



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

Happy Harvest! The children have once again, come together as a whole-school community and produced a wonderful Harvest Service presentation. This is available for all to see on our website in the Latest News section. We do have a lot to be thankful for and it has been a real pleasure to watch the children plan, practice and present their contributions. We have also found a way to maintain contact with our local community. Normally, we would host our community Harvest Lunch, where our more senior village residents come to school for a wonderful meal served by our Year 6's and to hear a few songs from our choir. This year, children in Sika and Muntjac have written **Happy Harvest Postcards**, which will be delivered to our neighbours instead (following all COVID-19 quarantine protective measures). From everybody at Chilton Foliat Church of England Primary School, we wish you a very happy half-term break and look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 2nd November 2020.



Bloomsbury Books – Diversity and Inclusion.

Mrs Gear, who works for the well-known and highly regarded publishers, Bloomsbury, has made the school a very generous offer of a donation of books celebrating diversity and inclusion. Titles such as "All Are Welcome", "Our Children Can Soar", and books celebrating female achievement such as "Fantastically Great Women Who Saved the Planet", are on the list. They will be used in class and across the whole school to continue to promote and support the spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) development of all our pupils. Through this commitment, underpinned by our Christian ethos and core values of

Thankfulness, Courage and Love, we are able to embed understanding and experience of our fundamental British Values: values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.



School Council - Children in Need: Friday 13th November 2020

The School Council have met to discuss fund raising plans to support our chosen national charity, Children in Need. We have chosen the day (13.11.2020) to focus our attention on this incredibly worthy cause and plans will be communicated via the School Council and class representatives at the beginning of next term.



Eco Warriors

Our recently elected tribe of Eco Warriors will be researching the launch of the "Earthshot" initiative where Prince William and Sir David Attenborough have joined forces to launch what they hope will become the "Nobel Prize for environmentalism".

Their mission is to search for 50 solutions to the world's gravest environmental problems by 2030. Our Eco Warriors are going to look at the project and see how the ideas can be interpreted and applied to our own school setting. We will also be working towards achieving our ECO School Green Flag Status by following the Seven Step programme towards ECO success.

Our Eco Warriors are: Emelia, Lydia, Keeleigh, Belle, Libby W, Thomas, Willow and Libby S.



Collective Worship Council

One of the greatest challenges in the way we operate as a school is not being able to come together to celebrate Collective Worship. However, this doesn't mean that we don't make an extra special effort to celebrate many different types of worship in our classrooms. The Collective Worship Council met this week and have fed back their views on what is working well in class and what would be even better if... Our Open the Book Collective Worship are a big hit and one of the council's ideas is to produce our own Open the Book, class by class and present them to the whole school and school community, including our "awesome" Open the Book" Teams. A second idea is to share our class prayers written to celebrate our Christian values of **Thankfulness**, **Courage** and **Love** with each other at Mrs Turner's TEAMS CW's. The council also shared examples of the many ways we continue to act out our Christian values. These values have become fully embedded into our school culture and we all agree we would not be as strong and connected as a community without them.

Open Morning

With thanks to Mrs Gibson, our governors and volunteer parents, our first Open Morning was a huge success (following all COVID-19 preventative measures). Even though we were minus our children, the school was welcoming and vibrant. Display boards and mini-exhibitions show-cased the wonderful results of our children's work and each of the class Prowise boards proudly displayed photographs of many of our children situated in and around school. There were so many positives to talk about and to share. At the end of the tours, governors and volunteer parents met with our visitors in the club house, and were able to speak to them from a different and most important perspective, as a parent of a child at the school. We have a second Open Morning Saturday 14th November and we look forward to welcome more prospective new parents and their children then. If you know of anybody who would like to make an appointment, please ask them to contact the office on Tel: 01488 682630 or email: admin@chiltonfoliat.wilts.sch.uk.

School lunches – Food, Glorious Food.

You would have received a note from our admin team advertising our Hot Lunch Menu for Term 2 and information about the change in booking arrangements. I can only say how much I agree with the description of the quality, choice and flexibility the school kitchen team are able to offer. Mrs Ody and Mrs Dobson really do get to know our children and their preferences. I would also like to mention that as we have our own catering facility, we are (as far as I am aware) the only school in the area offering a hot lunch menu. Other schools are working with their outsourced catering providers who are only able to provide a cold packed lunch option. Another reason to be thankful.



Housing Development and Car Park

The developers are working at pace to complete the house building project ready for occupancy by the end of the year. They have also worked on the car park, filling in holes and levelling the surface. It will make driving in and out of the car park an easier prospect. Please remember to reduce your speed to 5 miles an hour and park with care, using the first available space, when you arrive.

Home-School Learning Contingency Planning

As of the 22nd October 2020, schools will have a legal duty to provide remote education for state-funded, school-age children unable to attend school due to coronavirus (COVID-19). The Direction requires that where a class, group of pupils, or individual pupils need to self-isolate, or there are local or national restrictions requiring pupils to remain at home, schools are expected to provide immediate access to remote education. The school has developed its own home-school learning contingency plan which will operate in response to these 3 potential scenarios.

- ◆ In the event of whole school closure due to Govt/PHE directed lockdown.
- ◆ If a school bubble closes following advice from Public Health England.
- ◆ A child is in self-isolation because a family member has symptoms or has tested positive.
- ◆ A child is in self-isolation because the child has symptoms.

JukeBox Music Club – Perform, Create, Discover

Are you looking for a half term musical activity? The Marlborough Music Cluster are offering an online music club kicking off with virtual sessions in the October half term. Please use [this link](#) for further details.

And finally,

In preparation for next term here a few reminders:

- ◆ Make sure that your child has a warm and waterproof coat to wear to school as we will be getting outside as much as possible.
- ◆ Unless otherwise instructed, please do not bring in bags or pencil cases or other classroom equipment into school.
- ◆ A clean water bottle must be provided daily.
- ◆ Continue to read daily.
- ◆ **Have a fabulous half-term holiday!!**

Dates for your diary

St Mary's Church Pumpkin Trail—30th October 2—4pm

Year 5 and 6 ARK Project launch – 3rd November

Summary reports – 9th November

Individual photos – 12th November

Children in Need Day – 13th November

This term's Christian value is:

Thankfulness