

Newsletter 6 - July 2023



Dear Parents/Carers

It was fantastic welcoming so many families into the school yesterday afternoon to our welcome event. I hope you found the afternoon useful, and your child is looking forward to joining us in September. This will be our final newsletter prior to opening in September so I hope to cover everything to prepare both families and our future students for life in their new school.

Transition Day Summary

Our students participated in a carousel of activities including PE, Art, Music, History, English, Drama and Geography. After lunch we started our House Competition with some fun and engaging teambuilding activities. The students worked well together, got to know one another and enjoyed some competitive events. Our day was rounded off with a Celebration Assembly to congratulate the students on a fantastic first day.

Below are some examples of artwork produced by the red group in their first activity based on the artist Yayoi Kusama, who uses repetition of dots and patterns to create a sense of rhythm. Students were asked to observe shapes and patterns and create their own Kusam inspired pumpkin.





Languages Options

Thank you to all parents/carers for completing the languages preference form. I am pleased to inform you that all requests have been met so all students will be studying their chosen language in September. Please note that a small number of changes have been made to the groupings from Transition Day to allow for all students to study their chosen language. All groupings and timetables will be shared with students in September.

Arrangements for Wednesday 6th September

Students should enter through the main student entrance at the latest of 8.30 where they will be registered and will enjoy several induction events during the morning. Students will be dismissed from the main gate at

3.20pm. There will be a designated space to lock bicycles should this be required. We politely ask that parents/carers do not drive into the school grounds to drop off unless previously agreed.

Equipment Needed

To ensure that all students are fully prepared for the start of term, please refer to our full equipment list on Page 5 and 6 of the Parent/Carer Handbook.

There will be no PE lessons on the 6th September. Students are therefore not required to bring their PE kit. PE will start on Thursday 7th September. Students will be given their timetables on Wednesday 6th September so will be aware when they need to bring their kit. Guidance on the required PE kit can be found and the following link: <u>School Uniform - Chilmington Green School</u>

Lunches

Please note that if your child would like hot school meals, parents/carers should sign up for the whole term ahead as food will need to be ordered from our external caterer. Payment for meals for Term 1 should be made during the second week of term via Squid. The cost for Term 1 is £89.10. Payment for lunches throughout Term 1 should be made by Friday 15th September.

If you would like your child to have a hot meal during the first term, please complete this form by Friday 28th July.

Parents are welcome to send their children to school with a packed lunch but we would ask that they adhere to the same healthy food rules that school meals follow. This means that no caffeinated drinks are allowed (colas, energy drinks) and no sweets. Foods and drinks brought on site that break these rules will be confiscated.

Extracurricular Activities

Our extracurricular programme will commence on week beginning 18th September. Further details will be shared with families in September.

Uniform

Please refer to our uniform guidance on Page 3 <u>Parent/Carer Handbook</u>. If you have not yet purchased uniform, please follow the below link to book a fitting appointment. Please be aware that our supplier, Pages Schoolwear, will become increasingly busy as the start of term approaches so booking early is advisable.

Book a fitting appointment – Pages Schoolwear (pages-schoolwear.co.uk)

Reminder of Key Dates

Date	Event	Location
Wednesday 6 th September	Start of Term Students to arrive on site for 8.30	Chilmington Green School – Jemmett Road
Week Beginning	After school extracurricular activities	Chilmington Green School -
Monday 18 th September	begin.	Jemmett Road

I hope that you enjoy a restful summer holiday, and we look forward to welcoming our founding students in September.

Kind regards

Jon Rutland Principal Chilmington Green School