

Chilton Foliat Primary School

July 2019



As we look forward to the summer holidays, it's a good time to reflect on what a wonderful school year we've had. We welcomed our new head, Mrs. Turner, and enjoyed a lovely commissioning service in January. We also welcomed Mr. Hughes as new teacher of Muntjac class and the new lead on our sport provision at the school. Our new reception intake settled in happily, with a parent commenting "we really feel we've made the right choice. My son, and the other new children, seemed to settle in quickly and have made some lovely friendships. Mrs Gibson casts an amazing calming spell over the class and I have watched my son flourish with his reading, writing and numbers".

The children have enjoyed a wide variety of activities, including trips to Oxenwood, the Discovery Centre in Bracknell, The Living Rainforest, Baylab Uffton Court, and South Cerney water sports. We have also welcomed many different visitors into school, who have enriched the children's educational experience, including; a wandering knight, our local farmer, Farmer Pearce, the Sausage Factory, one of our dads' who ran up and down the Brecon Beacons in aid of the Community Club House; and most recently some very special visitors all the way from Myanmar. We have enjoyed a special themed week, focusing on our new vision and values programme, which culminated in a new piece of artwork which each and every child contributed to. On the sporting front the children participated in the Small Schools Tag Rugby tournament, Cricket Festival, Rounders Competition and a Skipping Workshop. Staff have also run after school clubs in Change for Life, netball and cricket.

The Friends of Chilton Foliat have really put on an amazing year of phenomenal fundraisers and we thank everyone involved for creating such special memories for our children. Bonfire Night, the Christmas Fayre and the Greatest Showman Summer Fete, combined to raise a total of nearly £6,000! A very big thank you also to Ollie and Lauren and their guests at the Wheatsheaf who raised over £1,200 through diner donations at the pub. Some of this money has already been put to good use with our smart new playground painting. We are so blessed to have such a dedicated and passionate group of parents and governors who give their time and energy to support the school.

The wraparound service provided by Chilton Club Childcare continues to be central to the school's offering of Early Birds, After School and holiday clubs, and pupils and staff alike can't wait to move into our wonderful new clubhouse and classroom in the new school year.

It's with much sadness that we say goodbye to Canon Revd. Simon Weeden who will be retiring in July and we wish him all the best and thank him for his many years of support, dedication, hard work and guidance for the school.

The school benefits so much from the volunteers who give their time in so many different capacities. If you'd like to get involved, please contact Mrs. Turner for more details – specifically, we're on the lookout for new governors and volunteers for reading with the children.

Wishing everyone a lovely summer and we are looking forward to the next academic year! We welcome prospective parents and children to the school for visits and to take up a handful of places that we have available across year groups. Do contact the school office to arrange via 01488 682630

Find out more at www.chiltonfoliatprimary.org.uk

Community Clubhouse

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Fundraising Highlights

'Grow a Fiver', raised over £1,200

Safari Supper, (with huge thanks to our village hosts) raised over £6,000

Daniel Martin's Pen Y Fan run, raised over £650

Tesco bag-packing, donations from the Tooth Fairy, donations of pocket money, the choir singing in Tesco, the sweet stall at the Hungerford Extravaganza and numerous donations from alumni, families, businesses and trusts who together contributed to make this community facility a reality.

Just £5,000 to go!

If you would like to make a donation for the 'finishing touches' please email chiltonfoliatpledges@hotmail.com

Back in September 2018, the goal was to raise £85,000 to build the Community Clubhouse alongside the new classroom, and what a 10 months it's been!

If you've been to the school recently you will have seen that the building is up and the exterior completed. We're now at the stage of putting in the kitchen, toilets and changing facilities. We are having a final push to raise money for the finishing touches – kitchen and clubhouse equipment!

We kicked-off this final funding push in June to enable us to complete the landscaping around the new building and are delighted to say that we're within touching distance. The overall project is on track to be completed and ready for use (with fingers crossed!) from September 2019.

A huge thanks must go to everyone who has contributed to the fundraising, the response has been overwhelming! It has been such a fantastic example of the community coming together to help us achieve our vision and we thank everyone involved, including all the school children who have worked so hard. In addition to the highlights on the left, special thanks to Julian May at the Good Exchange who was able to secure the crucial 'match funding' from the Greenham Trust – this has meant that £20,000 of the donations received have been matched funded, an enormous help towards our target.



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CHILTON FOLIAT COMMUNITY CLUB HOUSE