



Chilton Foliat Primary School

Newsletter

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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

A very warm welcome to Chilton Foliat Church of England VA Primary School, to all our families and staff. I hope your summer breaks have been happy and healthy. This is our first school newsletter of the year, which aims to keep the whole school community updated with news and useful information. Please take the time to read it as you never know what you might miss!

We are absolutely delighted to be back together as a whole school and it is wonderful to see all our children adapting to the new routines, continuing to build strong friendships and embracing their learning with enthusiasm and bags of positivity. We would like to say an extra special hello and welcome to all our new starters, in Roe Class and across the school. We hope that you will be extremely happy and achieve well in all that you do here.

Thinking back to the end of term, our leaving Year 6's put together a very special podcast, "A message from our leavers to our new starters". It is still on the website for all to see under Latest News – Year 6 Leavers – "A message from our leavers to our new starters". If you haven't already seen it, do take a look and hear from our past pupils just how special and happy their experience of this school has been.

We have lots to look forward to as we begin our new academic year together. New journeys to take and topics to investigate. Travelling all the way to China to explore the ancient history of the Shang Dynasty, back to London to discover how the Great Fire of London started and how it was stopped. Looking through the key hole into homes from around the world and from long ago and much, much more.

Teaching and learning with external partners

French with Madame Sophie

After Madame Sophie's heroic efforts to continue to teach French using Microsoft Teams, I know she is looking forward to returning to school to teach French to KS1 and KS2. It will be a shame not to see the lovely Luna (Madame Sophie's dog) but it will be wonderful to see Madame Sophie in person.

PE and Sport with Innovat8

We are delighted to welcome the sports coaching company, Innovat8, back to school. Knowing how well the coaching team from Innovat8 inspired and encouraged so many of our children to get active and have fun in Term 6, Innovat8 will be leading KS2 sport and PE on a Friday morning. Each KS2 class will enjoy a PE lesson which will follow the statutory requirements of the National Curriculum, then the whole key stage will come together to be coached on a particular team event such as netball, hockey, football or tag rugby. We have yet to hear whether the cluster sporting events will resume, but if they do, we will be practiced and prepared to play. We will review this provision at the end of the Autumn term with a view to extending it into KS1.

TeachComputing Hub

As teachers, we are genuinely excited about the prospect of working with TeachComputing Hub which is part of the National Centre for Computing Education providing continuing professional development to upskill and extend knowledge and understanding of computing in primary schools. The Hub provides a range of courses and collaborative training opportunities which will help us develop an innovative approach to support the teaching of our computing curriculum. We are also hoping that in time, representatives from the Hub will come to school to work directly with our children on exciting and creative computing based projects.

Team building with Oxenwood

Now that Oxenwood Outdoor Education Centre is fully operational as part of the Community First/Youth Action Wiltshire registered charity, we are in contact with them discussing the possibility of organising team building events, to take place both at Oxenwood centre and at school. We recognise that as we come back to school in a temporary yet different environment, we need to focus on re-building resilience, self-esteem and effective communication as part of our overall Recovery Strategy. Look out for further details.

The Friends are excited to announce a very special cupcake raffle in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. As we are not able to hold our usual coffee morning, this year we have asked local baker, Jasmin Pieri, to bake some delicious cupcakes which you can win for you and your family! Tickets will be £2 each and all proceeds will go to Macmillan Cancer Support. More info to follow via parentmail and the Friends Facebook page. In the meantime, take a look at Jasmine's Instagram page at [jasmin bakes23.](https://www.instagram.com/jasmin_bakes23/)



Keeping Safe in our School Car Park

As we are now operating staggered start and finish times and using different points of access for each class, you will have noticed that our school car park is busier for longer and now has more cars arriving and leaving at different times. The housing development next door to our school is also using part of the car park for their contractors and so spaces are in high demand.

We would really appreciate the support of all the car park users; **in paying particular care and attention when driving through, parking or walking through the car park.**

To ensure the safety of our children and families please follow these procedures:

- Always use the one-way system when driving into or exiting the car park.
- Park considerately; using safe parking spaces along the fencing line nearest to the school and along the fencing line of the housing development, where possible.
- If the spaces along the fence lines are all taken, please park cautiously in the centre section of the car park – ensuring that ample space is left for any emergency vehicle to have safe access through the entire one-way system at all times.
- Always escort and collect your child from their agreed drop off and pick up gate. Please do not allow your children to walk un-escorted anywhere through the car park or on the playground.
- Always remember and put into practice social distancing.

We thank you for your support and consideration as we continue to use the car park space that we have been generously gifted, in the interests of all that use it.

Collective Worship and Celebration Assembly

We are not currently able to come together as a school community to join in Collective Worship or Celebration Assembly. However, we are determined to continue with these important community and Christian led practices as an integral part of our daily school life. To help us with our schedule of class-based Collective Worships, the great news is that the Open the Book team are providing a weekly presentation via Vimeo for us all to enjoy and reflect upon. Other worships will be presented by Mrs Turner which will focus on our Christian school values of Thankfulness, Courage and Love and the connected value for each term. Class teachers will organise worships based on spiritual meditation and mindfulness and bible story reading. Starting from next Friday, every class will hold its own version of a Celebration Assembly where certificates and achievements will be shared. Sadly we cannot ask our children to bring in their "out of school" achievement certificates or objects such as medals or badges.

Safeguarding and Child Protection

The importance of keeping children safe is always vital and the necessity to be even more alert and watchful with regard to concerns has been highlighted during Covid. All staff, governors and volunteers will be receiving their annual Child Protection update training including amendments to the Keeping Children Safe in Education Act 2018 over the next few weeks. Our revised Child Protection Policy 2020 and Staff Behaviour Policy 2020 (in relation to Safeguarding) are available to see on the website. It is the legal duty of all members of staff and any other volunteer or external educational provider to report any safeguarding concern to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (Mrs Katie Turner) or Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (Mrs Emma Pinnegar) who will then take the next appropriate steps. In the first instance the family would always be contacted to discuss the concern shared.

Chilton Foliat Housing Development

Since the spring the house building project directly behind the school has continued at pace and it is likely that the properties will be ready for occupation by Christmas. We have been in touch with the developers and they are extremely keen (as are we) that the houses are occupied by new families from our local area. These six new houses, of between two to three bedrooms are available for rent. As we know they are located in a perfect position; within an exceptional village setting and vibrant community, next door to a school and surrounded by beautiful countryside. If anybody knows of a family who would like to make a move, please contact the school, who can then pass on details to the developer direct.

This term's Christian value is:

Thankfulness