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CHAFYN GODOLPHIN

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SALISBURY



GUIDE FOR PARENTS

YEARS 1 & 2

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WELCOME

All staff within the Pre-Prep department extend a warm welcome to you and your child(ren). We hope that they are excited about their move into Years 1 and 2 (Key Stage 1). They have been well prepared for the transition and seem eager to take on new challenges and responsibilities. They are well used to the routines of school life and are ready for the next step. From the parental viewpoint, many of the routines remain the same, so the transition from Reception to Year 1 (or from Year 1 to Year 2) should be an easy one! For families new to Chafyn Godolphin we will endeavour to keep you informed of new information every step of the way.

In September you will receive a timetable informing you of what will happen each day; this may help you to schedule other activities which children do outside of school.

As children move into Key Stage 1, we encourage greater independence in all aspects of school life. Bringing in their own coats and book bags is a good start - hanging up their clothes and unpacking their bags before they begin their day encourages them to be organized. Please try to arrive in good time for the beginning of the school day at 8.25 am - it helps us to start promptly and ensures the day begins calmly for everyone.

ART

As part of their school uniform, all Years 1 and 2 pupils need an apron to protect their clothes and keep them looking smart! These are available from the school shop.

BALLET

Ballet is available to both boys and girls. Boys wear their PE kit and black ballet shoes and girls wear either a ballet leotard, ballet socks or tights, a bolero cardigan and ballet shoes, or their PE kit. The sessions are taught by a visiting dance specialist and take place during lunchtime break. You can sign up at the start of term when signing up for Activity sessions. (see below)

BIRTHDAYS

We really like to help the children feel just that little bit more special when it is their birthday! For this reason, children are allowed to wear their own clothes on their birthday. If a birthday falls at the weekend or during a holiday, then children are welcome to wear their own clothes on the nearest school day. You are welcome to send in a cake or some fairy cakes for the children to share at snack time, or alternatively, a cake may be ordered through the school by contacting the school office. Please do remember our school's policy of 'nut free' foods only. Our weekly assemblies always celebrate pupils' birthdays.

COMMUNICATION

Teachers are available at drop-off and pick up most days and are happy to chat if there is a quick message. If you need a little longer, a convenient time can quickly be arranged.

You can contact the class teacher during working hours by email. They will endeavor to get back to you as soon as they are available. If a message is urgent, please contact the school office.

You will also receive a fortnightly newsletter. This will include a snapshot of the learning that has been taking place and includes an updated calendar of key dates. This is circulated internally (only to Pre-Prep parents) and will include photos of children who have given us permission.

CURRICULUM

The curriculum is topic based and delivered in a variety of styles to appeal to children's differing styles of learning. The class teacher (and children!) will be pleased to let you know about the topic being explored. We would like to make the most of opportunities and experiences in the local area to support our work at school and the children will go on a number of trips throughout the year. Further details will be sent out prior to each trip.

DAY TO DAY INFORMATION

The structure of the day is as follows:

8.00-8.25	Arrive
8.25	Registration
8.30-10.30	Teaching sessions (and a morning snack)
10.30-11.00	Playtime
11.00-12.00	Teaching session
12.00-12.30	Lunch
12.30-1.10	Playtime
1.15-3.30	Teaching sessions (including break and afternoon snack)
3.30	End of school day

If for any reason you are held up and know that you will be late picking up your child, please phone or email the school office, or email the class teacher.

We run a daily After-school club for children Reception to Year 2. This is signed up on arrival each morning. We also offer a number of different termly activities which are booked at the start of each term and invoiced by the specialist provider.

3.30-4.00	After-school relax time	No charge
4.00-5.00	After-school club	No charge
(with light snack)	Activities with external providers.	Paid to provider
5.00-6.00	After-school quiet time	Chargeable

Breakfast can be available in school from 7.30-8.00am. Please contact Mrs Ward office@chafyngrove.co.uk (giving 24 hour's notice, please) You will need to drop your child at the dining room doors (from the headmaster's carpark) at 7.30am. They will be given the option of toast, fruit and cereal. This is chargeable and will be added to your school bill. Please contact Mrs. Ward about the cost.

EIGHTS

'Eights' is the name for Chafyn Godolphin's houses/teams.

The groups are as follows:

Knights – Red Birds – Blue Frogs – Green

Children can gain stars (for their class) and merits (for their house) during their school day. These are counted and totals celebrated weekly.

HOMEWORK

Homework serves to reinforce and consolidate what is taught in school and allows parents to be involved with, as well as support, their child's learning. All homework pieces will be achievable and should only take a short time to complete. In Year 1, children will receive reading and spelling homework each week; in Year 2, there will be a weekly mathematics task as well. More specific information will be sent out about homework, by the class teacher, in September.

INSTRUMENTAL/SINGING/LAMDA LESSONS

The Head of Music (Mrs Emma Weinell) will be pleased to advise Year 2 parents and children who are considering instrumental singing or LAMDA (music and drama) lessons. A trial session is offered to ensure that the right decision has been made. All music lessons take place within the school day in consultation with the child's class teacher. Taster sessions are available for Year 1 pupils in the second half of the Summer term.

All children learn to play the recorder, violin or cello in Years 1 & 2. Instruments are provided by the school but if children would like to use their own recorder this is also fine.

PARENTS' MEETINGS

There will be a 'Meet the teacher' evening organised towards the end of September. This is a chat to discuss how your child has settled into the new school year. We will have an academic meeting during the Spring term to discuss your child's progress. A written report is provided at the end of both Autumn and Summer terms. Please do not hesitate to speak to us about any queries or concerns that you or your child(ren) might have as and when they arise.

PENCIL CASES

These are *not* needed in Key Stage 1 - we have everything that the children need in the classroom.

PARENT REPS

Each class has a Parent Representative who acts as a representative in the school/parent forum. They can be a helpful lifeline to new parents, often answering little questions you may have, and they also organize social events so that you can get to know everyone in the class. The Parent Reps should be in touch over the summer holidays.

SWIMMING

Year 1 and 2 children have swimming lessons throughout the year. These are at Chafyn Godolphin Senior site in the Autumn and Spring terms and in the pool on our site during the Summer term. Lessons are designed to meet differing needs, and the children will be grouped according to their abilities. Children should have a named black swimming costume or trunks (as specified on the uniform list), a swimming hat, goggles and a towel. Please ensure all items are clearly named. A small rucksack is desirable when swimming at Godolphin as we have found these are easier to carry than drawstring bags.

THIRSTY WORK...

Please provide a named water bottle for your child to drink out of, throughout the day. Milk is also offered at morning snack time.

UNIFORM

As part of the school's welcome information all new children receive the school uniform list. All new school uniform is available to buy online until the end of August through our uniform supplier Monkhouse (www.monkhouse.com). However, as we are in a transition period, Monkhouse will no longer be supplying beyond this date. You can currently go online and order anything you need, or you can contact Lucy Minter, our second-hand uniform shop volunteer and parent (lucy.minter@hotmail.com). The current uniform will remain in circulation for the next two years, irrespective of any changes being introduced. Once a new uniform supplier is confirmed all parents will be notified.

WEBSITE

The school website has lots of additional information about the school, including key policies. If you wish to read any policy which is not on the website, please ask a member of staff.

We wish you all an enjoyable Summer break and we look forward to welcoming the children into their new classes in September.

From September 2026 staff can be contacted via the email addresses below.

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Year 2 – fiona.thomas@chafyngodolphin.co.uk

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