



Chilton Foliat Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 17th February 2022

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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

Nearly half-term and we are pleased to say that our COVID-19 case numbers have decreased significantly and those affected children and staff members continue to return to school. Thank you for all your support in helping us manage what has been an ever-changing situation over the past few weeks. With the onset of spring and the prospect of continued relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions, we look forward to much improved levels of attendance. The benefits of great school attendance are important on so many levels: academic, social, mental health and community. The good news is that we have a lot to look forward to in spring term four. To find out more, please read on.

A Rainscape for Water and Wildlife

As you've no doubt seen, our Early Years Garden area is looking very smart after the surface was laid last summer, and now stage two of the development of this area is upon us – **the introduction of our 'Rainscape for water and wildlife.'**

This is incredibly exciting and welcome news! Action for the River Kennet (ARK) have been working on our behalf and secured a substantial grant from DEFRA, via North Wessex Downs AONB so that the project can begin. In order for the project to become a reality we will need a great deal of community help. The prospect of us coming together as a community, after so many months of separation, is incentive enough for us all to get involved. That we will create an amazing new outdoor space for all to enjoy will be our reward!

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.

There will be an interactive Zoom introduction to the 'Rainscape for water and wildlife' project on Wednesday 2nd March 2022 from 6.30pm to 7.15pm. Wendy Allen, Garden Designer will be joining Action for the River Kennet's Charlotte Hitchmough (Director) and Mia Ridler (Project Officer) to talk through the design.

So please join us to find out more and ask any questions. The session will be recorded and made available after the event.

We will be sending out a separate letter with further details and the zoom link.

World Book Day – Thursday 3rd March 2022

We are delighted to announce that the school will be taking an active part in this year's World Book Day. In fact, it is World Book Day's 25th Anniversary and throughout our first week back at school, we will be celebrating and enjoying our love of reading. This year's theme and message for all children is **"You are a reader."** We cannot agree more! With support from all our families, it is our absolute ambition for every child in our school to be given the teaching, the time, the tools, and the resources to become fluent readers and emotionally engage in the love of reading.

All our children will be able to:

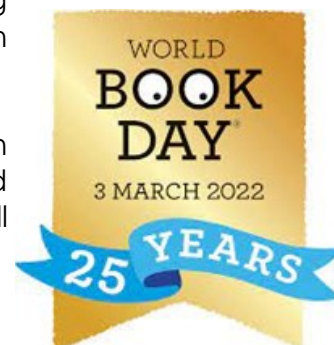
- be read to regularly at home and at school
- access high quality books at home and at school
- have choice in what they want to read for pleasure as well as reading to support phonics understanding
- have trusted adults and peers sharing and recommending books
- enjoy the reading experience, and
- have designated time to read.

To celebrate World Book Day itself, we have chosen the theme of Poetry and Rhyme.

- The children are invited to come to school in their World Book Day costume representing a book character, author, or book theme. They are asked to bring a £1.00 contribution which will be used for the purchase of new books for the school.
- The day will start with Collective Worship where members of staff will read their favourite poem or rhyme. During the day, each class will plan, write, and rehearse their own poem or rhyme.
- A photographer from the Newbury Weekly News is coming and photos will be taken. We will be checking our photographic permissions list.
- Over the following weeks during Celebration Assembly (It's coming back) classes will be invited to perform their poem in front of an audience.

Please take a look at this World Book Day web link which offers an amazing array of ideas and resources, webinars, and recommended reads. It also has an extremely useful section on ideas for costumes – all linked to a book of course!

worldbookday.com



Parent Readers

With our reading ambition in mind and in the hope that we will be able to begin to 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.

The Friends

It's now even easier to help us raise funds for the Friends. We've signed up to Nectar Donate, a new initiative just launched from the team at Nectar and Crowdfunder. This means you can now donate any or all of your Nectar points to us!

How to donate

Simply visit our dedicated page: <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/chilton-foliat-community-association-1180519>

(Please note that because Friends are currently fundraising to help complete the Early Years outdoor area project and this project has been officially approved as a charity fundraising objective by the Chilton Foliat Community Association trustees, we are able to donate the Nectar points this way to ensure maximum benefit from them.)

Click 'Donate to this charity' and then 'Donate with Nectar'. You will then need to link your Nectar card to your Crowdfunder account by following the instructions on screen. Once your card is linked, it will take you back to the payment screen. Click 'Donate with Nectar' and it will show you your points balance. Choose how much you are willing to donate and off you go!

The best thing about Nectar Donate is that it won't cost you or us anything. Crowdfunder has generously waived platform fees for anyone donating their points. If you haven't used your Nectar card for a long time, why not dust it off now, check your account balance and donate those points to us! And don't forget, as you continue to shop at Sainsbury's, eBay, Esso, Argos, and many others, all those points will soon add up.

Many thanks for your ongoing support and generosity. The Friends

Internet Safety Day

Internet Safety Day (08.02.2022) was featured in our curriculum offer last week and the children were able to enjoy and learn from appropriate age and stage resources provided by the UK Safer Internet Centre and the National Online Safety organisation.



Established by the UK Safer Internet Centre (UKSIC), Safer Internet Day is celebrated around the world. The theme for the UK this year was: All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online. As children from a very young age enjoy playing games on devices such as mobile phones and tablets, it is never too early to begin to teach online safety to our children.

UKSIC and the National Online Safety organisation have created some fantastic resources, which includes top tips, activities, and a short film to help you start a conversation with your child.

