



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

Welcome to July! Getting out and about at the school fete (more about that later) talking to many of our families and other guests, made me realise quite how far we had come in the school year and how little time we have left until the summer holiday break. How did that happen? However, in the three weeks that we have left there is a lot to look forward to. The learning doesn't stop; trips taking learning outside of the classroom, linked to what is being learnt inside the classroom. Sports Day will see skills and knowledge taught within our PE curriculum applied with a sense of fun as well as competition and our Vision and Values week will see all of our children come together working towards a common goal, designing and creating "big art" made up of many parts. That's not all. The NSPCC are visiting school presenting their "Stay Safe" campaign to all our children and an online safety session for parents; our KS2 children are rehearsing, designing and making props and backdrops for their end of year performance; we have an Open Afternoon where all parents are welcome to come to school to take a look at their children's many achievements over the year and to engage in a private viewing of our "big art". Further information about some of these events will be sent out over the next few days, but in the meantime, take a look at the "Dates for Diaries" section in this newsletter so that you can see what and when.

Curriculum news

Ofsted are launching their new inspection framework from September 2019 (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/education-inspection-framework>). In a recent report Ofsted says, "We are proposing an evolutionary shift that rebalances inspection to look rather more closely at the substance of education: what is taught and how it is taught, with test and exam outcomes looked at in that context, not in isolation. Outcomes clearly matter and will of course continue to be considered, in the context of what is being taught." (Education Inspection Framework 2019: Inspecting the Substance of Education. May 2019)"

We are preparing to meet the needs of the new framework, from the strategic to the operational. To give just one example, the school has had some recent success in securing support for professional development in both Phonics and Maths. We will be working with our local English Hub receiving both subject leadership support and a grant to upgrade our phonics book scheme. In maths, we have been accepted into a Primary Teaching for Maths Mastery Work Group supported by the National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics (NCETM). Both initiatives will contribute positively to the substance of the education we provide to all our children.

Year 5 & 4 Project Day at John O'Gaunt Secondary School

With thanks to Dan Holley and his team at John O'Gaunt Secondary School, our Year 5 & 4 children enjoyed a jam packed two days of activities ranging from learning how to apply CPR to handling snakes. To sum up the success of the Project Day experience, here are some quotes from the children who attended:

"I enjoyed John O'Gaunt because we got to learn new things and have experience for when we actually go to Secondary School."

"I liked John O'Gaunt because it was so much fun? We even made FIRE! We held snakes, turtles, lizards and a giant salamander sat on my head!"

"I enjoyed the science session and performing CPR because I want to know how to save people".



Year 6 Leaver's Service at St Michael's Church, Aldbourne

Our Year 6 children spent a special day at St Michael's church, Aldbourne, in recognition and celebration of their transition from primary to secondary school education. Our "super 6" worked alongside fellow pupils from St Michael's Aldbourne and Baydon Primary schools productively contributing to an arts and singing workshop and enjoying a forest school experience. Prayers of thanks and reflection were written and the day ended with a special service led by the Revd. Canon Simon Weedon, who himself is preparing for his own transition from work into retirement.

End of Year Summary reports

Following from full annual report sent out in March 2019, teachers for our Year 1-6 children are making their final assessments and preparing individual End of Year Summary reports. The information will relate primarily to end of year outcomes: whether children have made good progress in all subjects and met end of year attainment in relation to age. Assessment on attitudes to learning will also be included. These reports will be sent out in hard copy on Tuesday 16th July. Outcomes for phonics, end of KS1 (Year 2) and end of KS2 (Year 6) will also be formerly reported at this time.

We have arranged an Open Afternoon on Friday 19th July (as mentioned previously) however, if you would like to discuss anything about your children's learning and progress before or shortly after then, please contact the office on 01488 630682 or email: admin@chiltonfoliat.wilts.sch.uk to make an appointment. Better still catch your teacher in the playground, either immediately before or after school for a chat or again, to make an appointment for a meeting.

The Friends

The Friends would like to say a **huge** thank you to all those who came along to the summer fete on 22nd June and especially to those who helped on stalls, as well as those who helped to set up and then tidy away. We raised a phenomenal £3000 for the school, of which £65 was raised for the RDA (thanks to Lily the Unicorn!), £259 was raised from the tombola stall for the new clubhouse which will be match funded by Greenham Common Trust to make £518, and £60 was raised for the NSPCC thanks to Mrs Turner running the wine trail. The funds raised will get our new academic year of Friends activities off to a great start...watch this space for news of first aid training for all children supported by the Friends.

With thanks to Willow's dad, Duncan Machlachlan, here is a small selection of photographs, marking the fabulous fete day that was.



School Disco

A whole school disco will take place on Tuesday 23rd July to celebrate and honour the Year 6 leavers. The disco will run from 5.30pm - 7.00pm. We will need volunteers to help at the disco so please get in touch if you are able to support this fun event.



Parent Forum – 12th July 2019

The last parent forum for this year is taking place on Friday 12th July at 3.30pm. Items on the agenda will include: lunches, car-pooling and curriculum design. Please email the office if you would like to take part.



Staff news

We are delighted to announce some wonderful staff news: Mrs Ingham has been appointed as our permanent Special Needs Educational Co-ordinator (SENCO) and will be working at school every Thursday as well as attending other ad-hoc meetings with external advisors and support teams. We have also just appointed to the role of Administrative Officer: Mrs Angela Plank and Mrs Lisa Bond will be taking up the role from September on a job share basis. We would like to take this opportunity to thank both Mrs Plank and Mrs Armstrong who have given such dedication and commitment together with a terrific sense of humour whilst Mrs Lovelock has been on maternity leave and since we have appointed her replacement on a permanent basis. Mrs Armstrong will return to her role as Teaching Assistant from September.

Meet the Teacher Sessions - Thursday 12th September 2019.

You are invited to attend a "Meet the Teacher" session from 3.30pm on Thursday 12th September 2019. As well as sharing routines and expectations, your teacher will describe how their class curriculum is designed for the year, it's intentions and how it will be implemented. Your teacher will also share with you some of the methods of how your children will be taught and signpost you to resources that will help you support learning at home. Put the date in your diary for now and further details will be sent out at the beginning of September.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

July

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 th	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 th	KS2 Performance
19th	Open Afternoon
23rd	School Disco
24th	Leavers Service at St Mary's Church, 2.00pm. All welcome
24th	Last day of the school year
25th	Teacher Training Day

September

2nd & 3rd	Teacher Training Days
4th	Children back to school
12th	Meet the Teacher
19th	Whole School Trinity Day with special Collective Worship
25th	Pupil First Aid Training
27th	Macmillan Coffee Morning

This term's Christian value is:

Thankfulness