

25th September 2020



Dear Chagford families,

Another packed week at Chagford School! Topics are well under way and routines in school are smooth and familiar.

Today the KS2 classes took part in an Odra sports session and we have also enjoyed learning some songs and greetings in different languages to mark European Day of Languages. Here are some French and Spanish resources Mrs Robertson has recommended:

Easy to play and listen to words individually, it speeds up later on.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7YEZAwUfaeE>

Games such as hangman but in French (and other games that are less dependent on spelling) <https://www.french-games.net/frenchgames>

The same in Spanish! <https://www.spanish-games.net/spanishgames>
s'amuser! ¡que te diviertas! (Have fun!)

Our value this term is Hope

In assembly this week I spoke about the difference between a wish and a hope. A hope is something intentional, which requires some effort and possibly some faith to achieve- *I hope to get 10 / 10 in my spelling test, I hope I can be brave at the dentist;* whereas a wish is often retrospective or based on luck - *I wish I hadn't said that, I wish I would win the lottery.* We have been thinking of our hopes for ourselves, the class and school, our families and the world. I will share some of these in the newsletter next week.

Ground Force Day

As I emailed yesterday, we have made the decision to postpone the Ground Force Day this Saturday. The decision was made with advice from our Trust Health and Safety Officer. Due to the local R rate rising and now being categorised an area of medium risk, we decided to err on the side of caution. I know from my inbox that this has been met with mixed opinion. Please be assured that school decisions are not made lightly. The event is temporarily delayed, not cancelled for good.

School Lunches

We are delighted that we are now able to provide hot meals for pre-school, Years R, 1 and 2. Please sign up via School Gateway as per Miss Jackson's email. Sandwich options are still available to Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 and we hope to have hot meals for all in due course. Please do sign up for all school meals via School Gateway as soon as possible and by Sunday

at the latest for the following week. Thank you to Mrs Bunclark, Mrs Bennie and Mrs Palmer our brilliant catering team for working hard to make this happen.

Parent meetings

A reminder please that this term we will be conducting our parents / teacher consultations over the phone. We will talk about how your child has settled, ask you how things are at home and share targets for the year ahead. We will do this the week of 28th September. Meetings are for 10 mins.

Class teachers are available during these times:

	Available time slots
Miss Sara Halsey Reception	Please contact Sara directly sara@chagford-primary.devon.sch.uk
Miss Emily Coleman Year 1&2	Wednesday 30 th September 1.00-4.00pm Thursday 1 st October 3.30-5.30pm
Miss Lisa Rowe / Miss Tara Penny Y3	Thursday 1 st October 10.00am-2.00pm Thursday 1 st October 4.00-6.00pm
Mrs Liz Robertson	Monday 28 th September 3.40-5.50pm Wednesday 30 th September 9.20-10.50am
Mr Lee Billinghamurst	Tuesday 29 th September 4.00-5.30pm Wednesday 30 th September 4.00-5.00pm Tuesday 6 th October 4.00-5.30pm

Please make an appointment with Miss Jackson by calling 01647 432412 or emailing admin@chagford-primary.devon.sch.uk

If you are unable to make one of these allocated slots, please let us know and we will try to accommodate another time.

Clubs

Clubs are proving to be really popular. Please be aware that we do have limited places so please book in advance via School Gateway. We hope to be able to run more as the year progresses.

Well done boys!

For two days and one night Max H and his friend Elliott, trekked and camped on Dartmoor (with their mums), to raise funds for the Disasters Emergency Committee. Well done boys, we are very proud of you!

They did it because millions of lives are at stake as Covid-19 hits refugee camps and war-torn countries like Yemen, Syria and South Sudan. They are fundraising for the DEC to allow them to help families who have lost everything as they face a deadly new threat.

If you are able to donate, I know the boys would be very grateful. A donation of £10 could provide 20 bars of handwashing soap to help prevent the spread of the virus in a refugee camp £30 could provide six displaced families with enough soap for a month, to keep themselves clean and safe £50 could provide essential hygiene kits to two displaced families £100 could provide PPE for one frontline health worker for four months.

[Elliott and Max Trek Dartmoor for Refugees](#)

The boy and their families thank you for your support.



The boys enjoying a well-deserved rest!

A message from Chagford Library

Why not borrow books instead of buying? Chagford Library is fully open for browsing and has a fantastic range of children's books. Stop by after school on Tuesdays (open til 5pm, beside the Jubilee Hall) to pick up the latest Tom Gates or Dork Diaries, Early Readers, picture books and CDs. It's quick and easy and children can order books from any library in Devon free of charge. We're so lucky to have this amazing free resource in our community, to encourage literacy and love of reading for all ages, but unless the library is used we will lose it. Join at the library or online (devonlibraries.org.uk) or just drop in to have a look round. All welcome. Many thanks from Christine Phillips.

All the very best,

Tara Penny
Head of School