



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,

Wow...Chilton Foliat Primary School certainly began its 2nd term with a bang! It was wonderful to see so many people from school and the wider community join together on Monday to celebrate Bonfire Night and the fireworks display was truly magnificent. Not forgetting our last term's School Value of Thankfulness, I certainly have many people to thank in this newsletter, for their valuable and much appreciated contributions to enhancing the school life for all our children. For example, just before half-term the school grounds and gardens benefitted from a much needed tidy up; bushes were lopped, planters were potted and paths were weeded and swept. Not only that but our wonderful "Woody" has been given a new lease of life with rotten timber replaced and made good as new. What a lovely surprise the children had when they came back to school. Thank you to all those volunteers, both adults and children who gave up their sunny Sunday to make magic happen. On another sunny autumn day, the school enjoyed its Harvest Service at St Mary's Church. Thank you to all our parents and carers who were able to join us as well as the Revd. Sue and colleagues for looking after us whilst we were there. Returning to our most recent Wow Factor event, thank you to The Friends for organising such a wonderful Bonfire Night. A real triumph and one that so many people from near and far were able to come and enjoy. Finally, and thinking about the beginning of what is going to be a busy, busy term can I thank the children who piled through the school gate this Monday morning, for their smiles, happy greetings and enthusiastic attitudes to being back at school and readiness for learning. Thankfully, that it is what makes it all worth-while.

Mrs Katie Turner

Uniform

As the weather still continues to flip-flop between mild and chilly, so does the children's choice of clothing. Jumper on, jumper off, coat on, coat off. Could you please make sure that all your children's school clothing is clearly marked with their names, so that we can find the owners for the growing amount of lost property we have in school. Thank you for your support.

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.

This term's Christian value is:

Trust

Free School Meals

Extra funding is available for the school to spend on the education of those children from families in receipt of certain benefits (including funding for Free School Meals at all Key Stages). If you think that you might be eligible, please ask in confidence from the School Office about applying for Free School Meals.

It is important that parents complete a Free School Meals Application Form even if your child is a Reception/Key Stage 1 pupil who will receive a free meal in any case.

The Friends

The Friends would like to thank all those who helped and supported the hugely successful Bonfire Night and Fireworks Display on 5th November. We literally had double the attendance that we had last year and we are delighted to announce that the event raised a spectacular £1735.68 for the school. Thank you to everyone for coming and enjoying such a mild night - how lucky we were!

Following the recent successful tidy up of the school grounds, the Friends are holding a tidy up of the Roe class outdoor area on Tuesday 13th November after school. If you are able to help with sweeping, brushing and clearing, then please get in touch via the Friends Facebook page or email friendsofchiltonfoliat@gmail.com. It will be great to have everything looking spick and span for the school Open Day on 15th November.

Parents Evenings

Just a quick note to say how well attended our Parent's Evenings were. It is always such a juggle to squeeze everything in, so the high attendance confirms once again the positive level of engagement we receive from our families. I also know that for parents who were not able to come on the night, that they have made separate appointments to see their child's class teacher, so where there is a will there is always a way.

PS. If by chance you have not been able to make an appointment to come and see your child's class teacher, it is not too late, please contact the office for assistance.

Grow a Fiver – Pop Up Shop

The response to the "Grow a Fiver" initiative to raise funds for our new build project has been impressive. The children have been busy over half-term thinking of ways to and already making their fivers grow. This Friday, 9th November, small groups of children who are ready to sell their products will be setting up their pop up shops in Woody straight after Celebration Assembly. If you are attending Celebration Assembly or picking up from school, please take a look at what is on offer for sale. All in a good cause and a celebration of the effort that the children have put in to make their Fivers grow.

Children in Need



The School Council will be launching the school's Children in Need fundraising campaign at Celebration Assembly too. Friday 16th November is the day on which children will be invited to come to school in bold colours, bring some Pennies to put on Pudsey and some cakes to sell at the end of the day. Please see the poster which is attached with the newsletter.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

November

13th—KS1 Sausage workshop
14th—School photos (individuals and siblings)
15th—9.15am-11am School Open Morning
16th—Children in Need Day (non uniform)
21st—Pantomime at School

December

7th—Christmas Fair

12th—2pm KS1 Nativity
13th—6pm KS1 Nativity
11th—Community Christmas Lunch
17th—Christmas Surprise Day
19th—Children's Christmas Lunch
20th—Church Service & Children break up
21st—Inset Day

January

7th—Children back to school
11th—Mrs Turner's Commissioning Service
18th - Christingle at School

And finally...

We are very lucky to have the use of a large car park so that we can drop off and collect our children safely. Can I please remind all drivers to park up in a **parking place** before they escort their children to and then through the school gates. Thank you.