



# Chilton Foliat Primary School Newsletter

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

Dear Parents and Carers

Three weeks have passed since the beginning of term and the children have settled in well, routines have been re-established and we are all enjoying a calm and purposeful learning environment. I have begun to get to know the children in school and some of their parents/ carers. As for name recall, I think I am at about 60% - so still work in progress! As well as getting to know school families, I have had the pleasure of meeting other community members: from the Church, the Friends group, the Governing Body and from the wider educational arena. Everyone I have met is nothing less than fully supportive and committed to providing all our children the best possible experience, both educational and pastoral, whilst at Chilton Foliat CE (VA) Primary School.

Mrs Katie Turner

## Autumn Weather

Whilst we are working and learning in calm environment, not so calm is the current windy and increasingly wet weather. The children love to (and need to) play outside as much as possible, so please could you make sure that your children come to school prepared for whatever the autumn weather will have to offer – some sort of waterproof coat at this time of year is essential. Proper school shoes and a jumper are also important. Finally so that items of uniform remain with their owners, can you make sure that all items are clearly labelled.

## No Nuts

As the school places the utmost importance on the safety and well-being of all its children, a practice all parents support, may we remind you of our complete No Nuts at school policy.

Thank you.

## Reading at home

A brief but important reminder that reading at home should take place each night and reading records need to be filled in ready for the next day. Different year groups will have different expectations for the length of reading time and the approach to take by the adult that reads with the child – if you need any further advice, please ask your child's teacher. We have an reading incentive scheme, providing opportunity for praise and reward and which the children love. As with any homework, thank for supporting your child's learning at home.

This term's Christian value is:

# Thankfulness

## Harvest Service and donations to the Swindon Food Bank

You may have noticed the wonderful artwork which is on display in and around the school celebrating the coming of harvest and all the very special gifts that this season has to offer. We will be celebrating Harvest Festival in church at 2.00pm on Friday 19th October and all are welcome. As a way of showing just how thankful we all are, for all that we have, we would like to invite the children to bring into school, donations for the Trussell Trust Swindon Food Bank. The Trust works to support people, who, for various reasons, experience hunger, by providing three days emergency food made up of dried and tinned goods. Donations can be brought into school from the week beginning Monday 1st October and they will be collected and delivered to the Food Bank, on or around the time of the Harvest Service. For further information about the Trussell Trust and the types of donation that will be gratefully received, please look at their website at: [www.trusselltrust.org](http://www.trusselltrust.org).

Thank you.

## News From the Admin Team

### Road & Car Park Safety

Could everyone please ensure that they drive carefully up Stag Hill and in our school car park. There are worrying reports of fast driving and corner cutting coming into the school on a daily basis. We all want our children to be safe!

### Farmer Pearce

A big thank you goes to our local farmer, Farmer Pearce for visiting Roe and Fallow classes with his brand new tractor and drill. All of the children really enjoyed themselves.

## The Friends

The Friends will be hosting a coffee morning on Friday 28th September as part of the World's Biggest Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Please come along to the clubhouse after drop off for delicious homemade cakes, tea, coffee and juice. Little ones are very welcome! If we have any leftover cakes, we will be having a cake sale after Celebration Assembly with all proceeds going to Macmillan.

The Friends now have a dedicated Facebook page! Search for 'The Friends of Chilton Foliat Primary School' on FB and feel free to join. It will be a place to discuss ideas and share information about our forthcoming events. And while you're there, don't forget to 'like' the school Facebook page too!

Huge thanks to those who participated in our first Friends meeting of the year in the clubhouse on Monday. It was fantastic to see new faces and to hear all the great ideas for future events. Keep an eye on the Friends Facebook page for more info!

Rachel Gear – Chair of the Friends

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

### September

20th—Reception parents; phonic and reading workshop  
28th—Life Bus comes to school (all years)  
- Macmillian Coffee Morning in Clubhouse.

### October

5th—Mrs Ody's Special Lunch (more information to follow)  
17th—Whole school flu vaccinations  
18th—Harvest Community Lunch  
19th—Harvest Festival at St. Mary's Church.  
23rd—Last day of half term for children

### November

5th—All children back to school  
14th—School photos (individuals and siblings)  
21st—Pantomime at School

### December

12th—2pm KS1 Nativity  
13th—6pm KS1 Nativity  
19th—Children's Christmas Lunch  
20th—Church Service & Children break up  
21st—Inset Day

### January

7th—Children back to school