Find out more here:

www.saferinternetday.org and nationalonlinesafety.com

Children's Mental Health Week

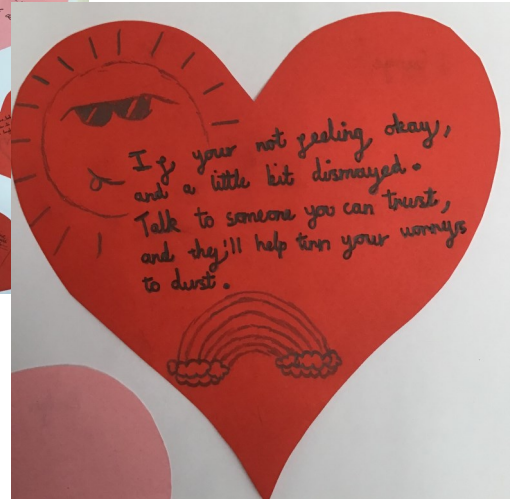
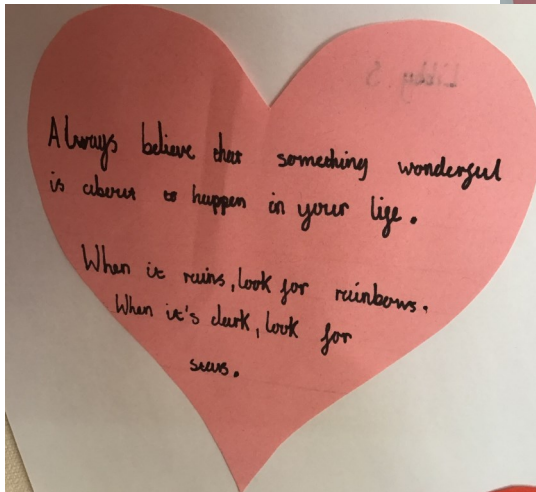
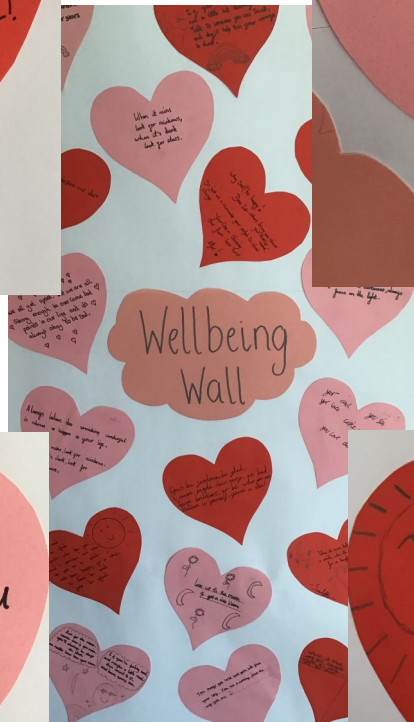
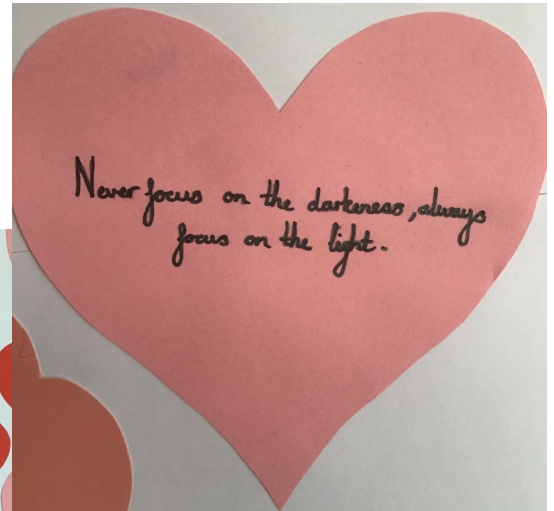
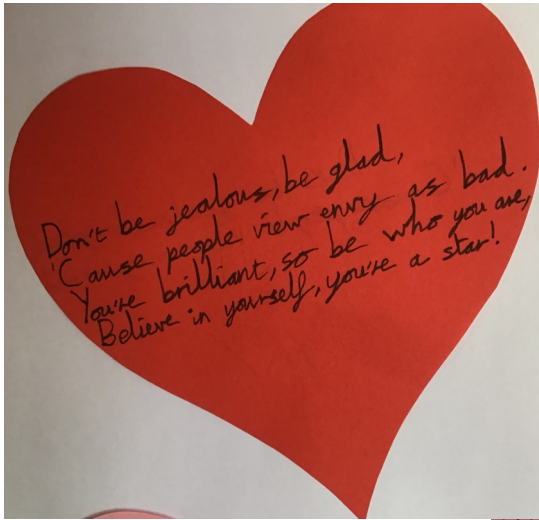
It was also Children's Mental Health Week last week and a reminder that the well-being and happiness for our children is of paramount importance. As a small school we take pride in our ability to nurture and support all our children. We are constantly mindful about mental health: how we think and feel about ourselves, the world around us and other people.

Mrs Kirby, parent and art club provider has offered the opportunity to run a poster competition over February half-term. The aim is to make a poster showing words and pictures that inform the viewer of the five steps to well-being as stated below. The prize winner would win a craft pack (provided by the art club) and have their winning design posted up around the school. We have attached to this newsletter a poster which explains how to enter and what to do.

Another great website for resources for all is place2be.org.uk. Please look.



Have a lovely break and we are looking forward to seeing everybody back in school on Tuesday 1st March 2022.



Dates and Events

Friday 18th February	End of Term 3
Tuesday 1st March	Start of Term 4
Thursday 3rd March	World Book Day
Tuesday 15th March	Wellington Tag Rugby 10am - 2pm Years 4-6
Friday 1st April	Hungerford Tag Rugby Competition 1.00—3.30pm
Friday 8th April	End of term 4
Monday 25th April	Start of Term 5

This term's Christian value is:

Courage