



Chilton Foliat Primary School Newsletter

November 8th 2019

www.chiltonfoliatprimary.org.uk
01488 682630

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

Dear Parents and Carers

Our Autumn Term 2 has certainly got off to a great start with a whizz, bang pop! A huge thank you to all the parents and The Friends for organising such a fantastic Bonfire Night. The magical firework display was the end result but as always, a lot of hard work goes into preparing for success; from stuffing bags of popcorn to shifting furniture and gazebos after the event. The school is very grateful to everybody who helped out and who came to support as the income generated really does help contribute to improving the educational experience of all our children in its widest sense.

The Friends are delighted to announce that we raised £1300 at our bonfire and fireworks night which gets us off to a great start in supporting our fundraising objectives this year! Well done to everyone involved.

Just before we begin to look forward to the fun and excitement that the month of December will bring to us all, I think it is worth mentioning how successful other enrichment events have been just prior to and just after half term. Our Dinosaur Day experience day enraptured the whole school and KS1 were able to continue their pre-historic enjoyment by becoming; archaeologists digging for fossils, eating in a dinosaur diner (with special thanks to Mrs Ody and Mrs Dobson) all topped off with a dinosaur dance. Muntjac Class enjoyed their last day before half term at Chedworth Manor, learning about how the Romans lived their daily lives both as citizens and soldiers, how they kept themselves healthy and what medicines they took made of natural materials.

There has been no let up, as we all began our new Autumn Term 2 in a very bouncy way indeed. I'll let Mr Hughes explain!

In amongst all the enrichment our school is able to offer, the children continue to focus on their learning, challenging themselves to be the best they possible can be and living out our school values and vision statement every day. We couldn't be prouder.



Skipping fun at Chilton Foliat

On Monday 4th November, all children at Chilton Foliat were treated to a special skipping workshop with Skip2BFit. The children had a chance to take part in our new 2-minute skipping challenge using our very cool ropes that counted how many they did!

Everyone had a fantastic time and this was particularly evident in the performance at the end of the day when our top child skipper (Archie with 257) competed in a 1-minute skip-off against myself. The children were all very excited to see Archie win!

The children are all now going to get a skipping rope which will be kept at school. These are being personalised for each child and they will be encouraged to use them to practise at break and lunch times. Every week, the children will have a 2-minute skip to try and beat their score and then track their progress in the next weeks up until Christmas. At Christmas, the children will then be allowed to take home their ropes.

If you or your child would like an extra rope to practise with in the meantime, feel free to come and see the office where you can buy one



Children in Need – Friday 15th November 2019

As part of the School Council initiatives for 2019/2020, three charities have been chosen which the children would like to support and which reflect our values and our outward looking view on our world. The first charity is Children in Need and we have allocated Friday 15th November 2019 as our Children in Need day. At our last meeting, the Executive Committee of School Council discussed and agreed a number of activities which will help raise funds for Pudsey. These are:

- Come to school dressed in spots for a donation of £1.00
- Fill Pudsey with silver coins (5p's, 10p's, 20p's and 50p's)
- After school cake sale – donations welcome into school on Friday morning
- Links to learning: Pudsey maths; a writing competition "A day in the life of Pudsey" and a carefully selected text to read in class about children who are less fortunate than us



Posters will be sent out on Monday to advertise the event more fully and the children will be no doubt getting ready for Friday throughout the week. Many thanks for your support.

Remembrance on Monday 11th November 2019

As 11th of November is a Monday, the whole school will be gathering at just before 11.00am to remember. Prays, poems and a song will be shared.



Chilton Foliat Story Telling Centre

The Department for Education have increased their proactivity and support for phonics and early reading. Whilst reading at Chilton Foliat Primary school has *always* been a priority, we now feel completely legitimised in all the time we give in our curriculum to reading in different formats, at school and at home.

As part of Mrs Pinnegar's work as English Subject Leader and supported by all her colleagues, she has created a Chilton Foliat Reading Story Telling Centre, including a selection of books which every one of our children will take pleasure in reading, or being read to and a mixture of the both. Our recommended book list contains a core of books that will create a living library inside our children's minds. It includes a store of classics and essential reads that help our children engage at a deeper level and enter the world of the story. As our children develop the ability to share their knowledge of stories they are building skills such as creativity, language development, communication skills, social skills and confidence. These key components underpin every area of the curriculum and will set our children up for future academic and life success.

Mrs Pinnegar has been also been liaising with Hungerford Bookshop who have agreed to stock the books on our story telling reading list and offer a discount should you wish to buy books from them. As Christmas is just around the corner, what an ideal time to have this offer available. The book list will be sent out together with this newsletter and is also available to view on our website under the "What we do –

Friends News

The Friends are delighted to announce that a fantastic £1300 was raised from our recent Bonfire and Fireworks Display. A huge thank you to all those who helped at the event and to all those who came along to enjoy a wonderful display. Particular thanks go to Adam Day and Alex Fort who did an amazing job of setting off the fireworks, a big responsibility! Thank you also to our sponsors, Cooper & Cooper, Roger King Antiques and Stag Service Station.

The Friends are busily planning our 'Winter Wonderland' Christmas Fair which will be held on Friday 6th December after school. There will be stalls, face painting, an opportunity to play the harp and, of course, a very special guest in the grotto. If you would like to be involved in organising the fair, please join us for a Friends meeting at The Wheatsheaf on Wednesday 13th November from 7.30pm.

Places for our Christmas wreath making evening are filling up fast! If you would like to create your very own wreath for the festive period, please contact friendsofchiltonfoliat@gmail.com to book your space. The workshop takes place on Monday 25th November from 7.00pm and costs £45 including a glass of wine.

This year the school is once again supporting the Brighter Futures Winter Shoebox Appeal at The Great Western Hospital in Swindon. The appeal helps cheer up those elderly patients who unfortunately find themselves in hospital over the festive period by gifting them a shoebox filled with goodies. Look out for a parent mail with further information coming soon.

Parents meetings

Thank you to all our parents and carers who attended our parents' meetings at the end of term. If you were not able to make the days, please make contact with the office or your child's class teacher so an alternative appointment can be made.

Car park driving

A gentle reminder to all to take care when entering and exiting the car park. We have received a few comments from car park users about the speed at which some cars come in and leave. As the weather continues to deteriorate and the evenings draw in, extra caution is needed. Many thanks for your support.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

November

11th-15th	Anti-Bullying Week
15th	Children in Need
21st	M & M Pantomime production
22nd	Parent Forum 3.30pm
27th	Year 5/6 Netball Cluster event
29th	TD Day

December

5th	Flu Clinic
5th	Mobile Library 1pm
6th	Christmas Fair and non uniform day
8th	St Marys Church carol Service 6pm
10th	Christmas Community Lunch
11th	KS1 Nativity Matinee 2pm
12th	KS1 Nativity Evening performance 6pm
14th	Choir singing at TESCO
17th	Christmas Surprise Room
19th	Christmas Lunch for Children
20th	Christmas Service at Church
20th	End of Term

January 2020

6th	TD Day
9th	Wiltshire Walk Safe Day
22nd	New School Building Dedication Service
24th	Movie Night 3.30pm
30th	Mobile Library

This term's Christian value is:

Thankfulness