



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

Welcome to a bumper edition school newsletter, the last for Term 5. Plenty has been taking place in school over the last 6 weeks and the children continue to relish being with their friends and focus on their learning. Whilst we are not yet able to invite our families into school, rest assured we are all enjoying a positive "vibe". Half term coming up and then we are looking forward to a busy Term 6.

We have planned a number of events for late June and July, which we hope we can invite our families too. All is dependent on the relaxation of COVID preventative measures and more about this later. We are hoping that now the sun has made an appearance, it will stay shining on us over the half-term break and well into the summer.

Welcome to all our new starters at school who have joined us since January 2021. It is a pleasure to see how well you have all settled into your new classrooms, made friends and enjoy your learning.

Welcome to: Ari, Alice, Beatrix, Georgia, Grant, Kyden, Mila, Marlie, Poppy, Scarlett and Tom.

Relaxation of COVID Preventative Measures

As a whole school community we have achieved such a great deal throughout the COVID event. We have worked together in an environment of mutual support and understanding and have positively responded to the raft of advice and guidance that has come our way. We are looking forward to the time when the government will allow the removal of all legal limits on social contact, which is proposed for 21st June 2021. When and if this happens, we will react cautiously and follow any further advice or guidance that is sent from both the Department for Education (DfE) and the Local Authority. As soon as we have any updates we will be back in touch.

Woody is back!

Our beloved outdoor learning area, affectionately named "Woody" has received a well-deserved make over and is once again being used by all our children, during learning time and playtime.

Thanks are due to Mrs Angela Plank, Admin Officer and her entire family for giving up their time and resources to make this happen.

We would now like to decorate Woody with a selection of outdoor-proof resources such as: water proof cushions and floor coverings; wind-chimes and other brightly coloured hanging displays and some scented plants such as rosemary and lavender. Donations matching these descriptions are very welcome and can be brought to the school office after half term. Many thanks for your support.





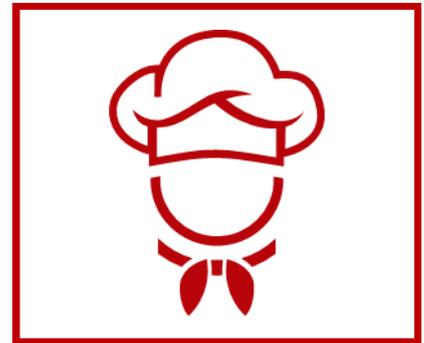
Chilton Foliat School Celebrates 250 Years – Recipe Book

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 half-term 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.

Book Cover Design Competition

In addition to your wonderful recipes, we would like to invite the children to come up with some inspirational designs for the front and the back cover of the recipe book. Introducing an element of competition, design entries will be collated and **Sophie Conran** will be choosing the winners.

As you may know Sophie is an interior designer, cook and author, and most importantly, a former pupil of Chilton Foliat Primary School!



Term 5 & 6 Christian Value of Love

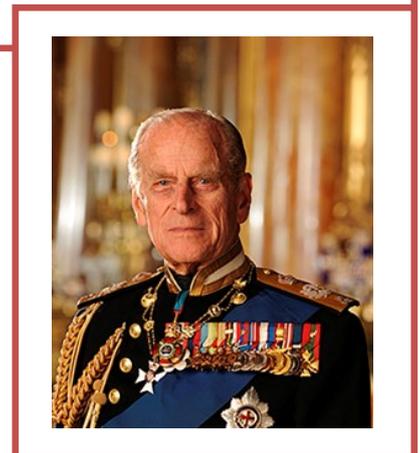
During this term, we have included in many aspects of our learning the importance and relevance of one of our core Christian values – Love. As part of this work, children have been sharing their understanding of this most important of values in the form of poetry. Here is just one example:

