

CHAGFORD CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Let us consider how we can spur each other on to love and good works'

Hebrews 10:24



We have now settled into the school year and can take a moment to reflect on how far we have come already. Chagford children are a true delight in their every action and interaction as they live up to the school vision of Community, Challenge, Care.

Meet the teacher sessions have been going down a storm, with some still to come. We hope this has given you an insight to what and how your children are learning this term. Further information is included with this newsletter in the form of Class Curriculum Newsletters. Knowing how lucky we are to have a wealth of expertise and experience within the community, please do get in touch if you, or someone you know, is able to offer support with any area of school life.

With wanting to capture and reward positive learning behaviours, staff have been discussing the school behaviour policy and making some tweaks to ensure consistency of approach and shared language of expectations. Watch out for more information on this very soon.

Please do not hesitate to speak to the class teacher if you have any queries about an aspect of your child's learning.

With Best Wishes.

Emma Goodwin: Principal
Lisa Paton: Hub Principal



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Getting to know the staff team....

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There are new children, staff and parents at Chagford this term. In each newsletter, we will provide some more information about staff as we all get to know one another.

Miss Lisa Paton - Foundry Hub Principal

Since graduating with a BA (Hons) in Education with QTS from the University of Brighton in 2000, I have been working as a qualified teacher in a range of schools and settings across Devon. My specialism is in Early Years, Primary Education, Music, Art and English. As a teacher I have worked across all Primary age ranges and in the Secondary Inclusion and SEND space. I have held a number of leadership roles in Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust since its inception in 2018 working in both mainstream and specialist settings. I hold the National Professional Qualification in Executive Leadership and have led a number of schools through rapid improvement to achieve a Good OFSTED rating. My role as Hub Principal is to oversee the four schools in the Foundry Hub: North Tawton, South Tawton, Chagford and Exbourne. Whilst I work closely with the other Hub Principals on the strategic priorities for the school, I am very involved in the day to day running and you will see me supporting the routines of the school day, including covering for teachers.



Mrs Emma Goodwin, Principal

I live with my husband, our two teenage boys and a crazy border collie. We love spending time in the great outdoors, be that surfing at the beach, walking on the moors or cycling in the forest. I'm also partial to getting lost in a good book whilst the rest of the family partake in the aforementioned activities.

From my experience of being a teacher for 25 years, including leadership for six years, I know that a successful and happy school depends on all of us working together.

All but two of my years in education have been in Devon, mostly within schools which are now part of Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust. I feel blessed to work in such a beautiful part of the country. My core belief is that each and every child has the right to the best opportunities possible to enable them to reach their full potential and unleash their unique talents.

As parents and carers, you make an important contribution to your children's achievements and I'm excited to build on the relationship between you and the school as we move forward together.

Arty Matters

Today we have welcomed Becky, an animator from Ardman studios, for a workshop with children from years 5 and 6. Shaun the sheep was running riot around the school and may have run to some of your homes too!

The beautiful weaving which was completed last term by the year 6 children has been hung in the school. It was created to remind us forever of the strong friendships that are woven together during our primary school years.



News from Year 1

This week, Yew Class have had a busy but very productive time. At the start of the week, we continued some pieces of artwork inspired by Andy Goldsworthy. The children had previously collected natural objects which they thought would make effective pictures, and so this week the assembly of these pieces began - see the photos for some examples. Next step, sculptures! We also learnt about the life of Mary Anning, an incredible scientist who did not receive proper recognition in her time for all her hard work. The children drew some beautiful story maps to describe her story, and some were inspired to bring their own fossils into school to show the class.

Finally, we made a strong start to our gymnastics sessions. The children were able to confidently show me a pike, tuck, arch, bowl and star pose on the mats. Many children were able to maintain an impressive degree of stillness considering that some of these poses required a great deal of balance! We will develop routines over the coming weeks that I am sure, will incorporate some of these poses.

Keep up the fantastic work, Yew Class! Have a happy, safe weekend and I look forward to catching up with you all on Monday. 😊

Mrs Robertson

News from Year 2

Beech Class are settling into Key Stage 1 with enthusiasm and gusto whilst also embracing the new routines and challenges that a new academic year brings. It is really wonderful to see how well the children are caring for each other, taking turns and listening attentively. There is already a strong team spirit and a huge desire to try ones best. I have no doubt that it will be an exciting and rewarding year ahead for everyone.

News from Year 6

It is lovely to say that we are settling into some normality in year 6 having had a baptism of fire in the form of baseline tests at the start of term. However, we are now getting stuck in to our learning. Ask the children what the subjunctive is and see if they can give you an example!

We are also beginning an art project, looking at harvest jugs that are a local art form in North Devon using the Scraffito technique of scraping patterns through a layer of slip over the clay.

We will be creating representations of pots like these using harvest images.

Our history topic this term is the Industrial Revolution and we shall be exploring life at that time and how the revolution was represented differently here in Devon to other parts of the country.

THE SCHOOL IS DELIGHTED TO CONFIRM THAT THE CHAGFORD PANTRY'S IMPORTANT OUTPOST HOSTED IN THE RECEPTION AREA IS NOW FULLY RESTOCKED AND OPEN TO ALL. PLEASE DO MAKE USE OF IT. THE PANTRY OFFERS DRIED AND TINNED FOODS, AS WELL AS TOILETRIES, AND OTHER HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS. IT IS CHECKED REGULARLY TO ENSURE THAT A WIDE RANGE OF ITEMS IS AVAILABLE



Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 4th October: Y4/5/6 Open Evening at Okehampton College 4-6pm
 Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October: Half term
 W.C. Monday 6th November: Parent Consultation Evenings
 Friday 15th December: End of term

Further dates regarding PTFA and Christmas events will be shared with you as soon as they are confirmed.



School Term Dates September 2023 – August 2024

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Bank Holiday	Inset day	Occasional days
School Holidays		



Okehampton College

OPEN EVENING

Wednesday
4th October 2023

An opportunity for Students and Families in Years 4,5,6 to visit the College and meet existing students who will be on hand to give guided tours. There will also be an opportunity to attend a presentation by the Principal. Full details can be found on the College Website and promoted through the Primary Schools.

If you are unable to attend on the 4th October alternative visits can be arranged on either Thursday 5th, Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 18th October. For further information please contact the College.

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