



# Chilton Foliat Primary School Newsletter

Friday 10th June 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

Welcome back to school for a busy last summer term at Chilton Foliat Primary School. The diary is packed with a range of events, visitors, outings and much more, so check the web site and for ParentComms information which comes your way. In amongst all of this activity, learning continues in earnest and if you would like to be reminded of what topics, concepts and themes your child (ren) will be learning, please take a look at the relevant class page under the CLASSES tab, on the website.

## Uniform

As the weather continues to improve the children will want to wear their lighter weight clothing such as shorts and summer dresses. We would also encourage the wearing of school uniform summer caps. These are available for sale from the office for £4.60 and need to be clearly labelled. Non uniform caps, such as a branded cap are not school uniform and are not acceptable.



We also have a substantial store of good quality second hand uniform and will be organizing a second hand uniform sale on **Wednesday 15th June from 3.15pm** on the play ground.

## Attendance

Analysis of recent attendance data shows an increase in whole school attendance in term 4 of 93% to 96% in term 5. The increase is largely due to the dropping off of COVID-19 related illness – good news indeed. As we continue to monitor the progress, socially, emotionally and academically of all our pupils it is imperative that we consistently promote the benefits of good attendance at school. We also know that good attendance, alongside good behaviour is an integral part of our school's Christian vision and values, "With thankfulness, courage and love, we thirst to improve heart and mind". The Department for Education (DfE) have released a revised set of guidance, applicable from September 2022, which will drive our attendance policy and practice.



For the purposes of granting leave of absence, the guidance repeats the message that, only in exceptional circumstances may the school agree to absence in term time. This will not include holidays. With regard to attendance policy, our Local Authority provides information about the possibility of penalty notices being issued or legal proceedings taking place in the event of 10 or more sessions of absence being recorded within 6 months of the academic year.

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance)

## Chilton Foliat Primary School Platinum Jubilee picnic

*(Words written by Mrs Warren, with grateful thanks)*



Chilton Foliat Primary School kicked off its Platinum Jubilee celebrations with a picnic in the school grounds which raised over £600 for the school. Hosted by the Friends of Chilton Foliat Primary school, the school and village community took advantage of the glorious weather and enjoyed a fabulous line up of entertainment including live music, face painting, a traditional Punch and Judy show, dancing and craft activities.

The cream tea boxes available during the afternoon were particularly popular and were an absolute sell-out. The grounds of the school were decorated with the children's handmade bunting and the school and village community started the afternoon with a rousing rendition of the National Anthem, which the school choir had been learning in the run up to the event. The picnic rounded off a week of Platinum Jubilee activities which saw the children exploring the life and times of Queen Elizabeth II through the lens of duty and service covering her support of charitable organisations and admiration of voluntary service, which helped the children understand the significance of the celebrations.

At the end of the afternoon, headteacher, Mrs Katie Turner, thanked everyone for coming, saying: "Not only have we celebrated the Jubilee in style, we have also united as a whole school and village community to recognise the 70 years of service the Queen has given us and how inspirational that is for all our children. I would like to thank the Friends for hosting such a memorable event, that not only raised vital funds for the school but made some lifelong memories for our families and friends."



## Year 5 and 6 out and about – Oxenwood May 2022

Year 5 and 6 spent an exciting 3 days staying at the centre and learning Orienteering Skills, Wall Climbing and Pond Dipping with the centre's staff. But more importantly, they could spend time together before Y6 move on to secondary school in September. I asked them all which parts were their favourite during their time here, and they really struggled to choose just one! Here is a sample of what they had to say for themselves: Mrs Pinnegar



- I thought den building was brilliant because the den we built was called 'Hide out b-jammy dodger' was awesome, I also adored the food as well.
- I am really pleased that I went up the climbing wall because it was fun, and I could challenge myself. I am really scared of heights, but I overcame this fear and felt fantastic.
- I really enjoyed orienteering because of watching the animals such as hares, deer, and cows in their natural habitat. We also spotted the army tanks as well.
- I enjoyed walking along the canal and learning about the history of the canals and the bridges.
- I enjoyed stream dipping because it was interesting to examine all of the different wildlife in their natural habitat.
- I loved den building because I enjoyed throwing water over George to test if his den was waterproof (or not!)
- I enjoyed spending time with friends

## Year 3 & 4 having an adventure at Braeside May 2022

Likewise, Muntjac Class enjoyed their residential at Braeside a little earlier in the month. The centre had used the opportunity to revamp its facilities during COVID-19 and when Muntjac arrived the programme of team building and challenge activities was varied and high quality.

