



Chilton Foliat Primary School Newsletter

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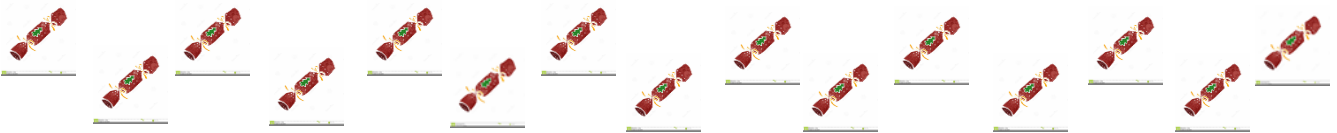
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'With thankfulness, courage and love, we strive to improve heart and mind'

Jesus said, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst". John 4:13

Dear Parents and Carers

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents and carers, all our volunteers, The Friends and the whole-school team for making this second Autumn Term such a success. So much work goes on behind the scenes, so much time and talent is shared without seeking any form of compensation, other than to contribute to the broad and balanced educational experience our children enjoy. Please be assured, on behalf of the children at Chilton Foliat Church of England VA Primary School, we do value all of your contributions and we do thank you most sincerely.



Stunningly superb Stonehenge!

Mrs Pinnegar would like to share some information about a recent Year 5/6 class trip.

Pupils of Sika Class spent an informative (and sunny) day at Stonehenge, making links with the knowledge they have learned so far this term. As well as exploring the Stone Circle itself, they were also able to explore Neolithic huts, handle replica weapons and tools, as well as completing a quiz within the Discovery Exhibition Centre (which has been used to support English writing for the remainder of the term). The staff at Stonehenge commented on the fantastic behaviour of pupils, and even the Shuttle Bus Driver said 'they are a credit to their school'. The staff in the Neolithic Huts were impressed by the good quality questions the pupils were asking, and the links they had made to the knowledge they had already learned in class. All the pupils agreed it was an amazing trip and were still positively buzzing when they stepped off the coach at school! Thank you Sika Class, you made the trip so enjoyable for myself, Mrs Armstrong and Mrs King!



Christmas Fair



The Friends are delighted to announce that the total raised from the Christmas Fair was £733.72. A huge thank you to all of the volunteers, bakers and worker bees behind the scenes who made the event possible. It was great to see press coverage of the event in the Newbury Weekly News too!



KS1 Nativity – A King is Born



A big well done to all our KS1 children, as they performed their Nativity, "A King is Born". The children sang beautifully, spoke their lines with confidence and assurance and looked the part in their costumes - altogether a pleasure to watch. Thank you to all our families who came and shared in such a wonderful performance.

Christmas Community Lunch

Our Christmas Community lunch was extremely well attended and we welcomed our local residents, some familiar faces and some new. The choir sang beautifully, Mrs Ody, Mrs Dobson and Mrs Woolnough served a tasty Christmas lunch with all the trimmings. Our Year 6 pupils provided a Michelin star level table service, and didn't spill a drop of gravy! Crackers were pulled and a very generous donation was left by our guests which will go back into the "extra specials" kitchen fund so that children can enjoy some extra lunch time treats from time to time.



Shoe Box Appeal

Thank you to all our families who gave so generously towards the Brighter Futures Charity which supports the staff, patients and families of Great Western Hospital. 23 beautifully wrapped boxes were collected and taken to the hospital on Tuesday morning – with thanks to Mrs Stamp and Mrs Mills.



Singing while others shop

More beautiful singing at Tescos at the weekend. With thanks to the Friends who organised and the children who sang, a further £202.44 has been raised.



Singing at Brendoncare

Once again, Chilton Foliat voices sang out at Brendoncare Care home on Wednesday. Together with Mrs Jepson, the choir paid a visit to our neighbours in Froxfield and sang a Christmas repertoire of carols and songs. The children enjoyed the experience and were



rewarded at the end with some juice and a Christmas c h o c c y bar.

After 32 Years...

As you may know, Mrs Karen Woolnough is retiring at the end of this term after 32 Years of service as our Mid-Day Lunch Time Supervisor. As much as we know, Mrs Woolnough would have worked alongside 7 Headteachers, upwards of 40 members of staff, an average of 2880 children, some of whom are now parents of children at school, and supervised over 5550 school lunchtimes and playtimes. What an achievement and we are extremely thankful for the dedication and care Mrs Woolnough has given to the children of the school over these past 3 decades. We wish Mrs Woolnough much love and good wishes for her future. We are advertising for Mrs Woolnough's replacement, should you know of anybody that might be interested. Please contact the office on Tel: 01488 682630 or email: admin@chiltonfoliat.wilts.sch.uk.

Looking forward to 2020

We already have much planned for 2020 and dates about our headline events will be sent out in early January. In the meantime, some news about an event taking place in the first week of term.

Open Morning and Afternoon at the Chilton Foliat Community Club House – Friday 10th January 2020

Now that the Club House is fully furnished and up and running we would like to invite all our parents and carers to come and take a look. We will be offering two visiting slots on Friday 10th January 2020. The first, just after drop-off between 9.00 am and 9.30am and the second, after school between 3.30pm and 4.00pm. Coffee, tea and cake will be served during both sessions. All are very welcome.

Following this day, school will be marking the truly remarkable community fundraising achievement which secured the building of such a wonderful school facility by holding a Dedication Service on Wednesday 22nd January 2020. Full details will be sent out in the first week of term.

Fallow Class Teacher

We are looking forward to welcoming a new member of staff to the team from the middle of January 2020. Mrs Betteridge will be teaching Fallow Class on a Thursday and a Friday and working closely with Mrs Jepson who will be teaching, Monday to Wednesday. Mrs Betteridge has a great deal of experience teaching across the primary phase and has a passion for PE, dance, music and singing.

Finally,...

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very merry and peaceful Christmas and look forward to welcoming all back to school on **Tuesday 7th January 2020**.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

December 2019

19th	Christmas Lunch for Children
20th	Christmas Service at Church
20th	End of Term

January 2020

6th	TD Day
9th	Wiltshire Walk Safe Day Years 1,3,& 6
10th	Club House Open Morning
15th	KS1 Swimming 2-3pm
22nd	New School Building Dedication Service 2pm (No Swimming)
24th	Movie Night 3.30pm
27th	Year 4 Maths Challenge St Gabriel's
29th	KS1 Swimming 2-3pm
30th	Mobile Library

February 2020

5th	KS1 Swimming 2-3pm
7th	Year 5 Maths Challenge St Gabriel's Year 5/6 Tag Rugby
8th	Messy Church 2pm
11th	Year 5/6 Hockey Festival
12th	KS1 Swimming 2-3pm
14th	Sika Lead Celebration Assembly Valentine Disco and last day of term
24th	Return to school
25th	Pancake Lunch
26th	KS1 Swimming 2-3pm
27th	Mobile Library

This term's Christian value is:

Thankfulness