



# Chilton Foliat Primary School Newsletter

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'With thankfulness, courage and love,  
we strive to improve heart and mind'

## Dear Parents and Carers

I have been holding back a little with the first newsletter of this new academic year as the teachers and the school office have been busy sending out various information for the new term. I hope that what you have received has been helpful and if there are any questions still outstanding, about anything, please do not hesitate to ask. Welcome back to school and a special welcome to all our new children and new families too.

We have got off to a great start! A new classroom, new loos, a bigger and brighter school hall and not forgetting a freshly painted playground exterior and Early Years area. I would like to take this opportunity thank all our Governors, parents and others, who gave up their summer holiday time to come and help out and in so many ways. It really was a hive of activity throughout the holidays and the results are a pleasure to see.

We still have some "snagging" to complete and of course the move into the new Community Club House. The target date for completion is Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September and I know that the Chilton Club Child-care team are looking forward to moving-in. So much to be thankful for and to celebrate.

## Meet the Teacher

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended our "Meet the Teacher" sessions, last week. The feedback we have received has been very positive. If you were not able to attend at the time, you would still be very welcome to contact your child's teacher to make an appointment and find out about routines and expectations, how the curriculum is designed for the year, the intentions and how it will be implemented. To note, our formal Parents Meetings are scheduled to take place on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October and details will be sent out shortly.

## The School Website

The website has also been a focus for attention over the summer holidays. In response to our Parent Survey feedback we are endeavouring to provide wider access to information about class activities, homework requirements and curriculum planning.

## Events

The diary is already filling up with a variety of exciting and worthwhile events. All dates are listed at the end of the newsletter and posted onto our website too, so please keep looking as we update regularly. Over are details of some events coming up soon.

## No Nuts

As the school places the utmost importance on the safety and well-being of all its children, a practice all parents support, may we remind you of our complete No Nuts at school policy.

### **Wednesday 25th September 2019—First Aid Training**

On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September, children will receive some First Aid Training from a qualified practitioner. From how to manage choking, how and when to call 999 to placing in the recovery position. Certificates will be handed out at the end of each session and we are very grateful to The Friends for organising and funding this important life skills opportunity.

### **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September – Macmillan Coffee Morning organised by the Friends**

Next Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September, the Friends will once again be hosting a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Please come along for a cuppa and a slice of cake in support of this very important charity. Little ones are very welcome too. If you'd like to bake a cake for the event, please message Friends on the Facebook page or just bring it along on the day. Any leftover cakes will be sold after school so don't forget to bring some money if you would like to take a treat home for the weekend.

### **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019 – After School Popcorn sale**

As well as any left-over cakes there will be an after school Popcorn sale, organised by Mrs Ody and Mrs Dobson. Popcorn bags will be on sale for £1.00 and all proceeds will go to subsidising the cost of the children's Christmas School lunch.

### **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019 – Autumn Picnic Lunch**

In celebration of the lovely early autumn weather we have been enjoying the kitchen are planning a special autumn picnic lunch for Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Inside or out, the picnic menu will include: cocktail sausages, a selection of sandwiches, pork pie, boiled and savoury eggs, salad, bread sticks and French bread, followed by Victoria Sponge. Even if your child prefers a packed lunch, you are welcome to place an order for this special lunch via Parent Pay. The deadline is Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September

### **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019 – School Open Mornings**

We are opening our doors and welcoming any prospective new parents and their children to visit the school on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October between 9.15am and 10.30am. If you already have children who have younger siblings you would be more than welcome to attend. From our welcoming Early Years team to our wonderful new school facilities, we will be delighted to show off all the great things that Chilton Foliat Primary School has to offer. If you know of anybody who is looking for a school for their Reception child to join us in September 2020 or any family who might be considering an in-year transfer, please let them know. We are advertising our Open Mornings with leaflets and banners, but word of mouth is always so powerful. Thank you for your support.

### **Donations of puzzles and board games welcome**

As a result of our Year 5&6 class "moving out" into their new classroom, we are able to develop the old Sika Class as an extra and valuable space for a variety of purposes including our ELSA provision, small group work and other interventions. With thanks to The Friends who are contributing to the cost of new equipment and resources, we would also like to ask for donations of puzzles and board games which are good condition. These will be used to promote many important social and communication life skills. Thank you for your support.

### **Entrance into school**

At the beginning of the day, it is always so encouraging to see all our children coming through the green gate eager to get to school to learn and play. We will continue to access the playground via this route, rather than use the top gate, as once was. Could I ask all our children and their families to walk down the ramp and join the throng on the playground and not pause in the Early Years Outdoor area. As tempting as it is to use this part of our school as an extra play space, it is an extension of Roe Class and equipment and resources may have been set out for a learning activity to take place as soon as the morning sessions begin. Thank you for your support.

## Free School Meals

Please be aware that for any of our families who are entitled to a range of benefits, you may also be entitled to apply for your child (ren) to receive Pupil Premium Funding and free school meals through the Government's Pupil Premium Grant. KS1 families who already receive the Universal Infant Free School Meals may also be eligible for Pupil Premium Funding but need to apply. Please contact the office for further information.

## PE kit and earrings

We have some super sport and PE taking place in school and our sports clubs are being very well attended which is good news indeed. Can you please ensure that your child (ren) have clearly labelled PE kit in school at all times. For the health and safety of all our children, we would also ask that for those who wear earrings, they are able to take them out at the beginning of PE session, or as a minimum, be prepared for them to be taped (using ear friendly surgical tape).

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

### September

- 25th Pupil First Aid Training
- 27th Macmillan Coffee Morning
- Pop Corn and Cake Sale after school

### October

- 3rd Autumn Picnic Lunch
- 9th Roe Class First Class Picture
- 10th & 11th Open Mornings 9.15am —10.30am
- 11th Christmas Card ordered deadline
- Year 5/6 Handball Competition
- Fallow Class Worship Workshop Presentation (during Celebration Assembly)
- 17th Harvest Lunch for Children and Community Harvest Lunch
- 18th Harvest Service at St Marys
- 19th Friend Barn Dance and Hog Roast
- 21st Parents Meetings 3.30 pm— 5.00pm
- 22nd Parents Meetings 4.30pm —6.00pm
- 23rd Muntjac Visit to Chedworth Roman Villa
- End of Term

### November

- 4th Back to School
- Skip to be Fit Workshop and Special assembly
- Bonfire Event (tbc)
- 5th Visiting Author KS2
- Bonfire Lunch
- 8th Individual Photos
- 15th Children in Need
- 21st M & M Pantomime production
- 26th Dedication Service for new building
- 27th Year 5/6 Netball Cluster
- 29th TD Day

This term's Christian value is:

# Thankfulness