



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

Nearly at the end of term and an opportunity to wish you all a very happy and healthy Christmas. One of the things I love about my job is knowing that every day is going to be different and to be always prepared for the unexpected. However, I must admit that right now, I wouldn't mind a bit more of the "humdrum" as I am sure you would too!

On behalf of the whole school team, I am very grateful for all the support given by our families since the beginning of the academic year. We have had to make some tough COVID-19 related decisions, to protect as safe a school environment as possible. To know that these decisions are understood and accepted is of great comfort.

I would also like to thank the whole school team including Chilton Childcare for their incredible hard work, dedication, resilience and flexibility since September. We are still not operating as we would wish and sadly it looks as if there is little light on the horizon. However, through collective efforts and determination we have provided all our pupils with high quality learning and well-being experiences. Judging by the glitter on the carpets over the last few days, a lot of pre-Christmas fun activity has been taking place too!

I would also like to thank: our governors; clergy; our Open the Book teams; Innov8; WiKids; Madame Zebedee; Mrs Kirby and our music teachers who over the two Autumn terms have all contributed to the breadth and depth of our school offer.

My final note of thanks must go to The Friends and our catering team (Mrs Dobson and Mrs Ody). The range of events that have been organised in the run up to Christmas have been impressive and the money raised, a hugely welcome contribution towards the well-being of all our children at school. Rachel Gear has shared some words below and I would like to echo her thanks to everybody who helped to organise and support. Like Rachel, I too would like to congratulate our Santapreneurs who have clearly demonstrated their business acumen and marketing skills to good effect. In school, we call this **Courage Advocacy** where children are encouraged to act and make a difference.

The rest of this newsletter includes some of the highlights we have enjoyed throughout the last term. Also, look out for a special digital Christmas card coming your way.

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and fingers, toes and everything crossed for a happy and healthy 2022.

The Friends

On behalf of The Friends, I'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported our events in the run up to Christmas by buying raffle tickets, volunteering, helping out behind the scenes, making beautiful letters from Santa, donating items, the list goes on! I know December can feel a bit relentless with the constant requests for help and money but I'm sure you will all agree that we have created some very special memories for the children. I have to say a special thank you to our amazing Santapreneurs who grew their collective fivers from £80 to nearly £400. Such an incredible achievement and something we will definitely do again. Well done also to our winners of the kitchen raffle: Adam Day, Rachel Lofting, Lucy Verey, Emily Harrison and not forgetting Mrs Turner!

We raised £172 for the kitchen team to use as funds to support Christmas and Easter lunchtime events, and beyond. We have one final task and that is to pack shoeboxes for the elderly patients at Great Western Hospital. Thank you so much for all of your generous donations of items and shoeboxes. It really will make a difference to those who find themselves in hospital on Christmas Day during these difficult times.

THANK YOU!

Rachel Gear, Chair of the Friends

Santapreneurs Roll Call

Congratulations to our Santapreneurs who together made a profit of £392.27 as a result of selling their Christmas Market products!



Chilton Foliat Santapreneurs.mp4

Sebastian, Zara, Sasha, Seren, Catherine, Mila, Minnie, Joseph and James, Huw and Lexi, Olivia, Amelia, Charlotte and Olivia, Joe (and Emma) Oscar, James and Tom, Alfie, Thomas, Libby, Teddy and Alice.

Netball Triumph

On 25th November our school netball team took part in the first netball festival held for over 2 years. Match training was delivered as part of the year 5 & 6 PE curriculum (thank you Mrs Armstrong and Innov8) and the result was an impressive overall 3rd place in the competition. Miss McClintock who has taken over the role as PE Co-ordinator and Subject Leader is already in the process of organising more festival events for the New Year.



Children in Need

With thanks to the School Council Executive Committee and the class representatives, we raised £135.60 for Children in Need. Well done! As part of the day's activities, prizes were awarded to the children who came to school wearing the most spots!



Bibles

Congratulations to all our Year 3's and new starters on the receipt of their own school bible.



Proud display of art club work at the Hungerford Extravaganza



Return to school – Tuesday 4th January 2022

We are back to school on Tuesday 4th January 2022. You are asked to keep us informed of any positive COVID-19 cases that may affect attendance at school.
Many thanks for your support.



And finally...

We celebrated a very special birthday in school today. A very happy birthday to Mrs Stubbs from all at Chilton Foliat Primary School.