



Chilton Foliat Primary School Newsletter

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we strive to improve heart and mind'

Dear Parents and Carers

Here we are, nearly in December and beginning to look forward to all the excitement and sparkle that the last few weeks of term will have to offer. Whilst Christmas plans are coming along we are still very much focussed on our learning journeys in class. The whole school teaching team are also continuing with their learning, or continuing professional development (CPD) as we call it. Training in phonics and early reading is well under way, as is our participation in a teaching for Maths Mastery working group. We are working with other local cluster schools, sharing best practice and joint CPD. For example, on our TD day next Friday, we are welcoming Kennet Valley Primary to school so that we can share training on Middle Leadership development in the morning and Primary Science: working scientifically, in the afternoon. Teaching Assistants are also working with colleagues in other schools, receiving training to support the teaching and learning in spelling, grammar and punctuation (SPAG) and attending the Wiltshire Healthy Schools accredited training courses. It really does prove that everybody in this school loves to learn and has a **thirst for knowledge** and **with thankfulness, courage and love we are all striving to improve heart and mind.**

Children in Need

A huge thank you to everybody for making such a generous Children in Need effort last Friday. The spots, bright and bold, Pudsey covered with coins, freshly made cakes and cookies, all made for a special day. All donations, pounds and pence, were extremely welcome. The grand total raised was £204.80



The Sun/Harper Collins Books for Schools Scheme

The Sun newspaper together with the publishers, Harper Collins, are running a Book for Schools initiative which we have registered for. If we are able to collect 3500 tokens from The Sun and the Sun on Sunday between Saturday 23rd November 2019 and Saturday 18th January 2020, we will be eligible for a free book bundle of 105 fiction and non-fiction titles from the Harper Big Cat Reading Programme. Any token contributions, will be gratefully received. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Carol Pantomime

The children were dazzled, delighted and maybe a little spooked, by the end of the Pantomime which took place in the hall on Thursday. It was the first time that the Panto company had performed A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens and it was a tremendous hit. It is great to know that this classic tale can be shared with all children, including the moral of the tale; that compassion, forgiveness and generosity will always out do greed and selfishness.



Friends News

As we move into the festive season, the Friends have got lots of exciting things planned for the children, including the **Christmas Fair** and the **Christmas Surprise Room**. Here is some key info.

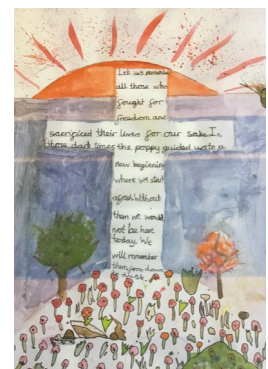
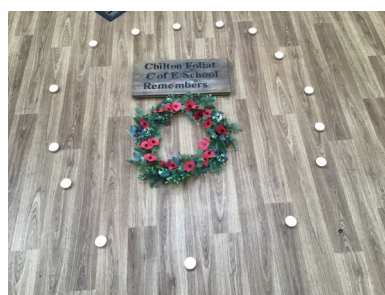
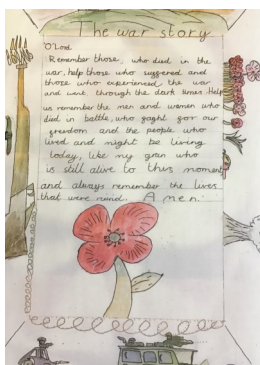
- Raffle tickets for the Christmas Fair will come home in bookbags next week and the Friends would like to say thank you to those parents who have been active in donating raffle prizes.
- The choir will open the Fair at 3.20pm so please make your way to the playground as usual to collect your child and to hear the choir sing.
- Slots for the Santa's grotto will open one week before the Fair so look out for the parentmail.

If you are able to help at the Christmas Fair, even for 30 mins, please email friendsatchiltonfoliat@gmail.com or speak to Rachel, James Armishaw's mum.

- There will be a non-uniform day on the same day as the Christmas Fair so please feel free to send your child into school in a Christmas jumper if they wish! This leads us on to the Christmas Surprise Room...

The school will be holding a non-uniform day on **Friday 6th December** in exchange for a donated gift for the Christmas Surprise Room. Then on **Tuesday 17th December**, please send your child/ren to school with £2 per child, so that they can take part in this special event. The children visit the Surprise Room, choose their present, wrap it and bring it home with them to put under the Christmas tree. Donated gifts will be collected as children come in through the school gates on the 6th, and boxes will also be available in each classroom in the morning for the children to put their donations into. **Please remember that in order for all children in the school to be able to take part it is one donation per child please!** When donating, think of a good quality item that you would like to receive in new condition please (for example candles, toiletries, etc.). If you have any questions, please speak to Freya Priddey-Chan or email friendsofchiltonfoliat@gmail.com

Chilton Foliat Primary School Acts of Remembrance 11.11.2019



Coughs and Sneezes spread diseases

It's that time of year when the amount of colds and coughs increase, as does our supply of tissues. Each class always has a ready supply of tissues to be used and the children are encouraged to put their tissue in the bin and wash their hands.

Posters like the one below are in all classrooms as well as a little reminder.



Christmas Community Carol Service - St Marys Church Chilton Foliat

St Marys Church Chilton Foliat, are hosting a Christmas Community Carol Service on Sunday 8th December at 4.00pm and all are warmly welcomed. It would be lovely to see you at the service and to be able to listen to our children sing some carols, which they do so beautifully.

Christmas Lunch for Children—Thursday 19th December

If your child does not normally have school dinners and you would like them to join their friends for a traditional Christmas lunch with all the trimmings and crackers you will need to book them a meal on parent pay by Wednesday 11th December. If you require assistance please see the office.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

November

- 27th Year 5/6 Netball Cluster event
- 28th Sika Class Trip to Stonehenge
- 29th TD Day
- 30th Messy Church Meeting 2.00pm in the Club House

December

- 5th Flu Clinic
- 5th Mobile Library 1pm
- 6th Christmas Fair and non uniform day
- 8th St Marys Church Carol Service 6pm
- 11th KS1 Nativity Matinee 2pm
- 12th Christmas Community Lunch
- 12th KS1 Nativity Evening performance 6pm
- 13th Deadline for Shoebox Appeal
- 13th Hungerford Extravaganza
- 14th Choir singing at TESCO
- 17th Christmas Surprise Room
- 17th School Choir singing at BrendanCare 2.00pm
- 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