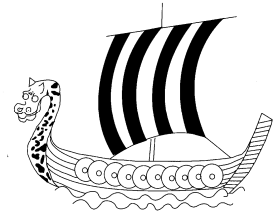


Chilton Primary School, Ramsgate

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Weekly Awards

Super Dog

Bat Monkey

Attendance Ted

Punctuality Pup

Walk on Wednesday

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3GS

6LS – 100%

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284 children walked to school this week – 2NW and 3GS had the most walkers with 25 out of 27 and 24 out of 26 in the class walking at least part of the way to school. Well done!



Congratulations to all our winners and especially 3GS.

Swattenden Residential Trip

The Year 6 pupils who went on the residential trip to Swattenden Activity Centre returned last Friday after an amazing week packed with many exciting activities such as night walking, archery, flag raiders, assault courses, zip wires, abseiling and the talent evening to mention just a few. The children also visited the historic town of Cranbrook and members of the public commented to staff on how well they thought the children behaved as they visited the church, England's largest working windmill and the museum. The emphasis of the whole week was on team building and raising pupils' confidence. The weather didn't stop our enjoyment during the week, indeed we were very lucky weather wise. Thanks to all the staff, Mrs Smith, Mrs Skelton, Miss Siddall and Mrs Tranckle, for all they did to make the week so successful.

Battery Recycling

It is now illegal to dispose of batteries in the general waste bins. We are therefore collecting batteries for recycling. Until 2009, of the 620 million batteries sold for use in the home, the majority of these ended up in landfill. Battery producers must now pay for battery collection and treatment. The children are welcome to bring them into school so please feel free to collect used batteries at home and send them in to go in the recycling box.

Chilton Primary School Flowerbed

On Thursday 17 June six pupils Emma Harris, Sam Hennessy, Holly Douglas, Riley Gniedziejka, Rebecca Fisher and Matthew Sayer accompanied Miss Wren and Mrs Barnett to the Chilton Primary School flowerbed on the Royal Esplanade. They spent some time preparing the bed and planting the plants provided by Thanet District Council. We hope that the flowers flourish and are enjoyed by the many people who walk along the Esplanade.

Texting to Parents Service

We are pleased to inform you that our texting to parents service is now up and running. In fact most of our parents should have received a text on Thursday last week reminding them that school was closed for a Staff Development day on Friday 1 June. In order for this service to be successful please ensure that we have details of your mobile telephone numbers and that you tell us of any changes as soon as possible.

Home Access

Home Access is a government drive that helps low-income families who currently lack access to a computer and/or internet to get online at home.

The programme is aimed at those that need it most. If you are a low-income family in receipt of certain benefits you could qualify for a grant to buy a computer and/or a minimum of one years' internet access.

Take the quick eligibility check below. You may be able to qualify for a Home Access Grant if you answer YES to:

- three questions in Section one, and
- at least one question in Section two.

Section One:

Are you a parent or guardian responsible for and living with a child...

...who is in school years 3 to 9 inclusive?

...who attends a state-maintained school in England full time

...who has not already had a computer from a Home Access Grant or similar programme, such as Computers for Pupils?

Section Two:

Do you receive at least one of the following?

- Free school meals for your child
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income support
- Child Tax Credit but not Working Tax Credit and an income of less than £16,190
- Guaranteed Pension Credit (not Savings Credit)
- Income-based Employment Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

We would strongly encourage any families who think they are eligible for a Home Access Grant to apply without further delay, 9 families at Chilton have already been successful - don't miss this opportunity.

IMPORTANT – Changes to 2010/2011 Term Dates

An up-dated School Terms and Holiday Dates list accompanies this newsletter. Please note that **Wednesday 1 September 2010** is now a Staff Development Day so the children do not return to school until Thursday 2 September. In addition **Monday 29 November 2010** and **Friday 24 June 2011** are now Staff Development Days.

Tesco Vouchers

We would like to thank all our parents for sending approximately 65000 vouchers into school. This will enable us to obtain equipment which we might not otherwise be able to afford. A very special thank you must go to **Mrs Twyman** (Mrs Jewell's mother) who very kindly counted and bundled up the vouchers for us.

Book Fair – 28 June to 1 July

The book fair will be returning to school from Monday 28 June until Thursday 1 July. Please do come along with your children to Mrs Veale's classroom between 3.15pm and 4.00pm.

Family Cinema Club

The next YES Family Cinema Club is on **Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 June at 10.30am** showing **Space Chimps 2: Zartog Strikes Back** at the Granville Theatre Ramsgate. The film is about Comet, the cool techno chimp who longs to be a fully fledged space chimp and lives out his ultimate fantasy adventure.

Tickets are only £1 each and will be sold on Monday 21 and Tuesday 22 June at 3.15pm in the school reception area. Cinema Club seats are limited to 19 on Saturday but back to 27 on Sunday. Please note that only food and drink purchased in the cinema may be consumed in the Granville Theatre.

Reminders

- Chilton Primary School will be holding their annual Open Day on Thursday 24 June 2010. Please come along if you can and see all the amazing things your children have been doing during the past year.
- Healthy Picnic Wednesday 30 June 2010. Parents are welcome to bring along a healthy picnic and join us for lunch outside from 12.00pm -12.40pm.

Letters sent home this week

Today you should receive the following correspondence with this newsletter:-

RJJ	TSSP Sports Letter
Years R and 1	Weekly News
Year 2	Canterbury Cathedral Trip Letter
Year 2	TSSP Sports Letter
Year 2	Weekly News
Year 5	Data Collection Sheets
Years 5 and 6	Rounders Letter (to interested pupils only)
6KR	TSSP Sports Letter
Year 6	Marlowe Academy Rehearsals Letter (went out Wednesday)
Year 6	Pfascinating Pfizer Letter
KS2	Sports Day Letter
Whole School	September 2010 Staffing Arrangements
Whole School	PTFA Summer Fayre Flyer
Whole School	School Terms and Holiday Dates 2010 - 2011