



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

It seems that winter is well and truly with us. Even though the temperatures have dropped, the children, wrapped up warmly, are still getting outside to run around and let off steam. The school sent a snow letter out earlier in the week, and I am also including the same detail in this newsletter. In the meantime, the children continue to enjoy their learning, working hard and enjoying their friendship time on the playground.

School Closure in event of adverse weather

In the event of snow or treacherous driving conditions, the school may be forced to close or alter the daily routine, in which case the following communication arrangements will be put in place.

Full Day Closure

The decision whether we will be able to keep the school open will be taken by **7.15am** and communicated:

- Via the school's website
- Via Parent Mail
- Via Heart FM Radio Station

Weather conditions will continue to be tracked throughout the day and further advice will be communicated via the school's website and Parent Mail.

Late Start

Based on the ability of school staff to make a slightly later journey into work, a late start of **10.30 am** will be communicated as above by **7.15am**.

Closure during the school day

In the event of snow or treacherous driving conditions forecast during the day to affect school pick up and early evening travel, the decision to close the school early will be taken by **1.30pm** and communicated as described above.

Understandably, it might not be possible to get back to school in time to collect your children early. We will enable parents and carers to collect other's children although the school **must** be notified in advance either by phone or email that these arrangements are being made.

Of course, the school will go to every effort to keep operating as normal in the event of snow or treacherous driving conditions, however for the health and safety of pupils, their parents and carers and all members of staff, a variety of factors need to be taken into account such as appropriate adult to children ratios (whole school minimum of 1:13) distance of travel for all members of staff and local conditions for all.

This term's Christian value is:

Courage

Field Footwear

We are always thinking of ways to make playtimes fun and safe for all our children and during the winter months not being able to use the field to run around on can be a bit limiting. **From the beginning of next term**, children are invited to bring in a pair of wellies or extra outdoor shoes which they can change into for their lunchtime play and get on the field. Each class will have a wellie trolley (available on the outdoor landing or Woody) to put their indoor shoes on and to have to change back into at the end of their lunchtime. Wellies and outdoor shoes must be clearly labelled and in the case of the outdoor shoes, the older the better, as they may never return!

In order for the plan to work, we will be clear that children can go onto the field if they have their "field footwear" on. We are also suggesting that the footballers of the school stay on the playground to play as there will be more space. There may be days when the field is just too wet to play on or that the grass might need a bit of a rest. However, the aim is to allow the children the use of as much of our outdoor space as possible and for most of the time.

The Friends

The Friends are pleased to announce that a 'Neon Disco' will be held on Valentine's Day on 14th February from 5.30pm - 7.00pm. So get your glow sticks ready and don your fluorescent outfits for some bright and colourful dancing fun! More details to follow via parent mail.

We will also be holding a second-hand uniform sale on Tuesday 5th February in Woody, so if you are looking for any items of uniform, please come along and have a look. A small donation is recommended and will go towards school fundraising.

Parent Forum

If you would still like to add your name to the Parent Forum invitation list, you are most welcome. The first forum is taking place on Wednesday 13th February at 9.00am.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

January

18th Christingle service and workshops
23rd Walk Safe for years 1, 3, and 6
25th Movies and Munchies Evening

February

14th Break up for half term
14th Valentines Disco
15th TD Day
25th Children back to school

March

5th Report to Parents Years 1-6
7th World Book Day
[15th Red Nose Day](#)
25th Parents Meeting EYFS Year R only
29th Mothers Day Tea organised by The Friends

April

4th Easter Egg Hunt organised by The Friends
4th Easter Bonnet Parade at 10.00am
5th Easter Church Service at St Mary's Church
5th End of Term

May

6th Bank Holiday
7th Beginning of SATs for KS1 - Timetable to be confirmed
13th KS2 SATs week
24th Break up for Half Term

June

3rd Children back to school

July

5th Sports Day
12th Reserved Sports Day
15th Beginning of Whole School Themed Week (15th to 19th inclusive)
16th End of Term Progress Summery Report Years 1-6
19th Open Afternoon
24th Leavers Service at St Mary's Church, 2.00pm.
All welcome