



# 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,

**The Spring has Sprung, the grass is rizz, I wonder where them birdies is?**

**They say the birds is on the wing. Ain't that absurd?**

**I always thought the wing was on the bird.**



Since last I wrote, Spring has arrived although conditions have been a little changeable recently. Whatever the weather, we have enjoyed a busy and productive term with a great deal taking place both inside and outside of the school. We are looking forward to our last week together before the Easter holiday. For the first time in two years our school community will come together to celebrate Easter Service at St Mary's Church in Chilton Foliat. Despite a few false starts and with a level of COVID caution and common sense still needed, it does feel as if indeed, the Spring has Sprung!

## Early Years Outdoor Area and Rainscape for Water and Wildlife Project

We can't quite believe the progress that has been achieved in the development of our early years outdoor area and Rainscape. It is one thing to see plans on paper but to see how quickly the plans have become a reality is outstanding. Words are simply not enough to express our **thanks** to Action for River Kennet (ARK) Wendy Allen Designs and **all** of the volunteers who have given up their time to make the magic happen. We should also be **thankful** for the substantial grant from DEFRA via North Wessex Downs AONB.

The first phase - the new play area and the construction of the rain planters situated at the front of the school - is complete. It is worth noting that the rain planters including the innovative rain chains, are a unique feature to the school, all credit to ARK and Wendy Allen Designs.

Work on the second phase - the Rainscape located beyond the early years outdoor area - will take place during the Easter holidays. Information and a request for volunteers will be sent out shortly.

The Rainscape will offer all sorts of exciting features and opportunities for the children to learn and play, while at the same time benefiting the local environment through creative management of rainwater.

Take a look at this photo link to see how the project has come to life.

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/hd4p081md0ah918/AAAEJAVwzD8zVnew2bl8jb62a?dl=0>

## Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Bonnet Parade - Thursday 7th April 2022

The Friends are organising two events for Easter. A fabulous Easter Bonnet Parade will take place at drop off on Thursday 7th April. Parents are invited to stay to watch the parade and prize giving, and then please take the bonnets home. Easter bonnets are to be made at home, not in school. Our Easter egg hunt will take place on the same morning during school time. Children are asked to bring £1 to enter the egg hunt with all proceeds going to Friends fundraising. Thank you for your support.








## Easter Service – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 1.30pm, St Mary's Church, Chilton Foliat

At 1.30pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022 all are invited to join us at St Mary's Church, Chilton Foliat for our Easter Service. We are walking to church and would like to ask for volunteers to help escort the children safely. The service will start at 1.30pm. We ask that **all children be collected from church after the service has finished** at approximately **2.15pm**. After School Club will not be open and families have already been informed.

## Ukraine

#StandWithUkraine

Since the beginning of the Ukrainian crisis, many have been active in supporting the humanitarian response in aid of the people of Ukraine. At school, we have also been exploring with the children the notion of crisis through activities and themes. The themes: Freedom; Unity; Hope; Refuge; Solidarity and Peace, have enabled us to discuss difficult and troubling topics in a safe and supportive way.

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|  <p><b>FREEDOM</b></p> <p>The Ukrainian flag represents golden fields of wheat under a clear blue sky. The sky signifies freedom, &amp; the wheat symbolises bread.</p>  <p>Take a few grains to remind you of the words from the Lord's Prayer: "Give us today our daily bread". As you sit to eat your meal, scatter the grains across your table &amp; pray for freedom for the people of Ukraine.</p> |  <p><b>UNITY</b></p> <p>We are all part of God's family, different people in different countries, but united across the world.</p> <p>Take a yellow &amp; blue ribbon &amp; weave them into a bracelet as a sign that we are united with the people of Ukraine.</p> <p>Jesus, you prayed that we may all be one. Help us to always work for justice &amp; peace. Amen.</p>  |  <p><b>HOPE</b></p> <p>Hopefulness is the most unlikely passion. When all seems hopeless, hope is always there.</p> <p>Did you know sunflowers are the national flower of Ukraine?</p> <p>Take a sunflower seed (one for each letter of HOPE) &amp; plant them in the dark soil, watch as their message of hope bursts through the earth.</p> <p>Lord, May we be planted in places where we can bring hope, reaching out to those in need. Amen.</p> |
|  <p><i>Psalm 46:1-2</i></p> <p><b>REFUGE</b></p> <p>We pray for all who have had to leave their homes due to conflict. We pray for those journeying into the unknown, who long for welcome &amp; a peaceful home.</p> <p>We pray for those they leave behind, who miss the love &amp; support of home.</p> <p>Make a paper boat for refugees. Write or draw your prayer &amp; place your boat alongside the others.</p>  |  <p><i>Psalm 23</i></p> <p><b>SOLIDARITY</b></p> <p>We are all on different journeys, some paths we choose, others we have no choice but to take.</p> <p>Draw around your shoe &amp; cut the shape out. Write or draw a prayer for those who are stepping into the unknown.</p> <p>God, be with those crossing new paths, be with those who are lost, be with those who are fearful of the future. Guide them, strengthen them, &amp; encourage them with your love. Amen.</p> |  <p><i>1 Peter 2:15</i></p> <p><b>PEACE</b></p> <p>Good is stronger than evil. Love is stronger than hate. Light is stronger than darkness. Blessing is true.</p> <p>Join us in praying for peace by lighting candles.</p> <p>The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:7</p>   |

