



# 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

It looks and is beginning to feel like, "Goodbye summer, hello autumn." However, we have been so lucky with the weather since coming back to school and even now the sun is still shining, just. I hope this newsletter finds you all well and settled into the normal routine of the school day and week. In school, children and staff are enjoying a purposeful and pleasant environment, learning and playing, building positive relationships and practicing our school values of thankfulness, courage and love as we go about our daily and weekly routines. Please read on to find out more about what has been happening in school and what we have to look forward to in the coming weeks.

## Open Mornings: Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October and Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2020 – 9.30am to 11.30am – by appointment only

We are organising two Open Mornings for families who are thinking of sending their children to join us at Chilton Foliat, either in Reception in September 2021 or during the year as an in-year transfer. We have advertised the events widely and are taking appointments for both Saturday mornings. We will be fully COVID-19 compliant. If you know of any family who would be interested in a tour of the school, to see all our wonderful facilities resources and meet myself, Mrs Gibson and governing body representatives, please urge them to get in touch as we are booking up fast.

## Local School's Nature Grant Success

We are delighted that Mrs Gibson has been successful in her bid application to Learning Through Landscapes, a leading UK charity, dedicated to enhancing outdoor learning and play for children. The grant that has been awarded comes in two parts. The provision of some fantastic outdoor equipment: a bug hotel, a wildlife camera and a den building kit and some free training for staff and volunteers on how to use our school grounds to support biodiversity.



## The Friends

The Friends are being as active, creative and positive thinking as ever and have a number of events lined up to see us through to Christmas and beyond. There will be more information to follow. In the meantime, just to let you know, the total raised for the Macmillan Cup Cake Raffle was £248 (which exceeded last year's total) and everyone was very pleased with their cupcake deliveries for the weekend. Many thanks for your generosity in supporting this cause.

## Amazon Smile

Another super Friends initiative! An Amazon Smile account has been set up for the school which means that we can all raise funds for the school while we shop online with Amazon! Amazon will donate 0.5% of all eligible purchases to the school. Please contact the office if you missed the Parent Comms that was sent out on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September with instructions on how to become an AmazonSmile member. Just think, Christmas is coming...

### Calling all Artists – Hungerford Hub and Library children’s art competition

Hungerford Hub and Library are running a special children's art competition where children are being invited to design a mural to brighten up the children's new reading area. Mrs Kirby will be painting the winning design onto the wall and it would be lovely to have some entries from our own Chilton Foliat pupils. A poster is attached providing all the details and with some ideas to get you started.



### Healthy Snacks

As we head towards the colder season and the season of (normal) coughs and colds, it is really important that we up our intake of healthy foods packed full of immune boosting vitamins and minerals. We have noticed an increase of snacks being brought to school that wouldn't fit this description. Chocolate and crisps are great for the occasional treat, but we urge all our families to provide fruit or vegetable based snacks for their children at school which will go a long way to providing their essential healthy five-a-day.



If you don't already, you can also order a freshly cooked hot and nutritious meal for your child to enjoy at lunchtime. We are now serving lunches in the hall in two sittings, KS1 first and then KS2. This new system is working very well, allowing time for a clean down between sittings and each class sits in its own dedicated area.

### VIP Visit – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

We are looking forward to welcoming a very special visitor to school on Friday with all COVID-19 preventative measures in place. Danny Kruger, Member of Parliament for Devizes in Wiltshire is visiting the school on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Mr Kruger is interested to learn more about how small schools play such a vital role in supporting rural community cohesion. He will also be finding out about the power of our Growth Mindset Model as we “strive to improve heart and mind” and our Christian values of thankfulness, courage and love.

### School Council

School Council elections have taken place and the nominees presented their manifesto via video link for the whole school to see. This was a fantastic achievement in itself. All the contenders are to be congratulated for the time spent in preparation and the raft of fantastic ideas for how School Council, the Worship Council and House Captains can contribute for the benefit of the whole school community. In the unlikely event of any member not being able to attend school for an extended period of time, a body of supporting members have also been seconded to step in if necessary. Congratulations to our newly elected members:

School Council	House Captains	Worship Councillors	Supporting Members
Head Girl – Pippa	William - Kennet	Libby A	Fintan
Head Boy - Archie	Zara - Leverton	William	Olivia
Dept. Head Boy – Samuel	Oliver - Littlecote		Lily W
Dept. Head Girl – Iris	Rebecca – Soley		Alexis
Treasurer - Ewan			Alfie
Secretary – George			

## Harvest Celebrations

This year's Harvest Celebrations are going to be a little different both in and outside of school and we are planning our Celebration on the basis of what we *Can Do*, rather than what we can't. More details will follow in the next week or so. In the meantime, Revd. Sue has asked us to share the Parish of Whitton's plans over the next month.



Revd. Sue's Harvest Communication

"The churches' plan is to celebrate Harvest over the next month, focusing on Creation and humanity working in harmony with God to care for creation and bring in the harvest:

- There will be a special harvest-themed Team service on the 27<sup>th</sup> September in Ramsbury, also a phone-in service on the same theme at 11.30.
  - A pre-recorded reflection on "We plough the fields..." will be on our website and Facebook
  - Letters are going to out organisations in Aldbourne as they usually do for the Harvest Appeal for the Swindon Food Collective; there will be baskets - as always – in ALL the church porches; other villages may like to piggyback on this appeal
  - We're encouraging people, especially families, to make or draw a scarecrow out of something that would otherwise be thrown away, put it in a window or garden, and upload a pic to our Facebook page
- On the 24<sup>th</sup> October, the celebration will climax in a Gift Day at St Michael's Aldbourne – there will be someone there to receive gifts in cash or kind, the Food Collective will be represented, and we'll finish with a short Community Harvest Service at 3.45pm (Anglican/Methodist)."

**And finally,**

**When you are bringing and collecting your children to and from school please may we urge to remain socially distanced from each other at all times. Until your child has been collected by their class teacher please also keep your child by your side. Your support and help is much appreciated.**

**I know there have been a few concerns with the parking in the car park, if we could ask that care and consideration is taken when parking in the car park so everybody can have a space as we would prefer parents did not park on the road side.**

**It is difficult whilst the builders are parking in the car park but with a little thought for each others cars we should be able to fit all the cars in with the staggered drop off and pick up times.**

This term's Christian value is:

# Thankfulness