



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

We are coming towards the end of our third full week and the children have settled into their new classes and routines. The atmosphere around the school is purposeful, positive and happy. One of the things we had missed most during the last 18 months was the ability to work and play together as a whole school. At playtime, new friendships are being made not just within classes but between year groups, young and old. We have been able to return to the "buddy" system whereby our upper key stage 2 children are looking out for our new starters and our youngsters, modelling kind and caring behaviour. Whilst we continue to apply a cautionary approach to managing the transmission of Covid-19, we have also been able to come back together in Collective Worship and the singing, as good as it ever was, is truly uplifting! Project Touchline is well underway. The children have enjoyed the combination of being able to improve their tag rugby skills and apply their understanding of our school Christian values, Thankfulness, Courage and Love. For our children in year's 2 to 6, our trip to the river was simply magical. For our younger children we are arranging for ARK to come into school a little later on in the term so that they can share some of the river magic too. All in all, we have made a great start and have much to continue to look forward to.

Uniform and PE Kit

Please ensure that your children come to school in full school uniform, including school shoes, school PE kit and school hat. The school uniform list and expectations are attached. Please contact the office for any assistance you may need in buying any Chilton Foliat branded school uniform items.

Earrings

Could all parents please ensure that their children remove their earrings on the days they are having sport and leave them at home. Many thanks for your support.

Attendance

Thank you to all for supporting the school with its positive attendance policy. As you know we continue to take a cautious approach in managing COVID-19 transmissions, however, we are experiencing the return of the normal and seasonal cough and cold period. If your child becomes ill, please follow the guidance from the LA Covid 19 Preventative Measures which was detailed in the welcome back letter, which can be found on the website.

Looking to recruit Mid-Day Supervisors

The school is looking to employ additional Mid-Day Supervisors to help out at lunchtime both in the hall and out on the playground. The role is being offered on a full time, or part time basis. If you would be interested in finding out more or know of anybody who might, likewise be interested, please contact the office on tel: 01488 682630, or email: admin@chiltonfoliat.wilts.sch.uk.

Parent Meetings – 18th and 19th October 2021

Understandably, you will be wanting to know how your child (ren) is/are getting on at school, both academically and socially. Parent meetings to discuss how your child (ren) have settled into school and how well they are getting on with their learning will be offered via SchoolCloud on Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th October 2021. The feedback we received from parents regarding SchoolCloud following parents' meetings in May, was overwhelmingly positive. Given our continued cautionary approach to managing potential Covid transmissions, we believe that on-line meeting opportunities for large groups of adults are the safest option for all concerned for the moment.

Project Touchline – What the children are saying...

"Team work makes dream work", Libby

"I love playing great games with my friends", Georgie

"I love learning about faith and good sportsmanship! Alfie

"The rugby games are fun and I enjoy working as a team," Sienna

"Being active and showing our values at the same time is great," Megan

"It's such fun, the sport is great, I enjoy rugby!" Fred



The Friends

With thanks to The Friends for their continued support of the school, please see across a summary of the events that took place during the last academic year and the money raised as a result. It is remarkable how much was achieved given the challenging circumstances our families and school were having to work within. The great news is that The Friends have planned another series of exciting and engaging events for all to enjoy, in and outside of school. Please look out for dates and details.

Friends event coming up - Welcome to our school, Wednesday 1st October 2021

Please join us for a coffee morning on Friday 1st October after drop off in the school clubhouse. It will be a chance to re-connect, welcome new parents and also hear about the Friends activities being organised for the forthcoming term. Younger siblings and cake donations very welcome!

Chilton Chicks

Chilton Chicks Baby and Toddler Group runs every Monday morning 09.30—11.00am, in term time, in the Club House on the school site.

Although the club has only been running for two weeks we have had over 12 different families attend which is fantastic news.

We would like to thank everybody who has kindly donated toys, books and bay equipment to the group it is very much appreciated.

