the sounds correctly. If you have any questions or would like any further support with phonics at home, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher. Thank you again for your continued support.

Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing Online Workshop for Parents

Central Bedfordshire CAMHS is offering an online workshop for parents and carers to help them support the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people of all ages. The session will provide practical tools, techniques and strategies to help you nurture your child's emotional wellbeing and support them through the challenges they may face as they grow. This is a valuable

opportunity to gain advice, develop your understanding and feel more confident in supporting your child's mental health. The workshop will be held on Thursday 3rd December between 12pm and 1pm. We encourage any parents and carers who are interested in finding out more about supporting their child's wellbeing to take advantage of this opportunity. To book your place please go to: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parents-supporting-mental-health-wellbeing-in-children-and-young-people-tickets-1995701483861?aff=erelpanelorg&utm_source=e-shot&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=SEND+News+bulletin+150&es_c=FBBCB89E7B61ABED2D0CAE4C6FB4331C&es_cl=F05CF4D6F9C7817ADA8032129432C806&es_id=p48%c2%a3j4

Remembrance Day

This year, we will be joining the wider Chalton Village community to remember and honour those who have fallen in service.

The children and staff will be walking down to Water End Lane at approximately **10.45am** to join the village Remembrance Day service at 'Tommy' the Soldier, ahead of the **11am two-minute silence**.

Parents and carers are very welcome to join us for the service. Afterwards, there will be complimentary tea, coffee and biscuits available at Chalton Village Hall. You are very welcome to join the community for refreshments while the children make their way back to school.

As has become tradition in many schools across the country, including ours, we invite pupils who are members of Uniformed Youth Organisations, such as Girlguiding, Cubs, Scouts and Cadets, to wear their uniforms to school on Wednesday if they wish to. This is entirely optional.

We look forward to joining our village community for this important occasion as we come together to remember and pay our respects.



Children in Need



It is Children in Need day next **Friday 13th November** and the School Council have voted to have a fun activities day with lots of different indoor and outdoor activities. There will be a fun run, obstacle course.....

Children are welcome to wear their own clothes for the day but please make sure they are appropriate for taking part in the games and being outside!

We are asking for voluntary donations for Children in Need which can be made ONLINE via our just giving page:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/chalton-lower-school-12?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL

Toddington Fireworks



Parkfields Open Evening



Diary Dates...



- Monday 16th November: Odd Socks Day
- Wednesday 11th November: Remembrance Day Service
- Friday 13th November: Children In Need
- Tuesday 17th November: Flu vaccinations
- Tuesday 8th December: Christmas Play PM
- Wednesday 9th December: Panto
- Thursday 10th December: Flu vaccinations (Catch up clinic)
- Thursday 10th December: Christmas Play PM
- Wednesday 16th December: Christmas Market & Carols
- Friday 18th December: Last day of term - Christmas Jumpers!
- Saturday 19th December - Monday 4th January: CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY!
- Tuesday 5th January: Children return to school