



# 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

One day to go and an opportunity to wish you all a very happy and healthy Christmas. Whilst spirits are high in school (as are excitement levels for the forthcoming festive season), I would like to extend lots of get well wishes to all our children and members of staff who have not been in school to enjoy the last of our Christmas celebrations. We hope you are all feeling better very soon and especially for the big day itself.

We have had a settled, progressive and happy autumn term. The children have demonstrated time and time again they enjoy all their learning even when it gets tricky. Our Growth Mindset philosophy remains ever relevant and the collective pride we take in developing independence and resilience as a school community is palpable.

Post pandemic we are embracing as many opportunities as possible to provide a broad and balanced curriculum, via visits and visitors, external events, and developments; our Early Years new outdoor area has been blessed by Bishop Andrew, the dinosaurs have stomped our way, the magic and mystery of Stone Henge was relished. The football and netball teams have played well and represented the school impeccably. The Nativity was a delight and to be able to come together in church for our Harvest Service, reminded us all of the very special connection that underpins our school community with **thankfulness, courage and love**.

As we come to the end of this calendar year, I would like to thank the whole school team for doing all that they do with such commitment, generosity and professionalism. I would also like to thank; our governors; clergy; our Open the Book teams; Innov8; Marlborough Rugby Club, Olivia Boydall; Madame Zebedee; Mrs Kirby and our music teachers who over the two Autumn terms have contributed to the breadth and depth of our school offer. My final note of thanks must go to The Friends and our catering team (Mrs Dobson and Mrs Ody). The range of events that have been organised in the run up to Christmas have been impressive and the money raised, a hugely welcome contribution towards the well-being of our children at school. Rachel Gear has shared some words below and I would like to echo her thanks to everybody who helped to organise and support. Like Rachel, I too would like to congratulate our Santapreneurs who have once again demonstrated their business acumen and marketing skills. In school, we call this Courage Advocacy where children are encouraged to act and make a difference. The rest of this newsletter includes some of the highlights we have enjoyed throughout the last term. Thank you too for all your support and wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2023.

## The Friends

### Christmas Fair

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to our Christmas Fair and enjoyed our Living Nativity with the animals, our fabulous grotto and of course our creative and innovative Santapreneurs! Special thanks goes to all those who volunteered their time in order to make the Fair a success. We are delighted to say that **£414.89** was raised for the school. Included in that figure is the sum of **£153.65** which was the profit made by the Santapreneurs - a huge well done to them! □

The Kitchen team also raised a welcome amount at the fair, with their innovative tin upcycling product range and their raffle - **£149!!**

### Apple juice

Thank you to those who supported school fundraising by purchasing a bottle of Chilton Foliat Primary School apple juice! If you would like a bottle, they are available to buy from The Wheatsheaf pub in the village.

### Christmas Surprise Room

Thank you to Mrs Webber and Mrs Wakeham-Thomas for leading on this lovely event and for organising the volunteer group who will help the children to wrap their chosen gifts.

## Staffing

We have staff changes to look forward to from January 2023. We have been fortunate in the recruitment of a highly experience Early Years practitioner, Miss Newman, who will be joining the Roe Class teaching team, working with Mrs Hocking, on a Friday. Huge thanks to Miss Ingham who very kindly stepped into this role in the interim. Miss Ingham is continuing to very generously offer her support in Muntjac Class, whilst we look for a replacement for Mr Harris.

Mr Harris joined us in September as a trainee Teaching Assistant in Muntjac Class, With no previous experience the school offered the opportunity for him to see what the role was like. Whilst he has enjoyed working with Miss McClintock and all the children, Mr Harris has chosen to step away from developing a career in the classroom and we wish him much continued success.

## Netball Tournament – Match report by Teddy and Evelyn

In our first match we played St Mary's and lost 2-0. In our second game we played Ramsbury and won 2-1. **Let's go Chilton Foliat.** In our third match we played St Katherine's school and drew 1-1. In our final match we played against Preshute and won 10-0! Four goals were scored by Teddy and six were shared between Leo and Ben. This was our best match yet. Amongst all this Miss McClintock set a challenge as to who could get the ball in the basket from outside of the semicircle and Evelyn won the game.

Da, da da...our place in the tournament. Out of the five teams on our court we came second! For the very good placement, we took a team photo one of which was a silly one. We would recommend this tournament to everyone in Chilton Foliat because of the amazing team spirit and values that were shown. Surely this means we will win the next tournament.





## Household Support Fund – One-off Funding for Low-Income Non-Free School Meals Families

As the cost-of-living continues to increase, especially for food and fuel, Wiltshire Council have taken the decision to extend the reach of a Household Support Fund 2022/2023 to include lower income families with children of school age who do not qualify for Free School Meals. The School can decide how to distribute the fund amongst our family community and we are inviting any family to come forward who would benefit from a one-off payment in the form of supermarket or fuel vouchers. Any requests will be dealt in the strictest of confidence and they are most warmly welcomed. Please contact the office on [admin@chiltonfoliat.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@chiltonfoliat.wilts.sch.uk) in the first instance.

## Water Safety

Given the recent tragic news of the deaths of the four young children who fell through the ice whilst playing on a pond, the RLSS has produced some guidance regarding Cold Water Safety. We are sharing this guidance with you so that you can use to share with all at home.

## Online Safety



As Christmas approaches, digital gifts are given and down-time becomes more available, we all need to be vigilant about our children's use of digital technology. The South West Grid for Learning Online Guidance for Parents is an invaluable source of current information. Please take a moment to download this link and refer on a regular basis.





