



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 back! What a lovely spring start to our week and despite the dampening of the weather, our spirits remain high. Once again we are thankful for all your support whilst we experienced our third period of lockdown. Now the children are back in class, we are equally grateful to you for following the "back to school" Covid preventative measures which have ensured a safe return for all.

As a whole school team, we have been working hard in preparation for full re-opening, planning for the children's mental and physical well-being as well as for a prioritised and targeted curriculum. The main messages coming from a range of expert sources are:

- Children should experience a positive return to school where they are engaged in a review of learning they have familiarity with. This will build confidence and firm foundations for future learning. Schools need to prioritise key topics rather than trying to teach everything.
- Time should be devoted to teaching that involves reconnecting with pupils, assessing informally and filling in gaps.

This strategic approach makes a great deal of sense and here at Chilton Foliat, we will be following the advice given. More information will soon be available confirming the assessment and reporting schedule for the rest of this academic year, which will include parents' meetings, provisionally scheduled towards the end of May. In the meantime, we are also looking forward to a few events which will remind us all that we are truly back at school!



The Friends

The Friends arranged a lovely back to school treat for the children on Friday 5th March with the fabulous Lucas Jet Zoom event. The children learnt how to juggle and how to flip and catch a cap on their head. The session ended with a good old boogie. Hopefully one day, Lucas will be able to come into school to teach the children circus skills face to face!



Comic Relief – Non Uniform Day - Friday 19th March 2021

We will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 19th March in support of Comic Relief. Over the last few weeks Mrs Kirby has been collating a series of jokes sent in by the children into a special edition Chilton Foliat PS Comic Relief Joke Book, which will be on sale running up to the day itself. More details can be found in the attached poster.

Why did the teacher wear sunglasses?

Because her class was so bright!

BOOM BOOM!

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Mothering Sunday – Sunday 14th March 2021

A very special day fast approaches. This coming Sunday, I am sure all our Chilton Foliat children will be making their beds, tidying up their bedrooms, offering to do all manner of jobs and being extra kind to their mums.

To celebrate Mothering Sunday, the congregation of St Mary's Church, Chilton Foliat, welcome all, to an afternoon outdoor service in the church grounds. The service will also include the offer of pre-prepared posies to take away. Please see the attached poster for more information.



Easter preparations

As we move through Lent looking forward to celebrating Easter, there a number of activities planned within school and by the Parish of Whitton, including St Mary's Church in Chilton Foliat.

Easter Service

At school, we are rehearsing our Easter Service, which very kindly, Mrs Payne will be videoing and editing, ready for release during our last week of term, which is only 3 weeks away! We will be following our photographic permission procedures as normal, however if you have any concerns about your child being filmed, please let us know. The Easter Service will be posted onto our website for you to access.

Easter Egg Hunt

Easter at school wouldn't be the same without an Easter Egg Hunt, which is normally organised by The Friends. Despite Covid and owing the huge success of the Christmas kitchen raffle, Mrs Ody and Mrs Dobson will be organising an in-house version for the children to enjoy, followed by an Easter themed lunch on Thursday 31st March.

The Whitton Parish

The Whitton Parish have shared information on activities to take up during Lent and for Easter.

In school we have shared the "40 good ideas for Lent" leaflet with great ideas for positive actions.

Outside of school we are all invited to connect with this important time in the Christian calendar, by baking, taking part in a photographic competition and practicing some self-care, to name just a few.

A popular activity around Easter time is also to make your own Easter Garden or Easter tree. In the attached poster, there are lots of useful web links to help you access these ideas and more.



And finally...

Owing to the departure of Head Boy, Archie to school pastures new, and after a democratic vote, we are delighted to announce that Samuel has been duly elected Head Boy and Alfie, Deputy Head Boy. Congratulations to you both, we are sure you will continue to be a credit to yourselves and to the school.



Celebrating our 250th anniversary!

This year Chilton Foliat Primary school will be celebrating its sesquicentennial anniversary, that's 250 years of our wonderful village school!

In 1771, when a charitable endowment was made by Roger and Elizabeth Spanswick to provide an education for the children of the parish, could they have imagined that the school would still be going strong and welcoming pupils from the parish and well beyond 250 years later?



A "250" page is being set up on Facebook, along with an email address, 250@chiltonfoliat.wilts.sch.uk for alumni to get in touch and share any happy memories or anecdotes from their time at the school.

As part of the celebrations, we're going to be producing a recipe book... with a twist! The recipes will all be provided by members of the community – we're looking for the secret sponge cake recipe from Granny, or the best chicken soup for when you're poorly! We want this to be a unique collection just for us; a recipe passed down through the generations perhaps. We will include some of the best photographs of the life and times of the school. Watch this space for more information.

We hope to hold a service of Thanksgiving later in the year and an Autumn fair, but these will both be dependent on Covid restrictions so we shall share more on this as soon as we can but if you have any ideas do let us know.

In the meantime, if anyone would like to be involved with the 250 anniversary celebrations do get in touch with the office.

Chilton Foliat Primary School Toddler Group

Now we are moving, step by careful step, out of Covid restrictions, we are looking forward to putting into action a number of great ideas to help keep growing the school and connecting with our amazing community.

One of these ideas is to offer a Toddler Group. We are looking for volunteers to help set up and run this group and if you are interested, please get in touch.

Now that we have our super Community Club House, with its own garden, what better venue to offer our really little ones to come and enjoy with their mums and dads.

We hope to open our Toddler door in September for the beginning of the academic year.



This term's Christian value is:

Courage