



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

Another busy week at school with lots of sunshine, outdoor learning and play, until today that is! The weather is becoming an important factor in planning for all our end of term arrangements following the Covid related announcement on Monday. Having checked the weather forecast and of course, choosing the one I like the best, I am hoping that we will be blessed with some dry weather which will enable us to invite groups of parents onto the school premises to see their children on one or two occasions before the end of term.

Covid announcement - Monday 14th June 2021

Following the government announcement on Monday telling us that the further easing of Covid related restrictions has been paused, we have reviewed all our forthcoming events and arrangements in light of advice released from the Department for Education (DfE) on 22.06.2021.

The general principle is that early years, schools and colleges must continue to risk assess and plan activities in line with their current system of controls and should follow government guidance. The DfE have also set out some positions on common activities such as sports days, leavers days, singing and open days.

Whilst the government have also said that this situation will be reviewed after 2 weeks in case the risks have reduced, we feel that it is prudent to finalise all arrangements as best we can now and continue with them regardless of any further changes to the government schedule of further easing of restrictions. Whilst Mrs Johnson said on Monday, "As things stand, and on the evidence that I can see right now, I'm confident that we will not need more than four weeks," the school has to continue to assess the potential risks versus rewards of opening up the school to our families and others alike. The last thing that anybody would want at this stage is to receive a confirmed case in school and have to send groups of children or the whole school home and revert to home/school learning. Details will follow on an event by event basis.

Hungerford Hub Children's Library – The Great Mural Unveiling

On 14th June, the mural unveiling took place at the Hungerford Hub Children's Library with prizes presented to the 6 winners by the Constable of Hungerford Town and Manor, who helped to fund the mural. There were three winners from KS1 & three from KS2. Aspects of the 6 winning entries were put together to create the image. The competition was open to all primary school children local to Hungerford. Well done to the Chilton Foliat pupils who I am sure you all recognise, who won the three KS2 prizes.

Hungerford Library is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Friday until 7pm and Saturday until 12.30, please pop in to browse the fantastic selection of books & see the mural! With thanks to Mrs Gemma Kirby who organised the competition and painted the mural.



Chilton Foliat School Celebrates 250 Years – Recipe Book

It is time to get cooking, or at least think about your favourite recipes and send them into school. We sent a poster out a few weeks ago to let you know we need your recipes and with the deadline approaching, we hope you will have some time to do just that. We are attaching the poster again, which contains all the necessary details and we really do look forward to your contributions sent into the email address given 250@chiltonfoliat.wilts.sch.uk.



Welcome to our new class teacher

We are delighted to welcome our new Muntjac class teacher, Ms Sasha McClintock, who will be joining us on 1st September 2021. Ms McClintock has met most of the team and is coming to school to join the teaching team for staff meetings and TD day. She will contribute to our curriculum development sessions, get to know how we are planning to teach and learn in the new academic year and find out about her new class from the current class teachers, Mrs Jepson and Ms Black. Once class arrangements have been finalised for September 2021, Ms McClintock will be writing to her new class members to introduce herself. We also hope that she will be able to join her new class on “moving up day” which will take place during the last week of term. Just to give you a few clues as to some of Ms McClintock’s likes and dislikes: she loves playing basketball and being active, looking after our planet, being creative in art and DT and hates spiders!

Phonics Success

After an intense two years of phonics professional development and application of a Department for Education (DfE) phonics programme in Early Years and KS1, we are delighted to receive our official accreditation to show that we have completed the course. The positive impact can be measured in the much improved phonics outcomes in these phases and application of sound phonics understanding in early reading. With thanks to Mrs Gibson, the school’s Reader Leader, we will continue with this excellent best practice. Mrs Gibson’s work is not finished as to build strength and depth in early reading, leading into writing by introducing a new programme of vocabulary and language acquisition.



Welcome to Madame Zebedee

The teaching of French is going well, with thanks to our new peripatetic French teacher, Madame Zebedee. I popped into Muntjac Class this morning to see the children "wear" the words they had named in French. Tres Bien!



Club House Garden looking fantastic and welli-tastic!

With huge thanks to the Chilton Club Childcare staff who have worked incredibly hard over the last few weeks, the club house garden is looking rather smart. Who would have thought of recycling old wellies into flower pots. Thank you ladies!



Love in Poetry by Fallow Class

Dear God,

Thank you for showing us Love.

Love is sharing. Love is being forgiven. Love is being kind to people all around you. Love is showing care to people you don't even know. Love is looking after the world around us which you made.

Thank you showing us Love, Amen



Together and Connected – School Themed Week—Monday 12th to Friday 16th July 2021

The school is planning to run a themed week 12th-16th July 2021 inclusive. We will come off timetable and celebrate being "Together and Connected". Whilst the golden thread will be about community, many of the activities will focus on our core Christian values and vision links to the classic element of water. Our mission statement refers to how we "thirst for knowledge", our vision imagery refers to how we, as a school and a community, reside next to the River Kennet and how it represents the vehicle for the children's journey through school and beyond. Our theological underpinning (bible story) is the "Women at the Well." We are also going to direct the children's eco-attention to water management and hopefully bring to school visitors from organisations such as ARK who could help us explore how this can be achieved. As we are going to be working with ARK on the Rainscape Project the links will be very relevant and the children will be involved in bringing water management strategies to life in their own school grounds.

Here are a few of the planned activities:

- Music and lyric writing workshops based on Together - Song for Wiltshire. Tim Gilvin, composer, is coming to school to run a lyric writing workshop with each class. An extra verse will be added to the song linked to our community and vision and values
- Spirited Arts Competition
- Well-dressing – 3D art emphasising our theological underpinning and vision and values
- A biblical scavenger hunt using the biblical text which underpins our vision and values
- Re-visiting our vision – each class to create a sculpture or piece of art which we will use when we come together in worship and place upon our altar as a symbol of community.

Dates for your diary	
Date	Description of Event
28 th June – Monday	TD Day – School closed to pupils
6 th July – Tuesday	School Reports sent out to Parents
9 th July – Friday	Sports Showcase Day
12 th to 16 th July	Themed Week
22 nd July – Thursday	Leaver's Service (details to be confirmed)
23 rd July - Friday	TD Day – School closed to pupils

This term's Christian value is:

Love