



# NEWSLETTER 1

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Cor et Mentem Colere Nitimur  
'We strive to improve heart and mind'

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, after what I hope has been a wonderful (and restful) summer break. The children have come back full of enthusiasm and ready to embrace their new topics and the new children have settled in wonderfully. The teachers have worked hard over the summer to ensure the classrooms are looking fantastic and full of wonderful resources to help the children in their learning. They have also planned in lots of exciting activities and trips, which will all help to enhance the children's learning experiences. I do hope you will continue to support us as you have always been so fantastic at doing in the past and I am really excited to see what this new academic year will bring.

Denise Weston



French – due to restructuring of the teacher's Planning, Preparation and Assessment time (PPA) French and Mr Peter's PE will only be for KS2 children (as it is in the afternoon and there is not enough time).

French will be offered for KS1 / YR pupil at lunchtimes from 12:30 – 1pm on a Tuesday. This will be run as a French Club and Mme Sophie will be taking the sessions.

PE will be taught by the class teachers so the children get their entitlement. We have invested in REAL PE which is a fantastic resource that ties in beautifully with our Growth Mindset initiative.



## LUNCHES

We are working towards the Healthy School accreditation so lunchboxes need to contain:

- Healthy food
- No sweets or chocolates
- No fizzy drinks

**No NUTS as we are now a NUT AWARE SCHOOL**

## Did You Know...?

Children should be reading aloud at home EVERY DAY. There are awards for reading given in celebration assemblies!



This term's value is:

# RESPECT

### Attendance Last Term

**Roe**  
97%

**Fallow**  
96.8%

**Muntjac**  
96.4%

**Sika**  
96.3%



Well done to:

Evelyn Dugmore Day  
Truman Newcombe  
Hannah Robertson  
James Stallabross

Who all finished last year with 100% attendance!

### Attendance matters...

This year we'd love to celebrate high attendance and also to achieve our target to achieve all pupils in school on any one day or hopefully lots of days (a target that unfortunately we did not meet last year).

With this in mind, please take a look at the informative illustration below:

### *"Every Day Counts"*

#### 1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem that much but...

If your child misses	that equals...	which is...	and over 13 years of school that's...
1 day a fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

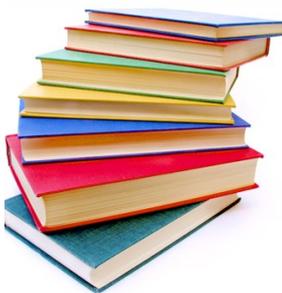
#### The effect of absence on progress

A whole year has 365 days; a school year has 190 days. That leaves 175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping and other appointments.

No absence	10 days absence	12 days absence	19 days absence	29 days absence	38 days absence
190 days of education	180 days of education	178 days of education	171 days of education	161 days of education	152 days of education
100%	95%	94%	90%	85%	80%
Excellent	Very Good	Worrying		Serious Concern	

### Book Amnesty

We have lots and lots of school books missing and would therefore like to declare an amnesty! Please scour your bookshelves and bring any school books back with nothing to fear!



### Friday Afternoon Contact

On a Friday afternoon, the office is normally un-manned from 3.00pm. If you need to contact us then please leave an answerphone message and they will be picked up as soon as possible.



### Collection of Children

Please be reminded it is school policy that if there is a change in the usual arrangements for picking up your children, the school MUST be informed, please tell the school office or your child's teacher, ideally in writing.

### School Uniform

The children always return to school looking very smart - thank you.

In order to make sure that any stray belongings find their way back to their rightful owners, may I remind all parents to make sure all items are named. Jewellery should not be worn for school. Pierced ears may only have studs in and watches are brought in at the owner's risk.

### Leave of absence during the school day

If your child has an appointment during the school day please notify the school in advance (preferably in writing / email) and indicate who is going to collect your child. Where an unknown person arrives / telephones the school to collect a child and the school has not received parental notification, the child will not be allowed to leave the premises unless consent can be gained from the parents.

### School Council Executive Committee

The elections for the School Council Executive Committee are being held on Thursday! Good luck to all our hopefuls!



### DRIVING THROUGH THE VILLAGE AND PARKING AT SCHOOL

It has been raised as a concern by local residents that people are driving too quickly through the village and up Stags Hill. Please remember that Chilton Foliat village has a 30mph speed limit but also that at around school drop off and collection times, there may be more children and families walking around the village.

The school are very lucky to have the use of the carpark. We have a speed limit in the carpark of 5mph. To go any faster not only puts people's lives at risk, it also damages the surface of the car park and could lead to it being taken away from the school.

As the school gets busier, please also make sure that you park considerately. We have a lot of parents and a relatively small car park so try to make sure you park accordingly.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

### September

14<sup>th</sup> School council executive committee elections  
19<sup>th</sup> KS2 Trip to Avebury  
28<sup>th</sup> Muntjac Class Flashmob  
29<sup>th</sup> Macmillan coffee morning

### October

6<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival at St Mary's  
11<sup>th</sup> Harvest lunch for villagers  
12<sup>th</sup> Open morning  
16<sup>th</sup> Safeguarding session for volunteers  
16<sup>th</sup> Parent's Evening  
17<sup>th</sup> Parent's Evening  
18<sup>th</sup> End of Term 1  
30<sup>th</sup> Term 2 begins

### November

3<sup>rd</sup> Family Learning Day  
20<sup>th</sup> T D Day  
29<sup>th</sup> Life Education bus

### December

20<sup>th</sup> End of Term 2

New dates will be added in bold.