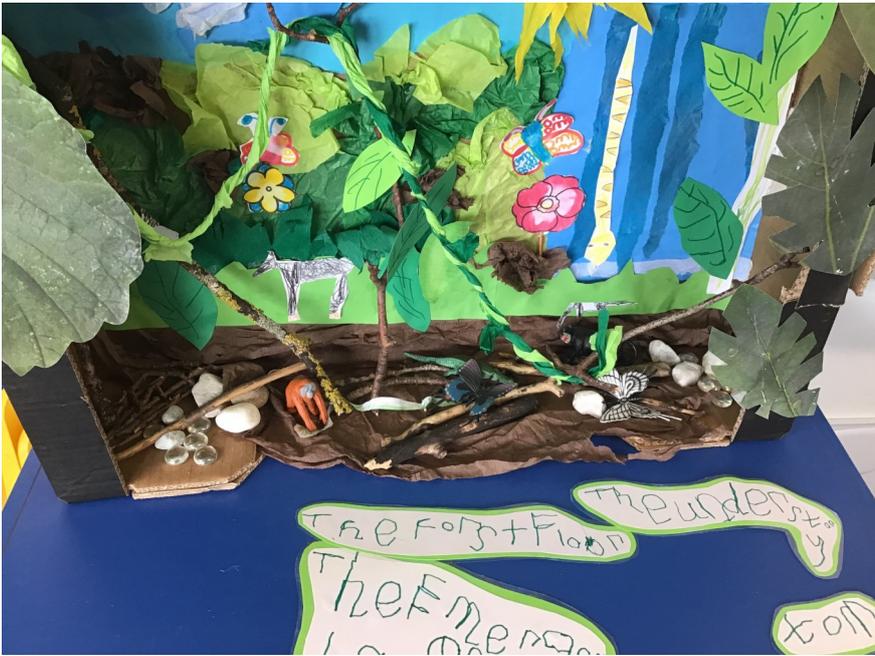
LOVE

Love lasts forever.
Love is the most precious thing on planet Earth.
Love shines forever,
Love is beautiful.
Love will never, ever, stop shining like the sun.
Amen
By Zachary

HRH Duke of Edinburgh – A life well lived

At the beginning of term, we shared age appropriate learning resources provided by the Salisbury Diocese Board of Education to explore the extraordinary life of HRH Duke of Edinburgh. The children were able to connect with the Duke of Edinburgh's life experiences and our Year 6's can't wait to start their DofE award schemes when they are at secondary school.





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

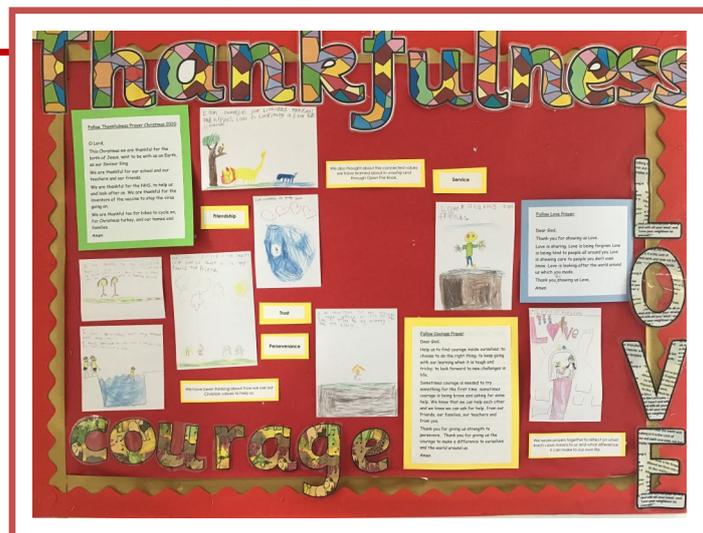
In anticipation of the relaxation of COVID preventative measures, the school is planning to run a themed week 12th-16th July 2021 inclusive. We will come off timetable and celebrate being "Together and Connected". Whilst the golden thread will be about community, many of the activities will focus on 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.

