



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

I hope it's not too late to extend my happy new year good wishes and welcome all back to school for 2022. Class letters and information about curriculum coverage have been sent out and learning for term 3 is well and truly underway. After the hustle, bustle and sparkle of Christmas and New Year celebrations, this first spring term is an opportunity to calmly focus on our learning goals and learning challenges. The children have responded incredibly well to learning expectations and good progress is being made as a result. However, we are also looking forward to several extra-curricular activities taking place in school, which are described a little later in this newsletter.

Spring Term Christian Value – **Courage**

Our spring term Christian value is **Courage** and across the school the children are exploring this value through different texts and activities. With thanks to our Open the Book Teams and Clergy, **Courage** is also being illustrated through Old Testament bible stories sharing a common theme; describing how, with God's help, women have dared to do the right thing.

Looking forward to the end of term, the bible stories shared in Collective Worship will focus on social justice and ask big questions such as "how rich countries in the world should share?" and "how we can help people who need to be set free from terrible situations and not just forget about them?". On Thursday 3rd February, the school will be enjoying a themed day "Global Neighbours Day" and celebrating the service of Christingle too. All these experiences provide a much-needed safe space for all our children to continue to make sense of the world in which they live and empower them to become active global citizens.



Separated and Divorced Parents –School Policy

We recognise that while some parents may be divorced or separated, if both parents have parental responsibility, both have a right to be informed of, and involved in, their child's educational progress. We now have a policy which is written to clarify what is expected from separated parents, from the school and its staff. It is available for all to read on the school's website.

Parking on the road

A second reminder to all our families to use the car park for drop off and collection. Parking on the road is causing an increased level of hazard, not only for car users on Stag Hill but pedestrians walking along the pavement. Whilst it is tempting to keep engines running for warmth, it is harmful for our environment and for any families walking up the hill from the village to school. Many thanks for your support.

Bibles

In our last newsletter (December 2021) we included some photos depicting events that had taken place during the term. One lovely picture was of our year 3's and new joiners proudly holding up their new bibles. To follow up, here is an explanation of how we use our bibles in school. Bibles are handed out to every year 3 pupil and any new joiner who has started school in years 3, 4, 5 & 6. They are named and kept in either Muntjac Class or Sika Class and are used to support the teaching of scripture in and outside of RE lessons. The intention is that the children's class bible is used as a learning tool. When a piece of scripture is being discussed, the children are encouraged to find, read and refer to it as part of their learning. If a child would like to read their personal bible during a free reading session they are also able to do this. Children leaving in year 6 take their bibles with them and continue to use them as a source of reference and pleasure. Our bibles kindly donated by the Mills Trust.



Chilton Chicks

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

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

COVID-19 Update

As the news about national COVID-19 relaxation of restrictions begins to filter through, we are looking forward to resuming activities that involve mixing groups inside, such as Collective Worship, lunchtime clubs and eventually, everybody eating in the hall at lunchtime together. In the meantime, our Local Authority has provided all schools with guidance which is still current. Please see attached a separate sheet for further reading. We continue to thank all our families for acting in such a responsible manner when responding to the relatively few COVID-19 cases we have had in school. We hope we will see a further drop in cases. This will enable us to resume events such as Celebration Assembly and special Collective Worship and welcome parents into school.

Bookcases wanted

If anybody is having a post-Christmas clear out, kick-starting a new year decorating or refurbishment programme and is looking for a new home for a bookcase, please think of us. We are lucky to have a great selection of fiction and non-fiction books in school and need some extra bookcases so that all our books can be stored safely and are accessible. Please contact the office if you think you may be able to help. Many thanks

Sporting and PE activity in school

Miss McClintock has been working with our new cluster PE co-ordinator arranging provision for additional PE opportunities in school. Whilst some cluster sporting events are taking place, the list is quite small. Instead of going out to experience different sports, the sport is coming to school. For example, next week, Muntjac Class will enjoy a special day of sport playing dodgeball and kurling games.

It is a pleasure to welcome back to school our dance instructor, Miss Charlotte, who has returned to coach a troupe of year 4, 5 and 6 dancers, in preparation for a dance festival in February.

In addition, Miss McClintock has organised play leader training for a group of our year 5 pupils which will make playtimes for all, more engaging and purposeful.

We continue to look for opportunities both in and outside of school to increase our sporting and PE activity in school. Looking forward to the spring we will be bringing you more good news on this front.

Dates and Events

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| Tuesday 25th January | Muntjac Alternatives Sports Day |
| Thursday 3rd February | Global Neighbours Day Christingle |
| Thursday 17th February | Mid Wilts Dance Show Dauntsey 6pm |
| Friday 18th February | End of Term 3 |
| Tuesday 1st March | Start of Term 4 |
| Friday 1st April | Hungerford Tag Rugby Competition 1.00—3.30pm |

This term's Christian value is:

Courage