



# Chilton Foliat Primary School Newsletter

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'We strive to improve heart and mind'

## Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school for a busy last summer term at Chilton Foliat Primary School. The diary is packed with a range of events, visitors, outings and much more, so keep an eye out on the web site and ParentComms information which comes your way. In amongst all of this activity, learning continues in earnest and if you would like to be reminded of what topics, concepts and themes your child (ren) will be learning, please take a look at the relevant individual class page under the CLASSES tab, on the web-site.

Our whole school value for this term is **Truthfulness** and the children have already shared some of their thoughts and views on how important it is to tell the truth and the whole story. Immediately, it is obvious how much the children already understand about the positive power of truthfulness. At this time, when we as a school are remembering the anniversary of the D-Day Landings... a quote from Winston Churchill. "Truth is incontrovertible, ignorance can deride it, panic may resent it, malice may destroy it, but there it is."

## Vision and Values

Thank you to all our parents and carers who dotted the spot on the three or so values that they believe should be woven into our new vision/mission statement and action plan for the school. We have compared the parents results with those of the children and the whole school team and governors. **Love, Friendship** and **Thankfulness** came out on top with a very close fourth, Forgiveness. The vision project takes place in our themed week 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> July during which time the children will be given opportunities to focus on these values and express their views and opinions as to how we, as a whole school community, can live them out in all their fullness.

## Parent Survey

Following on from the above, the school's annual parent survey will be launched, via Survey Monkey, on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June. Your opinions are so important to us and we urge you to complete the survey, sharing your views on many aspects of school life, what is working well and how we can improve. As a small incentive, if you would like to provide your name on completion of the survey we will put it in a hat to be picked out for a free book of raffle tickets!

## Sports Day – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Sports Day is booked for Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019 between 09.15am and 11.30am (approximately). The Executive Committee of the School Council and House Captains have met and discussed the format for the morning, taking into account the reduced space we have available on the field. Their decision is to offer a mix of races (some with a bit of a twist) and round robin activities so that we can maximise the space we do have and most importantly have lots of fun! Could we remind everybody to bring into school a tee-shirt of their child's house colour, prior to the event.

Many thanks.

## Year 4 Cricket Festival Report

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May, an enthusiastic group of 10 children from year four travelled to St Katharine's Primary School for our local small schools Cricket Tournament. Our children (many of whom for which this was their first time playing the game!) performed admirably in the cold conditions and played out three very close games in the morning against Baydon, St Katharine's and Oare. Some powerful shots by Lily, Archie and William meant we scored lots of runs while some very accurate bowling from Libby and Ewan ensured the opposition could score few runs.

After lunch we had our best game yet with the children playing fantastically well and getting a deserved victory over Easton Royal. The whole team should be very proud for we had both Oliver and Samuel hitting boundaries for fun, Fintan making magnificent catches and Pippa & Iris bowling straight and quick!

It was also lovely to see both Harvie and Thomas from year five take on such a great role as Sports Leaders where they had the tricky job of keeping score...well done!

It was a wonderful day out but many thanks go to Mrs Warren for coming with us on the coach and staying with us all day for without her giving up her time we would not have been able to participate!

### Mr Hughes



## Year 5 & 6 Residential - Awesome Oxenwood!

Year's 5 & 6 spent an amazing 3 days participating in a variety of activities such as hiking, fire building, shooting, archery and wall climbing at Oxenwood Outdoor Adventure Centre. The pupils were fabulously behaved and a real credit to the school). Geoff, one of the instructors, was a real hit with Sika class with his (sometimes terrible!) jokes. Being such confident pupils, they all wanted to give their positive feedback about the trip. The full report, including everybody's comments can be found on the website, but here are a few common phrases and words the children used which represent the success of trips such as these:

perseverance \* braver than before \* confident \* challenge \* amazing \*  
fantastic roast potatoes and delicious gravy!

The pupils had such a great time that they have asked to return next year. Luckily there was a space and the Year 5 pupils have already chosen the activities they would like to do with Geoff, Ed and Emily! Watch this space!



### Mrs Pinnegar

## The Friends

Our summer fete is fast approaching and there are lots of ways in which you can help. We need lots of volunteers to help out at the fete so please get in touch if you are able to help. If you are able to help with running a stall or perhaps help to put up gazebos the day before, then we want to hear from you at [friendsofchiltonfoliat@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofchiltonfoliat@gmail.com) or via the Friends Facebook page. Thank you to all of those who have already come forward to help - you are all wonderful!