The staff were welcoming and nothing was too much trouble. They were also super supportive of the children throughout our stay. This support and encouragement was particularly valuable when the children were climbing up 50 foot climbing walls and abseiling down or standing on top of an equally tall pole!

The children were also supportive and encouraging of each other and there was a real camaraderie between every member. Sitting round the camp-fire, toasting marshmallows, singing songs and telling jokes brought the first day to a happy end. Best of all, everybody got a good night's sleep!



Thank you to Mrs Pinnegar, Mrs Armstrong, Miss McClintock and Mrs Hicks for going over and above to make these experiences such memorable ones for all our KS2 children. Thanks also to Governor Mr Steve Trobridge for attend the Braeside trip.

## Thank you to our fabulous staff team

As a school we are passionate about offering every one of our children a rich and varied curriculum, which must include experiences outside of the classroom and school grounds. Any trip, whether it be a residential, a day trip or a sporting event, requires attention to detail and time to organise. I would like to thank the **whole** staff team for making any extra curricular opportunity possible.

## Sports Day Afternoon – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 1.30pm

We are pleased to confirm that all families are welcome to attend our Sports Day Afternoon on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June starting at 1.30pm. As part of our Sports Week the children will be gathering together to enjoy a number of sporting activities and competitions. Following the success of last year's format where the children took part in a round robin of events, we are planning to repeat what worked well and to organise some more of the traditional competitive races. Innova8 will be supporting the event and it will be a wonderful way to celebrate not only PE achievement but also how we see how much our children have grown in confidence and ambition over the year.

## Themed Week – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – Service

During the week beginning Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July we will be coming off (strict) timetable to enjoy our annual themed week. Making links to the Jubilee and the concepts of service and duty we aim to offer the children the opportunity to live out our Christian vision to strive to improve heart and mind, be aspirational and bring hope to the community of which they are a part. Through service we also want to encourage our children to demonstrate how they can be courageous advocates for change by engaging in social action. Preparations are already underway and further details will be sent out shortly. The line-up of activities will include:

- A concert and afternoon tea for our senior community
- Grow a Fiver
- An open afternoon including a children's fete
- Visitors to school to talk about service through volunteering

## Family and Community Learning English courses

[www.workwiltshire.co.uk/family-learning/](http://www.workwiltshire.co.uk/family-learning/)

Family and Community Learning includes a range of online, community based and outreach learning opportunities designed to help people of different ages and backgrounds to:

- Gain a new skill
- Reconnect with learning
- Prepare to progress to formal courses
- Learn how to support their children better

Family and Community Learning are currently offering five short English courses. They focus on areas that can often be a struggle such as spelling, punctuation and grammar. You can join all five which will really help you support your children and their home learning...whilst helping you too.

Wiltshire Council

Email: Familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk

**Thursday 9 June**  
Enhance Your English 1  
Spelling  
Try out practical ideas and resources to improve your spelling. Find out how spelling rules can help you to spell words correctly.

**Thursday 16 June**  
Enhance Your English 2  
Punctuation  
Find out where to put capital letters, commas, apostrophes and more, to make your writing clear and easy to read.

**Thursday 23 June**  
Enhance Your English 3  
Grammar  
If you find grammar mystifying, then this course is for you! Discover how to make your sentences make sense with this practical course.

**Thursday 7 July**  
Enhance Your English 4  
Writing  
Improve your writing skills by learning how to plan, draft and write formal letters. Perfect for brushing up your skills for work or study!

**Thursday 14 July**  
Enhance Your English 5  
Reading  
Try out techniques to help you to read and understand documents accurately. Great practice if you are preparing for an exam in the future!

Join these courses to brush up your English skills. Each course helps with spelling, punctuation and the correct use of English that's used everyday.

