



NEWBOTTLE & CHARLTON CEVA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Every person matters, every moment counts "I can do all this through him who gives me strength"

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***WISDOM*COMMUNITY*DIGNITY*HOPE**

The start of this term, has been a super strange one, for us all. Having spent the last 11 weeks opening for just key workers, On Monday we welcomed children from reception, Year 1 and 6 and it was lovely to hear the sounds of happy pupils in all the classes but we are still missing seeing all our community.

It has also been a very different week for me, starting my new role, but I am thrilled to be taking over from Mrs Smith and leading the school through this tricky time. I know we have an amazing set of children, staff, governors and parents and I look forward to working with you all in a different capacity. I have been in contact with Mrs Smith and she has had a good week in her new school and appreciated all the kind messages on her last day. We will be inviting her (when we can) in for a more traditional school send off. I know this will be slightly surreal for her reading this newsletter for the first time as a parent.

This week teachers have been working hard to plan and teach lessons in school, while continuing to support all the children who are learning from home. The virtual lessons continued this week and we moved to a more weekly way of setting work, but with a daily timetable which we hope has been working for you. Teachers love to receive the work the children have been completing, so please continue to email these or post on Microsoft teams if in Elm or Birch. We would love to recognise some of the amazing work we have been receiving. From next week we will be sharing with you our **'Wow Work of the week'**. This will be instead of our usual achievers and names will be posted within the newsletter and the work added to our special board in school. We would also like to reinstate the spellers of the week but would like to adapt this to the top 3 spellers in every year group.

As school is currently different to normal, we have changed the names of the classes temporarily. We have informally called these bubbles- kingdoms and each group have created a name and crest. We have included more information on these further down and shared with you some of the things the citizens of the kingdoms have been up to.

Please continue to let us know if you will be sending your child into school, if eligible, for the following week by Thursday 12pm so that we can make appropriate plans. We respect every decision you are making as a family and will continue to communicate any changes that may be happening after announcements from the government.

Kind Regards

Mr Pete Smith

HEADTEACHER RECRUITMENT UPDATE from Lady Hayter- Chair of Governors

Dear Parents

The governors found themselves in a difficult situation knowing that Mrs Smith was going to leave at half-term, but with the lockdown preventing us from continuing with the recruitment process for a new headteacher. We had received some applications, and we had shortlisted three, but then couldn't go any further. We are fortunate in that Mr. Smith was shortlisted for the position, so we could appoint him as Acting Head until Christmas. January 2021 was the earliest we were likely to be able to have anyone else in place. But looking at it now, we don't know when we will be able to interview for a new head in a satisfactory way, and it is difficult to plan the staffing of the school with a big question mark over the headship in the middle of the academic year. Therefore, the governors have decided that we will appoint Mr. Smith as 'Interim Head' for the whole of next year to give stability through a difficult time and to make it possible to plan where the staff will be best placed for the whole of 2020-2021. We hope that all the parents will be happy with this decision.

Lady Hayter

Chair of Governors

Parent Governor

We are needing a new parent governor to replace Mr Graham Pool who stepped down last term. Please do give it some Thought if you feel you can support the school in this way. If you would like to discuss with any Governors in role already for more information – you can contact them via the office. We would like any nominations by Thursday 13th June.

Online Safety

<https://parenthub.thekeysupport.com/parent-online-safety-zone/device-controls.html>

To continue our guides on online safety, please click the link above to access this interactive guide for this week. It gives you practical instructions on how to set parental controls on the most common devices children use.

Summer Reading Challenge – Meet the Silly Squad

A message from Brackley Library about this year’s summer reading challenge:

It’s so easy to take part. Children sign up to our easy-to-use website and create their own profile at sillysquad.org.uk from 5th June onwards.

They set their own challenge to read any amount of books during the Challenge, with children being encouraged to read anything that makes them happy – whether it be comics, joke books, poetry, fiction or non-fiction; in digital or print format; from e-book lending through the public library service or from what they already have at home.