As we prepare for Easter, we are thinking about the sacrifice Jesus made and making the link with the enormous sacrifices the children of Ukraine are having to make and the **courage** they are showing, right now. With this in mind, School Council are working on an Easter holiday fund raising project which will be based on making a sacrifice. Ideas include, doing jobs around the house, giving up playtime or free time in exchange for a small donation or sacrificing one less Easter egg treat and instead donating the money the School Council fund raising initiative. More details will be sent separately.

## Celebration Assembly

It has been a pleasure to welcome back all our families to Celebration Assembly, class by class. We hope you have enjoyed the poetry recitals performed by each class, based on the poetry shared and enjoyed on World Book Day. As from the beginning of Term 5, all families are welcome to come to Friday Celebration Assembly, to join in the whole school celebration of the many achievements and successes the children make, week on week.

## New dining hall furniture

With thanks to you all and thanks to the Friends for organising the fund raising events that have made this possible, we are delighted to introduce our new dining hall furniture arrangements.

This new seating system has enabled us to come back into the hall together to share one lunch time sitting and for new friendships to be made. We are running a term, by term seating arrangement, where children sit next to others from different classes and year groups. It is working very well. From our reception children to our year 6's we have happy faces, improving table manners and a real enjoyment of this special collective time together. Even better, new friendships made at the table are continued out on the playground and field. It's great to be back together again!



## Parent Readers

Now that we can welcome more face-to-face contact with our families in school, we are looking for volunteer parent readers. If you have a few hours during the week and would be prepared to engage with some training for reading, we would love to hear from you.

### Easter Messy Church –

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2022,  
2.00pm**



All are very welcome at our Easter Messy Church on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 2.00pm. Messy Church will take place in church this time at St Mary's Chilton Foliat. Activities are being planned for outside as well as in. Please do come!

### Mid Wilts Dance Festival – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Just before Storm Eunice came along, a mixed group of KS2 children enjoyed a fantastic day at Dauntsey's Secondary School. Our dance troupe, joined together with 14 other primary schools to rehearse and perform their individual dance routines in front of a huge live audience. The day was well organised, the show a delight and the additional performances from Dauntsey's pupils were an added and exciting bonus. Our children were in awe! Thank you to all our parents who made the effort to come a fair distance to watch. Thank you also to Miss Charlotte for teaching a routine that the children loved. Well done Chilton Foliat dancers for making a fantastic effort, representing the school brilliantly and for dancing your socks off!



## Encanto Dance Club – One Day Only – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022 - Years 1 to 6

Talking of dance, Miss Charlotte has offered to run a one day Dance Club during the holidays on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022. If you would like to sign up, send an email to the office confirming that you would like a place and we will send out a booking form, further details and how to pay. Miss Charlotte will need a minimum of 10 children to make the day worthwhile and deadline for bookings is **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022.**

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Encanto Dance Workshop

Tuesday  
12<sup>th</sup> April  
9am-3pm £25

Chilton Foliat School  
Year 1 - 6

## Forthcoming Events

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| Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April                                     | Hungerford Rugby Club – Tag Rugby Festival                                 |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> April                                   | Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter Egg Hunt                                   |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April                                     | Easter Service at St Mary's Church, Chilton Foliat – All Welcome           |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April                                     | End of Term  |
| Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> April                                  | Messy Church at St Mary's Church Chilton Foliat – 2.00pm                   |
| Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April                                    | Term 5 begins  |
| Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May                                       | Bank Holiday   |
| Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>and Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May     | Residential for Year 3 & 4   |
| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> May                                       | KS2 SATs week begins   |
| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May to<br>Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> May | Residential for Year 5 & 6   |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May                                      | The Queen's Jubilee Celebration Day  |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May                                      | End of Term 5  |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June                                      | Beginning of Term 6  |
| Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> June                                     | TD Day – School Closed   |
| Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> and<br>Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June  | Parents Meetings – Years 1 - 6   |
| Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> to<br>Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July       | Themed Week  |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July                                     | Open Afternoon   |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July                                     | Leaver's Disco   |
| Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July                                    | Sika Class Matinee Performance   |
| Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July                                  | Sika Class Evening Performance   |
| <b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>                             | <b>End of Term</b> and Year 6 Leaver's Service at St Mary's Chilton Foliat |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July                                     | TD Day – School Closed.  |

This term's Christian value is:

# Courage