**Enhance Your English**  
Online courses  
2 hour sessions  
10:00-12:00  
Attend all, or just a few, you can choose.

**For more information**  
Call: 01225 770478

Website: [Workwiltshire.co.uk/family-learning/](http://Workwiltshire.co.uk/family-learning/)

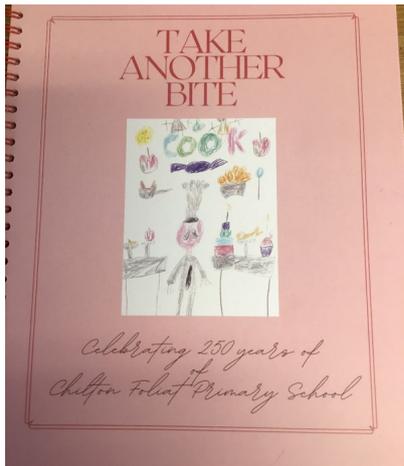
Courses are funded by the Education and Skills Funding Agency. Learners must be 19+, have been resident in the EU/UK for three or more years or be a military family member, have less than 3 GCSEs A-C and/or be in receipt of benefits or be unemployed. If you do not feel you fit within the criteria, we still may be able to help so please call if you have any questions.

## The Friends

Many thanks to all those who donated items for our tombola stall at the Croft Jubilee event in Hungerford. We are delighted to have raised £80.50! Thank you to Mrs Ingham, Mr & Mrs Wakeham-Thomas, Mrs Cox and Mrs Fort for helping out on the stall.

## 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Recipe Book

We have a small number of recipe books left to sell. If you have not already bought your copy, please don't delay!



## Saying goodbye to Mrs Drew

I am sad to report that Mrs Drew will be leaving us today, Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June, after a long and hugely successful career as a teaching assistant and ELSA at Chilton Foliat Primary.

An opportunity has arisen for Mrs Drew to follow a very different and exciting new career path. In her own words "it will be an experience not to miss!"

On behalf of the whole school team and governing body, I would like to thank Mrs Drew for the dedication and kindness she has given to all the children in her care over the years and the support she has shown to all her colleagues.

Mrs Drew will be much missed, but we will be keeping in touch. Good luck Mrs Drew and we look forward to hearing about your new career adventure.

## Hairstyling workshop

Calling all dads, uncles, big brothers and granddads! Ever wished you could deal with your daughter's unruly hair in the morning? Wish your nephew's hair could be tamed into a slick smart look? Maybe you'd love to be able to put your granddaughter's hair into a fancy ponytail for a party? Then join us for this special hair styling workshop led by the Queen of Hair herself, Laura Neal! Snacks and goody bags will be provided. See attached flyer for more details.

Tickets are £5 per adult with accompanying child, with all proceeds to school fundraising.

You can pay for your ticket via the Friends Paypal or cash to the school office.

[www.paypal.me/friendsofCF](http://www.paypal.me/friendsofCF)

A huge thank you to Laura for agreeing to run this exciting workshop!

We look forward to seeing you there!

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## Forthcoming Events

Monday 13th June	Year 5 and 6 Cricket Festival
Tuesday 14th June	Muntjac 'Singing Through the Decades'
Wednesday 15th June	Second Hand Uniform Sale 3.15pm
Thursday 16th June	Year 5 and 6 Quad Kids Competition New Reception Induction Morning 1
Friday 17th June	Year 4 Orienteering Event Hair Styling Workshop 6pm
Tuesday 21st June	Year 5 and 6 trip to Harry Potter World
Friday 24th June	Sports Day 1pm
Monday 27th June	TD Day – School Closed
Tuesday 28th June	KS1 Ocean Explorers Trip and Activity Day Parents Meetings – Years 1 - 6 (3.30pm — 5.00pm)
Wednesday 29th June	KS2 Mini Marathon Parents Meetings – Years 1 - 6 (4.30pm — 7pm)
Thursday 30th June	New Reception Induction Morning 2
Monday 4th July	Junior Good Citizen Day (Year 6) Year 3 and 4 Chocolate Workshop
Wednesday 6th July	Year 6 Leavers Trip New Reception whole class Induction morning
Monday 11th - Friday 15th July	Themed Week
Thursday 14th July	Open Afternoon and children's fete
Friday 15th July	Leaver's Disco
Tuesday 19th July	Sika Class Matinee Performance 2.00pm—3.00pm Sika Leavers Rounders and Picnic 3.30pm—6pm
Wednesday 20th July	Sika Class Evening Performance 6.00pm—7.00pm
<b>Thursday 21st July</b>	<b>End of Term</b> and Year 6 Leaver's Service at St Mary's Chilton Foliat
Friday 22nd July	TD Day – School Closed.

This term's Christian value is:

# Love