



Chilton Foliat Primary School Newsletter

Friday 22nd July 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,

Now that we have arrived at the end of term, it is time to reflect on our past year together.

We began in September still working under the COVID-19 cloud, not sure of how the pandemic would continue to impact on all our lives but determined to keep on going and doing our utmost to offer the best possible school experience for all our children.

From about March, the clouds began to clear and with the spring sunshine, came the prospect of "getting back to normal". I think I can speak on behalf of the whole school team there has been a little "what did we used to do?" The good news is that we are back up to speed and have offered our children, trips out and visitors in, welcoming our school community back into school with Celebration Assembly, the hugely successful Jubilee Celebration and more recently our equally successful Themed Week on Service. (more about that a little later).

The whole school team and governors have worked hard, parents and carers have worked hard to support their children and most importantly the children have worked hard. Given the rate and pace of our lives, it is easy to forget quite how COVID-19 impacted on our children's mental health, well being and education. So well done to each and every one of our children for trying their best and succeeding well, whatever their individual challenges may have been.

Over the year we have grown as a whole school community. We have welcomed new children and their families to school, our new toddler group has more than 30 families on their books. Our Early Years Outdoor Area has been transformed and our whole school staff team is growing in number and capacity too.

Looking forward to next year and based on a solid set of results across the school, we have a clear direction of travel for continued school improvement. Based on our overwhelmingly positive Parent Survey we have happy children, which surely sits at the heart of our success.

Of course, none of our achievements would have been possible without the support, dedication, commitment, good will and determination shown by many. My heartfelt thanks goes to every member of the whole school team, all our governors, any parent that has ever tipped up to help out with swimming, a trip, a second hand uniform sale, run a club, or helped out at our toddler group.

Huge thanks are due to any volunteer that came to school in the spring to make magic happen in the Early Years Outdoor Area and to our amazing group, The Friends, who have worked tirelessly, both remotely and face to face but always with energy and enthusiasm to raise funds to improve the life chances of our children. My final thanks go to our clergy team who have supported us both practically and spiritually in so many ways.

I also wanted to thank all our Year 6 parents and carers for staying the course and supporting your children. So far, I haven't named any names, but I would like to say a special thank you to Mrs Caroline Smith as a long standing parent and outgoing treasurer of The Friends, Mrs Clare Davies for her regular parent help in class over the years and to Mr Maclachan for his fantastic photography work again, over the years. We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Stallabross who has been a long standing governor and supporter of many fantastic initiatives such as the provision of our wrap around care provision. The happy news is that we are not saying goodbye to all our year 6 parents just yet. However, to all our year 6 parents, who have trusted your children into our care, we are grateful and proud to have played a part in your child's development and to have watched them flourish and grow into the kind, intelligent, independent people that they are. **With thankfulness, courage and love.**

Wishing everybody a very happy summer break and we look forward to seeing you all back at school in September.



Chilton Foliat Primary School Themed Week

SERVICE

Monday 11th July to Friday 15th July 2022



Following our themed week activities which included our concert, the raffle and the children's fete we have counted up the cash and are delighted to announce that the final sum raised for our chosen charity, Unicef and in support children of Ukraine is at total of **£624**. Included in this total are some additional contributions from our guests who attended the concert and from Mrs Dobson who kindly donated half the proceeds from her plant pot sale. Well done to all our children who took part in any which way and for being such enthusiastic providers of service.





Forthcoming Events

Friday 22nd July	TD Day – School Closed.
Thursday 1st September	TD Day – School Closed.
Friday 2nd September	First day back at school for children in Year 1 to Year 6.
Monday 5th September	First day at school for Reception Year children.
Thursday 15th September	Sika Class Oxenwood Team Building Day Trip
Wednesday 5th October	Official Opening and Blessing of the Early Years Garden by Bishop Andrew

This term's Christian value is:

Love