Other things we need help with include:

- Baking cakes for the cake stall
- Gas BBQs to use on the day
- Help with putting up gazebos the day before the fete
- Bunting/tablecloths
- Help with distributing flyers and posters
- Glass jam jars for 'Jolly Jars'

### Zoolab at the summer fete

The Friends are delighted to announce that tickets for ZooLab, who will be coming to our summer fete on Saturday 22nd June, will go on sale shortly from the school office. Established for over 20 years, Zo-oLab are the UK's number 1 animal handling experience company. This is a wonderful opportunity for both children and grown ups to meet and even handle a range of exotic animals. These will include stick insects, a scorpion, tarantula, tree frog, corn snake, millipede, cockroaches, giant snail a rat and a bearded dragon. Lucy, your Zoolab Ranger will talk about their natural environment and behaviours during the session. There will be two sessions run during the fete - one at 1.30pm and one at 2.30pm. Numbers are limited so it is first come, first served. Tickets cost £2.50 per child. The accompanying adult does not need to buy a ticket. We hope you enjoy your Zoolab experience!

### Non-uniform day – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June, the school will be holding a non-uniform day in exchange for tombola prizes for the summer fete. The Friends would be hugely grateful for donations such as soft toys, toiletries, chocolates, bottles/jars (e.g. wine, jam), sweets, unwanted gifts etc. Can we please request new or hand-made items only and also nut free if bringing in food stuffs. All donations can be dropped off in the school hall that morning. All proceeds from the tombola stall will go towards the clubhouse.

## Attendance

Unfortunately, we have noticed a dip in our otherwise above National percentage attendance rates. A gentle reminder to all that holidays should not be taken during term time. As a Local Authority Maintained school we are bound by a legal requirement to adhere to our Local Authority policy. Part of this policy states that "Headteacher's may authorise an absence from school during term time if there are exceptional circumstances. Exceptional circumstances may include:

- the death or terminal illness of a person in the immediate family
- service personnel and other employees who cannot take leave outside term time at any point in the academic year.

The Local Authority policy also provides information about the possibility of penalty notices or legal proceedings in the event of 10 or more sessions of unauthorised absence. For further information, about attendance expectations and why attendance at school is so important please follow this link:

[www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-attendance-behaviour](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-attendance-behaviour).

Many thanks for your support.

## Golden Table Awards

We are incredibly lucky to be able to provide our children with healthy and home-cooked lunches. As part of our lunch-time routine we are also able to encourage and promote good manners and behaviour whilst at the table. To recognise and celebrate just this, our lunchtime ladies have set up a Golden Table Award scheme where lovely manners and behaviours are rewarded with a golden sticker and names put on a list to be chosen to sit at the Golden Table on a Friday lunchtime, joined by their Headteacher. This scheme applies to all, whether hot or packed lunches.



### Snack Stop

In response to parent feedback, we have set up a Snack Stop for morning playtimes, so that children can eat their healthy and crunchy snacks by the Friendship bench before they go off and play.



### Parent Forum

Thank you to the parents who came to the last Parent Forum (17.05.2019). The notes from the meeting will follow shortly after this newsletter. The next Parent Forum is scheduled for Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 3.30pm. Topics for discussion will include: lunches and lunchtime routines; car sharing and; how to use the new Community Club House for the benefit of our children and the wider community. Please email the office if you would like to take part.

### School Clubs

And finally, we are already to planning for the next academic year and would like to offer as wider range of clubs both at lunchtime and after school as possible. The staff are already very generous with their time and will continue to support clubs at school. We would also be very keen to hear from any parents/carers who have skills and expertise which could be used to run a club to provide our children with the most enriched, creative, active and productive primary school experience as possible. Please don't hold back if you have any ideas of what you could offer! Many thanks.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

### June

- 7th Skipping Workshop
- 14th Non Uniform Day
- 10<sup>th</sup> Phonics Screening Week
- 22<sup>nd</sup> School Fete
- 27th Year 6 leavers service, at St. Michaels Aldbourne
- 28th KS2 Rounders Festival, at St Katherine's Primary School
- 28th John O'Gaunt, Primary Project Day, years 4 and 5

### July

- 2nd KS1 trip to Lookout Discovery Centre, Bracknell
- 5th Sports Day
- 6th Hungerford Town Hall Cake Sale, 9.30am
- 8th Ufton Court, Muntjac class trip
- 9th NSPCC Speak out Stay Safe Programme
- 11<sup>th</sup> Sika Class Watersports Day
- 12th Parent Forum
- 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
- 18<sup>th</sup> KS2 Performance
- 19th Open Afternoon
- 23rd School Disco
- 24th Leavers Service at St Mary's Church, 2.00pm. All welcome

This term's Christian value is:

# Thankfulness