Dear Parents,

The trip to the Mosque and Science Museum was a great experience for the school. Our pupils were polite and curious at the Mosque; Rizwan, our guide was impressed by the thoughtful and intelligent questions the pupils asked. As a Head Teacher, I feel a deep sense of pride that the pupils of Chilmark school are open and interested in the world, hoping that they will eventually use these values to make the world a better place.

Friends did a wonderful job planning the sports day. It was as close to the perfect village school event as possible, complimented by sun, Pimm’s and a lunchtime band!! Our new and exciting event, Party in the Field, will be just as special. However, what are we raising the money for? Over the last two years it has been the Friends who have found the money for fitting the kitchen, which we would not have been able to do ourselves! Friends have bought new reading books; they pay for Mr. Walker and help to lower the cost of all school trips. This is a very important part of the school’s special make up. Next year the cost of a residential trip for the senior students, without help from the Friends, would be eye-watering! We would not be the school we are without this help, and the cost to families would be so high that I would not wish to run trips without the help of the Friends to lower the parent contributions. So please buy a ticket for the next event, Party in the Field; details are below. Those who don’t fancy camping can buy a day ticket.

Yours,

Mr. Smith

The party in the field, Saturday 7 July, 2pm in the field next door to the Fonthill Cricket Club

Workshops During the day children and adults will be able to make and then take home a paper lantern made with Vivienne our art club artist. Mr. Smith will also be running a workshop to make and launch water rockets, with a competition to see which one will go the furthest! Glitter tattoos, rounders, and other games will also take place as the day progresses, all free of charge.

Bouncy castle We are also running bouncy castle sessions for children during the day, at
no cost. Adults will also have an opportunity to have a go!

**Bar** drinks for adults and children will be on sale. If we are through to the next round of the football, we will have the match available to watch as well as the bar to help our football fans relax!

**Live Band** Later in the day we will have live music and a Spotify disco. If you want to be the DJ, make sure to have suitable songs downloaded on to your phone.

**Bonfire** Enjoy the after party around a campfire, marshmallows on sticks, and a chance to calm the children down before bedtime.

**Camping** Included in the ticket is the option to camp for the night. If families wish to team up and one adult camps with their children and their friend’s children, this is okay as long as both families have agreed.

**Who can come?** The event is a fundraiser for the school, but we are happy to see families inviting friends and wider family. Well behaved dogs on leads are also welcome.

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**Bags 2 school**

We are collecting old clothing to raise funds through the Bag 2 School organisation. This will provide funds for the Friends and is a great way to clear room at home; please use the bag provided and extra bags are available from the office. Dropping off is possible at the start or end of the school day up until the morning of 10th July.

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**Breakfast Club**

Please can parents stay with pupils until the gate opens. We provide staff at 8.30, however please remember school doesn’t officially start until 8.45am. The school has negotiated a special discounted rate with Golden Acorns for the Breakfast club; 7.30-8.30am will cost £4, 8.00-8.30am will cost £2.50. This rate is set for the first year and we hope that this will make the mornings easier for parents. Acorns are still expecting to open in September but cannot confirm this date until after the official Ofsted registration process is completed.
Diary Dates

**Inter schools singing performance** Wednesday 4 July, **3.30-4.30 pm** 2.00-2.40pm at the Nadder Centre

**2018 Rural Schools Olympics** Friday 6 July  CANCELLED

**Party in the Field** Saturday 7 July

**Reports** Monday 9 July

**End of term whole school show** Tuesday 17 July 2pm and 6pm

**End of year Service** TBC

**Last day of term Friday** 20 July

**First day back Monday 3 September** Please note this has changed to Wednesday 5 September

**Autumn half term** 20 October - 28 October

**Christmas holiday** 21 December – 6 January

**Spring half term** 16 February – 24 February

**Easter holiday** 6 April – 22 April

**Summer half term** 25 May – 2 June

**Summer holiday 2019** 20 July - 2 September