The time table is nearly ready to release and with everything crossed, we will be able to invite our families into school to enjoy some of the highlights of our week of being together and connected. Here are a few examples:

- 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.

Stag Hill and Car Park

Over the last couple of weeks, we have encountered the different sets of roadworks, bollards, traffic lights and heavy lorries that are present on the route from Hungerford into the village and up Stag Hill. We have received information from concerned parents and others about unsafe behaviour of other drivers using this route, I am sure you will agree that it is our responsibility as a caring school community to remain patient and drive with extreme care as we travel to and from school. We are making contact with the Highways Authority and the Parish Council to discuss possible signage to indicate our school location and seek further advice on traffic calming measures. The school car park is our haven from the busy road and it is good to see that all users are respecting this gifted resource and properly. Many thanks.



Madame Sophie

After 17 years of providing peripatetic French teaching at Chilton Foliat, Madame Sophie will be leaving us at the end of this term, Term 5. Madame Sophie has decided to retire from her face to face language teaching commitments and spend more time in her home country of Belgium. The school will be making a big fuss of Madame Sophie on Friday and saying a proper Au Revoir! I am sure that families with children in KS2 and Fallow Class will want to join us in saying thank you to Madame Sophie for her dedication and excellent modern foreign language teaching over the years. We are hopeful that, on Madame Sophie's recommendation, an equally talented replacement has been found.

Attendance

Attendance figures across the school have been very encouraging since our return to school in March and we are delighted to report an overall 98% attendance figure from March to date. We cannot stress how important it is that all efforts are made to keep your children in school, right the way up to the end of term and in the future. The children cannot afford to miss a single learning opportunity if they are to meet and exceed their age related curriculum expectations, post lock-down. Any requests for absence due to term-time holidays or absence as a result of quarantining, following a holiday, will not be authorised. If your child (Year 1 to 6) misses more than 10 learning sessions in a six month period, the school will report this to the Local Authority Attendance team.



Early Years Garden Redevelopment and Rainscape Garden Design

We are very excited about our partnership with local charity Action for River Kennet (ARK) who are designing plans for a complete transformation of our Early Years Outdoor area and garden. The project is called a Rainscape for Water and Wildlife and the design is packed full of features that promote positive environmental and water preservative management. The Rainscape will be used as a learning area for the whole school and our younger children will be able to benefit from this much needed facelift as part of their daily outdoor learning provision. Fundraising and grant applications will start in earnest in

National survey of children, The Big Ask

The new Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched [The Big Ask](#) – the largest ever consultation with children aged 4 to 17 in England. It aims to find out children's concerns and aspirations about the future, so that we can put children at the heart of our country's recovery from the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

Parents, care leavers and those working with children are invited [to complete the adult survey](#) to share their views about the future for children and young people today, and what they think is holding young people back.

Parents Meetings via School Cloud

On Wednesday afternoon and Thursday afternoon and evening, we were able to offer our families the opportunity to meet their children's teacher for a virtual parent's meeting using the School Cloud system. As with any new system, tweaks were needed, but on the whole, we believe all worked well. **We would really appreciate any feedback you can offer** so that we can review effectiveness and use to plan for future communications. Many thanks.

And finally, As you know we will be saying goodbye to Miss Black at the end of this academic year. In response to the adverts placed, we received a good number of applications and interviewed a very strong field of candidates. Interviews took place on Tuesday and subject to satisfactory pre-employment checks we will be able to share the good news of who will be joining the team in September 2021.





Dates for your diary

Some are subject to relaxation of COVID Preventative Measures:

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 Day Morning
12 th to 16 th July	Themed Week
16 th July - Friday	Open Afternoon
21 st July – Wednesday	Leaver's Disco
22 nd July – Thursday	Leaver's Service (to be confirmed)
23 rd July - Friday	TD Day – School Closed to pupils

This term's Christian value is:

Love