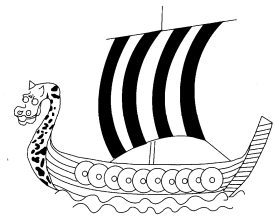


Chilton Primary School, Ramsgate

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Weekly Awards

Attendance Ted was won by RJJ with 99% attendance. Super Dog was won by Georgia Arthurs in 4KR and Bat Monkey was awarded this week to 1GD. Well done everyone.

Walk on Wednesday

306 children walked to school on Wednesday this week. It gets better every week! Keep up the good work!

Attendance Report

Today you will receive your child's annual academic report which will have attached an attendance certificate. So far this academic year 1745 half day sessions have been missed due to family holidays being taken during term time which is over 4,000 hours of lost learning!

Despite common belief it is not a 'given right' to take 10 days holiday during term time. Kent County policy states that:

'There are 13 weeks available for parents to plan holidays when the school is closed. We do not want you to take your child on holiday during term time.'

If you are thinking of taking your child out of school during term time, you must ask the school to agree the absence, at least two weeks in advance.

Schools will not agree to your child missing examinations, assessments or the start of term. If the Headteacher does not agree, your child's absence will be classified as 'unauthorised' and you could be issued with a Penalty Notice'.

Since the start of the year I have authorised all reasonable requests for holiday, even when they have been 'last minute'. From September 2009 I will look at each request individually on its own merit before I approve it. My decision will take account of your child's general level of attendance and the specific reasons why you need to take a holiday during term time. These requests should be made on the form available from the school office. If I do not receive the request **at least two weeks in advance the absence will be unauthorised**.

As the policy states absence will not be authorised during SATs (The Government has not yet decided when these will take place in 2010 - it could be May or June!)

Thank you for your co-operation and understanding in these matters.

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who visited the Book Fair this week. We raised £450 to buy books for the class book corners and for the library for children to enjoy.

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Year 6 Production

WOW!

what a fantastic performance by our Year 6 pupils at the Marlowe Academy this week. It was enjoyed by everyone and has had rave reviews! Well done to the children who worked so hard to put on a show of such a high standard. We are very proud of you and wish you all every success at your new schools. A big thank you also to all the adults who made the show possible with their unstinting hard work and enthusiasm.

Staffing

At the end of term we will be sad to have to say goodbye to Mrs Simes who is retiring after serving here at Chilton for 20 years. Mrs Simes will be spending more time with her family and we wish her a very happy retirement and thank her for her service and commitment to the school. She will be greatly missed.

Mrs King, one of our Teaching Assistants, will be getting married during the break. She will be Mrs Downs when she comes back and we would like to wish her a very happy day.

Reminders

School finishes at 2:00pm on the afternoon of Friday 17th July. The children return to school on Thursday 3rd September at the usual time. We hope that everyone has a lovely holiday and we look forward to seeing you all in September.

Letters sent home this week

Today you should receive the following correspondence with this newsletter:

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| Year R | Reception News |
| Years 1 and 2 | Weekly News |
| Year 4 | Charlton Athletic flyer |
| Year 6 | Leavers Ball letter |
| Whole School | Quex Park Holiday activities flyer |
| Whole School | PTFA letter |
| Whole School | Reports |

Year 5 parents should also have received this week a reminder about online application for the selection test in Year 6.