



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

Welcome to the month of May and to what I hope will be a sunny start to this loveliest of spring months. I hope you are well and making sure you are all looking after yourselves and each other. All is fine at Chilton Foliat Primary School and I am pleased to say that the members of our Key Worker Club have been very busy creating this beautiful collage. What a lovely message for all our neighbours and other passers-by to see.



VE Day – Bank Holiday Friday 8th May 2020



I hope you are all looking forward to celebrating VE Day on Friday with whatever bunting and Victoria Sponge you can put your hands on. Teachers have produced some VE home learning and activities and we also have a VE Latest News and Activities tab on the school website. I have set up a school YouTube account and will send out a VE Day message from the school on Thursday. If technology works in our favour *and all goes to plan*, you will be able to see some jitter bugging and jiving, and hear about some memories of those who were able to celebrate VE day on the day way back in 1945 – so watch this space! I am also going to be asking all our families to send in video clips or photos of their "Stay at Home Street Party" experiences to share on our website too. All in an effort to stay connected. I hope you all enjoy the day – a bit of lightness and brightness is what we all deserve at the moment.



Tesco Bags of Help Award

Thank you to all our families who placed their Tesco Blue Tokens through the right slot. In the event of Covid-19, the tokens were not counted but the school was awarded a huge £1100 for the "Creating an Interactive Garden for Children at Chilton Foliat Primary School" project. A wonderful result and something to look forward to when we are back to school.

Home School Learning – Feedback and Future Development

We are delighted to have received such positive feedback via talktomrturner@chiltonfoliat.wilts.sch.uk and teacher phone-calls home about our home school learning provision. Whilst how we deliver the content, varies across the school, feedback on what is going well includes:

- ◆ The way the content is structured, it's easy to dip in and out of especially when there is more than one child at home and adults have work commitments
- ◆ There is a mix of online instruction with clear modelling of images and audio to match the picture/written explanation
- ◆ A good mix of written or recorded activity with practical activity
- ◆ That any new learning is related to what has been learnt before
- ◆ Questions can be asked and answered during the day about the work that has been set (in the majority) if any clarity around the learning instruction is needed. The way to do this is through talktomrturner@chiltonfoliat.wilts.sch.uk
- ◆ Teachers are also able to provide feedback and comments on work done if parents are able to send in examples via the **talktomrturner** email address: talktomrturner@chiltonfoliat.wilts.sch.uk
- ◆ There are also informal network groups amongst some parents who are also able to check in with each other and see results of work produced.

We have also received one or two questions about the possibility of providing teacher lead online learning or streaming of lessons. As you can imagine there has been a huge amount of discussion and sharing of ideas within the profession about how to use technology to provide home learning and to keep connected with all our families. There has been a plethora of guidance available from many quarters and what feels like an equal amount of quick fix solutions from various tech platforms, of the "all you have to do is press this button" variety. Based on experience, this is hardly ever the case. We have analysed and evaluated much of this information and applied to our school context and have found that currently we are meeting many, if not all, of the shared expectations that home school learning should be providing.

Returning to School

We all know that there is growing speculation about how and when children will be coming back to school. We are keeping abreast of information as it becomes available. No decisions will be made until we are fully aware of the final Government Guidance and advice from our Local Authority.

The Friends

With our usual Friends events on hold, what other ways can you be supporting school fundraising during these unprecedented times? Easyfundraising is an entirely free service that allows people to shop directly at their favourite online store via the links on the [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) website and raise a donation for their school once a purchase is made. Donations can be up to 15% of the value of your purchase, depending on the retailer and the item purchased. There are thousands of stores that are already participating with leading high street brands such as Amazon, eBay, John Lewis and more, making it one of the most effortless fundraising ideas for schools. Visit our school page here:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/chiltonfoliatprimaryschool/>

If you are using your laptop, there's even a handy little tool called the Donation Reminder that pops up on a retailer's website before you shop! To date, we have raised an incredible £636.42 for the school through easyfundraising.

In addition, the school has a West Berkshire Lottery page:

<https://www.westberkshirelottery.co.uk/support/the-friends-of-chilton-foliat-primary-school>

- Every ticket has a 1 in 50 chance of winning a prize every week
- 60% of the ticket price will go to supporting good causes in West Berkshire
- You don't have to be a resident of West Berkshire to take part so please share and spread the word with your families and friends
- £25,000 prize if you match all 6 numbers in the correct order!

Tickets are only £1 per line each week and you can easily set up a direct debit. You can also cancel your plan at any time. Each ticket consists of 6 numbers and each number will be between 0 and 9. There will be a draw every Saturday night when a 6 digit winning combination will be picked.

Thank you for your support.

On line Safety – Advice from our family community

As we are all inevitably accessing the internet more regularly and probably in more depth, families have spotted some useful links with regard to online safety. We are very grateful to them and happy to share.

One of our families has kindly sent details of useful website which contains a wealth of information for parents to look at and feel more confident about the technology their children are using at home. There are also guides on Netflix, Disney+, Mental Health and wellbeing and much more.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides/what-parents-need-to-know-about-tiktok>

Another of our families has sent in this message.

"I wonder if you have heard of the charity 'Care for the Family'? They are running a series of courses called 'Left to their own devices' about how to parent carefully and thoughtfully in an increasingly digital world. The full details are here: <https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/owndevices#promo>

I thought it might be of interest to you to possibly share with other parents. I know that the school is being very 'on it' about recommendations to parents at this time so thought I should share this with you. This event, was meant to be at Swindon on May 5th (next Tuesday) however it is now going to be via YouTube live premier. It is a ticketed event but only £4.

I have attended various courses and workshops by this charity before and can thoroughly recommend their content which is well researched and very accessible. They are a Christian charity so their recommendations are Biblically based but presented for a secular audience".

Family Quiz night in.

Attached is the photo of a few Muntjac families taking part in the family quiz run by Matt Armishaw. The questions just for the children were particularly well received with usually 100% correct answers!



This term's Christian value is:

Love