Each time they finish a book, they add it to their profile and write a review. They are rewarded with activities and incentives along the way, such as online badges, games and videos.

Families are encouraged to join in and 'Get Silly' with downloadable activities, games, quizzes and more. With new content to enjoy each week, the fun will continue throughout the summer to keep families engaged.

They receive a downloadable certificate once they’ve completed their challenge!



RE-OPENING REMINDERS – Reception, Year 1, Year 6 and Key workers

Please adhere to the drop off and pick up times in the letter and on your maps to minimise mixing. On Friday we will be closing at 1pm so that staff can organise for a deep clean and teachers can have their PPA to prepare for the next week. This will need to be staggered and so we are suggesting Reception at 12:50pm, Year 1 at 1pm, Year 6 at 1:10pm and key workers at 1:20pm. If key workers need support with childcare on Friday afternoon, please contact the office.

Children will only need to bring in lunch (if not ordered through Fresh Start), a hat and appropriate raincoat if the weather is poor (no other book bags or rucksack are needed). We won't be able to offer fruit in the short term so children can bring a piece of fruit in a sandwich bag to eat a break-time. We will not be able to swap reading books but you will be given further details of websites you can access e-books.

We request that school uniform is to be worn by all, where possible, although leniency will be given if items have been outgrown. When wearing replacement clothes can we request they are plain and suitable for school. PE kits will not be needed but all children can wear suitable footwear for PE to school on their PE days (Year 6 and Year 1 on Monday and Reception and Key workers on Wednesday.)



KINGDOM OF OAKEN INFORMATION

This week we have settled into new routines and played with lots of new toys. We've also been creating our kingdom – 'The Kingdom of Oaken'. We used fabric paints to make banners which represent the qualities we have; a tortoise for invulnerability, a bear because we are protective of each other and an apple because we are peaceful. We have thought about ways we can build each other up in our kingdom and created a wall of ways to be kind to each other, some examples we came up with are: playing with each other, asking everyone if they're ok and talking about our worries. We are excellent protectors of The Kingdom of Oaken!

KINGDOM OF ASHRELIA INFORMATION

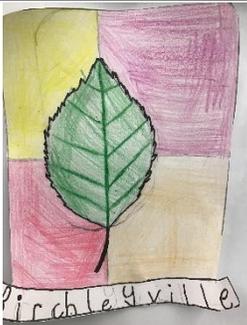
This week in the wonderful kingdom of Ashrelia we have been hardworking and determined. We have been reading a lovely book called 'While We Can't Hug,' which tells the story of Tortoise and Hedgehog who are really great friends but are not allowed to hug each other at the moment... and all the different ways they find to show how much they love each other. We have also been reading the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and have answered some really tricky questions about it. We have drawn fabulous pictures of castles using chalk pastels and been getting stuck into some fun maths problems. We have been getting active a lot, both inside the classroom and outside to give our brains a break and to help us to concentrate better.



THE MYSTERIOUS KINGDOM OF ELMBOTTLE INFORMATION



This week in the "Mysterious Kingdom of Elmbottle" the children have been working very hard on their daily tasks set by their teachers. They have also started their own mini topic of 'Inspirational people'. This week the inspirational person was J.K Rowling; the children have been enjoying listening to her new book Ickabog and have produced some brilliant fact files all about the famous author. They also created their own Hogwarts characters using toilet rolls!



THE KINGDOM OF BIRCHLEYVILLE INFORMATION

We have been exploring Greek myths and finding common themes as well as discussing the morals of the different ways the characters behave. We've learnt how to find percentages of amounts and also some problem-solving. We have used atlases to locate countries in Europe and plotted these on a map as well as studying the Greek empire in the days of Alexander the Great. We have also used the internet to research Greek pottery and the designs used. With Mr Smith, we studied the myth of Pandora's box and created our own boxes using the nets of a cube and filled it with the negative spirits and hope.