

Newsletter
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to what promises to be a very exciting new school year. A special, warm welcome to all our new families, we are delighted to have you join our community. As headteacher, I make it a priority to be available on the playground at both the start and end of each day, so please do come and find me if you have any issues or concerns to discuss.

We would also like to remind you of our breakfast club, where Mrs. Dhillon is on hand to support children with their homework. Our breakfast club timings operate in two stages: from 7.45 am to 8.10 am for a charge of £3.00, and from 8.15 am onwards, it is free to all. It is a fantastic way for your child to start the day with games, activities, and a healthy breakfast.

Please note : Dates for the diary have been sent out to parents / carers.

It's the return of TREAT FRIDAY - doughnuts on sale for 50p each on the KS2 playground.

Don't forget to follow our school Instagram account to keep up with the daily life at Chattenden!

Mrs Diddams

Reading is the magic key, that takes you where you want to be ...

Reading is one of the most important foundations of childhood, sparking imagination, boosting vocabulary and laying the groundwork for lifelong learning. Over the holidays, we had some absolutely fantastic entries in our Summer Reading Challenge, and we want to say a huge thank you to everyone who took part! You can view these brilliant entries on our school Instagram page.

To help you support your child's reading journey, we are hosting two upcoming workshops this term:

- **Year 1 Reading Workshop:** Friday, 25th September at 2:45 pm. Parents and carers are very welcome to join us.
- **Year R Reading Workshop & Stay and Play:** Tuesday, 29th September at 2:15 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to familiarise themselves with their child's school setting.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Attendance Matters

Good attendance is the cornerstone of your child's educational success, helping them build consistent friendships, stay engaged with the curriculum and develop essential habits for the future. Every day in the classroom counts and we are committed to working closely with you to ensure every child has the best opportunity to flourish. To further support our school community, we are delighted to welcome Avril Grooves, who joins us as our new Educational Officer. Avril will be working closely with our families to provide support and guidance, and we look forward to the positive impact she will have on our school partnership.

Bikes and Scooters

While we love the fact the children are riding their bikes and scooters to school, please can we remind everyone not to ride them across either playground. Please walk them out until they reach the gate.