Car Park

Could we remind all our families to use the school car park instead of parking on the side of the road. Cars parked on the side of the road upset our neighbours and create a hazard for those entering and exiting the car park at drop off and pick up. Many thanks for your support.

Also please remember to leave the car park in a clockwise direction around the top tyre, thank you.

Democracy in progress

Congratulations to all the children who put themselves forward for positions on the School Council, Collective Worship Committee and the Eco Committee. Time to get to work with lots of exciting initiatives. Just for starters, School Council will be meeting to discuss arrangements for Children in Need Day on 12th November; Collective Worship Committee are already leading elements of worship; the ECO Committee will be continuing the "Water Matters" work we began with ARK in July and finally: House Captains will be rolling out positive play strategies at break times.

School Council		Collective Worship Committee	ECO Committee	House Captains
Head Girl	Libby	Henry	Alexis	Soley House - Evelyn
Head Boy	George	Bella	Thomas	Leverton House - William
Deputy Head Girl	Willow	Fred	Max	Kennet House - James
Deputy Head Boy	Leo	Sienna	Mimi	Littlecote House - Alfie
Secretary	Zara	Catherine	Georgie	
Treasurer	Daniel	Eloise		
Year 4 Rep	Seth			
Year 3 Rep	Megan			
Year 2 Rep	Joe			
Year 1 Rep	Macie			

River School

What a truly magical visit to the River Kennet Year's 2-6 enjoyed on Wednesday. With thanks to Action for the River Kennet (ARK) and the Chilton Estate for allowing us access to a private stretch of the river, the children became river explorers for part of the day. They learnt how to best collect a kick sample to identify freshwater chalk stream wildlife. The children were introduced to Margaret the eel which helped them understand more about European eels, their life cycle and key body features. The opportunity to hold crayfish was also on offer for those who wanted. Even a few soggy feet didn't make any difference to the children's enjoyment of their river school experience. As we continue make connections within our curriculum about the importance of protecting water and our natural environment, the children will be able to refer back to their visit and what they have learnt as a result. Finally, the school's ECO committee will continue to promote the "Water Matters" project work we started with ARK in July and we will keep you posted.



Reporting and assessment schedule for the academic year 2021 2022

We have also agreed our assessment and reporting schedule for the year. For years 1-6, a mix of informal and formal assessment takes place over the year and as far as we know, this will include the external standardised tests: year 1 phonics, year 2 SATs, year 4 times-table check and year 6 SATs. For our reception children their progress will be assessed on a continuous, observational basis. A summary of how we intend to report progress, both academic and social is below.

Event	Date	Year Groups
On-line parents meetings	19 th and 20 th October 2021	All year groups
Formal annual report	15 th March 2022	Years 1-6
2 nd parents meeting	Week beginning 14 th February 2022	Reception class only
End of year face to face parents meetings	28 th and 29 th June 2022	Years 1-6
End of year Early Years Foundation Stage Profile Report	July 2022 (date to be confirmed)	Reception class only

It is important to stress that in amongst this schedule, if you would like to speak to your child's teacher, you are welcome to phone or email the office and make an appointment for a meeting to be held either over the phone or face to face.

Dates and Events

Friday 1 October	Friends Welcome to all to school – Coffee Morning after drop off 09.00am
Thursday 14 October	Chilton Foliat Primary School Birthday – Bishop Andrew to School
Saturday 16 October	Open Morning at school for prospective parents 09.00am – 12.00 noon
Saturday 16 October	Messy Church 2.00pm – 4.00pm
Wednesday 20 October	Harvest and end of half term service, St Mary's Church Chilton Foliat 2.00pm
Thursday 21– Friday 29 October	Half Term
Monday 1 November	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 2 November	Christmas card return deadline
Friday 12 November	Children in Need – Break the Rules Day
Saturday 20 November	Open Morning at school for prospective parents 09.00am–12.00 noon
Monday 22 November	Christmas Pantomime – Snow White

This term's Christian value is:

Thankfulness