

3rd September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back! I hope you all had a fabulous summer, enjoying travels and fun filled activities abroad or in the locality. The opportunities we have to spend with family and friends tend to be the source of our happiest memories.

School improvement works over the summer have been successfully completed; the refurbishing of our plumbing infrastructure, the walls of swimming pool have been repainted with a beautiful mural of the White Cliffs produced by Mrs Conybeare and finally we will be utilising more rooms and space in the Annex building as these have been redecorated and suitably prepared for teaching and learning. My thanks to Mr Chitty, our Vice -Chair of Governors for overseeing much of the plumbing project, as well as Mrs Richter the School Business Manager for managing the works and to Mr Holy, our Site Manager for decorating and making good, many of the above.

Unfortunately the **junior playground** has been damaged (due to various reasons) and will be repaired and some sections replaced this week. Everything should be sorted by the end of the week. In the meantime, we will use the paddock for playtimes for pupils in Years 2 - 6.

We welcome **Mr Robin Flack** as our new Assistant Head Teacher this year, replacing Mrs Clarke who has assumed a headship position in Maidstone. Mr Flack will support the leadership team in the running of our academy during the 2019/2020 school year.

Please note that the **School Development Plan** (SDP) for the upcoming school year is on our website: www.christchurchfolkestone.com - included in the Academy Information section - and includes all the key areas in which we aim to do even better. We are scheduled to have a **Church School Inspection** in term two, and are due another Ofsted inspection - either this year or next.

Our **school performance** for 2018/19 is also on our website - under the heading "Academy results". I am pleased to report that once again our pupils did well,

performing above the national average. The **progress** pupils make was also well above the national average. I am of course counting on all our children to continue to learn and make valuable educational gains in all areas of the curriculum.

Sports Day(s) take place in the weeks ahead, as listed below:

- Years 1 and 2 on Tuesday, 10th September
- Year 5 is scheduled for Thursday, 12th September
- Years 3 and 4 is on Thursday, 19th September

Please note that all Sports Days will take place in the afternoon. I hope you are able to join us for this exciting event.

Some children in Year 6 will take the **Kent Tests** on Thursday, 12th September. We wish them all the best as they undertake these challenging assessments.

Swimming sessions begin next week. All sessions cost £1 with the money used to maintain our excellent pool provision as well as pay for our swimming instructor. You are encouraged to pay either for the term or the year, via parent pay.

The last day of the term is Friday, 18th October. Pupils return to school in term 2 on Monday, 28th October.

Finally, I am pleased to report that all teachers and staff are well motivated and determined to provide the best education possible for all our pupils, in my last year of headship, at our "happy and ambitious school" – just to paraphrase the view expressed by Ofsted.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Kreiselmeier
Head Teacher