



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,

Now you see it, now you don't! The Chilton Foliat Community Club House project is well underway as we can all see. The beginning of the project was blessed with kind weather so the ground-works stage completed ahead of time and we are expecting the build to start, last week of March. In between times, we are taking advantage of the gap with some landscaping work.

I would like to thank you all for your cooperation and support as the project continues, from taking extra care in the car park to making sure you collect from the playground using the front entrance. When the construction actually begins, we are expecting some significant HGV activity in and out of the car park and will do our utmost to keep you informed of when these deliveries will take place. I am glad to say that they will be few and will happen right at the beginning of the process.

World Book Day

A great day was had by all to celebrate and promote our love of reading. The book characters that leapt off the page and into our school are too numerous to mention, however, it was clear to see the amount of imagination and effort that had gone into making the outfits. Whilst we had lots of fun dressing up for the day, it is important to remember that it is for the pleasure and enjoyment of reading that we celebrate World Book Day. The Chilton Foliat Primary School Sponsored Reading Challenge is still underway and all our children are encouraged to keep going until Friday 15th March 2019. Any money that is raised as a result of sponsorship will go into brand new books for our school with a donation from Usborne books of up to 60% of the total raised in extra free books. Whilst, this would be a bonus, it's the reading which is the important part of the whole challenge.

Apollo Music Festival

Our Year 4 and 5 children enjoyed the most extraordinary day at St Francis School, Pewsey, where they joined 325 other primary school children from around the county to sing Acapella style. The day was action packed with little chance for downtime and the children gave it their all, both in voice and action. Well done and thank you for representing Chilton Foliat Primary School so brilliantly.

Parent Forum

The first Chilton Foliat Primary School Parent Forum took place last Friday with thanks to Mrs Kirby, Mrs Mills and Mrs Payne. Items for discussion included: Communication, Vision and Values and Sport and as Headteacher, I was able to take much away from the meeting which will help make improvements in the provision for these important areas of the whole school life. One of the suggestions from the meeting is to offer a different time to enable other parents to attend who find mornings difficult. Items for discussion at the next meeting are suggested as: taking care of the environment; promoting positive behaviour and school meals. The next Parent Forum is due to take place on Friday 3rd May at 2.00pm. If you would like to attend and/or suggest items for the agenda, please email the office: admin@chiltonfoliat.wilts.sch.uk. Full notes from the meeting will be available shortly.

Friday 15th March 2019 – Events taking place out of school

What a jam packed Friday we have to look forward to next week. Some children will be heading off to St John's Marlborough for their Primary Schools Dance Festival rehearsal and some children will be heading off in the other direction to take part in the Hungerford Rugby Club KS2 Tag Rugby Festival.

Talking of which, our KS2 children enjoyed some pre-match tag rugby training courtesy of Marlborough Rugby Club, Head Coach and Head of Development, who came to school today to help prepare for next week. The feedback from the coaches was extremely positive and the squads that are going out next week have it all to play for!

With so many children out of school on this Friday we have decided to cancel Celebration Assembly and we will be sending out a Parent Mail to remind early next week. Friday 15th March is also Comic Relief Day. As we support Children in Need and because we do have children out of school on that day, we won't be organising any specific fund raising events for Comic Relief – however, please don't let this stop you taking part in, or contributing to, such worthy cause outside of school.

Wellie Trollies



Our wellie trollies have arrived and are waiting to be filled with wellies and outdoor shoes (not normal school shoes or PE trainers) which are again, clearly labelled. As I said in a previous newsletter, if children have a spare pair of outdoor footwear to change into, they will be able to go onto the field more regularly to spread out and play. The outdoor footwear does not need to be smart or new, quite the contrary, the older the better. If anybody has any old pairs of wellies or shoes they would like to donate to our Wellie Trolley scheme, they will be much appreciated.

School Uniform and PE Kit

Please make sure the children have their PE Kit in school at all times and that it follows school uniform requirements. Please also make sure that it is clearly labelled so that "kit can stay with the kid". We will make sure that PE kits gets sent home at the end of each term for washing to be returned to school the first day of the following term. Thank you.

The Wheatsheaf Pub Fundraising Initiative

Some of our parents and carers may be aware that the management team of the Wheatsheaf Pub, Chilton Foliat have been raising money for school funds since October. I am delighted to say that they have "adopted" the school as their official fundraising initiative. We have popped down a couple of times to hear from Ollie how well the fund raising is going and as of a visit today, the latest total is a whopping £1200! We are so grateful to the Wheatsheaf and to all its's customers who are invited to add £1 to their bill which is then donated to the school.

And finally, here are a few photographs of the events that have taken place over the last week or so – we certainly have been busy!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

March

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
23rd Children back to school

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

Next term's Christian value is:

Justice

