



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

As I mentioned at the beginning of my last newsletter, the children were looking forward to a whole range of extracurricular events. Many have already taken place, with a few to look forward to in the three remaining weeks of term we have left (yes, that's right!). Whether the children were representing the school at a sporting event, taking part in a cluster schools concert or, out and about exploring our local area, their positive attitudes, eagerness to challenge themselves and impeccable behaviour are proof of our school Christian vision being lived out, that with "thankfulness, courage and love, we strive to improve heart and mind". As a whole school community, we should be extremely proud of our children for proving that our school vision and values are not just words that we say, but actions we carry out.

My Favourite Things – Marlborough and Pewsey Music Cluster Schools Concert – Thursday 22nd June 2023

With thanks to Mrs Jepson for her support and coaching, the school choir attended the Marlborough and Pewsey Music Cluster Schools Concert last Thursday at St Francis School near Pewsey. The theme for the concert was "My Favourite Things" and Chilton Foliat choir chose two songs which represented how thankful we are for the many good gifts we have in our lives. Watched by an audience of over 250 parents, our choir, relatively small in number, took to the stage, calmly and composed. They then proceeded to sing like angels, bringing a tear to an eye no doubt. The evening was rounded off as all the schools came together to sing a rousing rendition of the famous Rodgers and Hammerstein, "My Favourite Things" song. All in all an absolute delight to take part in and to watch.

A message sent to Mrs Jepson from Steph Farr Music Cluster Co-ordinator, Marlborough and Pewsey.

"My thanks to you and your school for helping to make the event a very special one, and especially to you for all the support and commitment you give to the music cluster. What talented children you have, their singing was beautiful and moving, perfect choices too!"



Chilton Foliat School Choir getting ready to sing, "As the Deer Pants for the Water, and A Million Brilliant Things."

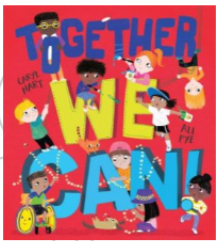
Music Mark Subject Association

Not only have our choir been excelling, as a result of Mrs Jepson's dedication in supporting and developing the music curriculum in school, Chilton Foliat Primary School is now a member of the Music Mark subject association. The vision of Music Mark is for **“accessible and excellent musical learning and engagement in and out of school, for all children and young people, which inspires and enriches their lives.”** As members we can access a wealth of resources and training which will help our children become part of the Music Mark vision.



SUPPORTING
CONNECTING
INFLUENCING

Mental Health and Well-being



Together We Can

Caryl Hart and Ali Pye
Picturebook

Together We Can is a celebration of all the different forms and types of friendship. Crammed with a huge diversity of characters (and animals!), with a wide range of interests, this joyful book looks at what a friend is, how to be a friend, how to make friends, and the value of being together. It offers gentle suggestions on combatting loneliness, taking turns, saying sorry and finding commonality with others. Every child will be able to find someone like them within the pages of this book.

Together We Can has been chosen by Save The Children for their #SaveWithStories appeal. You can [listen to the book](#), [read by actress Freya Allan](#), [here](#).



This week's website focuses on the changes which happen at this time of year when our children are preparing to move class or schools. The website offers advice and video clips for parents and children alike so that you can support each other! <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/professional/resources/supporting-school-transitions/>

A walk to Fairyland – Fallow Class

Year 1 and 2 took a walk to the famous and magical spot by the River Kennet, which we know fondly as Fairyland. On the way, the children, talking like scientists, were able to spot and name a huge variety of wild plants, such as red campion, fox gloves and dog rose. They identified trees by leaf shape. Talking like geographers they also compared human and physical features on the walk through Chilton Foliat. Standing on the bridge overlooking the river, they recalled facts learned at their recent visit from ARK. The children are now all writing a leaflet to share the delights of Fairyland and using the picture taken of the beautiful landscape to begin their artwork on Claude Monet.

Thank you to our parent volunteers who accompanied us to make this walk possible.



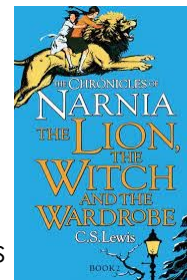
Book Review by Georgie, Sika Class

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S Lewis

5 stars

For ages 9y+

I love the drama and build up in this story and the mystery of not knowing what is going to happen next. I enjoyed reading about the different characters because their personalities were so different. I loved reading about Mr Tumnus because he was so kind and gentlemanly. He tried to do the right thing, even though he was pressurised by the White Witch to kidnap Lucy, one of the daughters of Eve. I both enjoyed the descriptive writing but equally horrified by the murder of Aslan by the White Witch, and therefore would not recommend this story to younger readers!



The Friends

A reminder that The Friends will be holding an end of term disco on Friday 14th July. The disco will run from 4.30pm - 6.00pm. Please arrive promptly at 6.00pm to collect your child at the end of the disco from the school office. Please note that school pick up will be from 3pm that day to enable children to go home and get changed in time for a 4.30pm start. For tickets, please visit our PTA Events page: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/chiltonfoliat> Tickets are available to purchase for £3.50 each including a drink and a hot dog. Ticket sales will close on Thursday 13th July at midday.

Congratulations to our Sika Class children and their families who have found such creative and successful ways to raise money for their water sports trip which is coming up soon!

Quad Kids' Tournament 2023 by Leo, Sika Class

On the 15th of April, the year 6's were invited to a Quad Kids tournament (Quad Kids is an athletic tournament for primary schools). We had lots of fun with all the activities which we had to do including sprinting, vortex, long run and long jump. Daniel's personal favourite was the long-distance run because it was physically taxing and when he finished, he felt a sense of achievement. James enjoyed the vortex because he enjoyed throwing and beating his highest score of 23.9m. Another person who participated in the tournament was Evelyn and she enjoyed lunch and the long-distance sprint. She came 10th and was leading for most of the race until at the final stretch, where she was overtaken. It was because she had no more energy left to sprint to the finish line! These were mostly the other children's favourite events as well.

We were split into a boys' team and a girls' team for the whole day. The results from the events were as follows: the boys' team in sprinting - we achieved 2nd, and two 3rd places. The boy's score on the vortex ranged from 22m to 33m and Alfie achieved 2nd place for the vortex. The long jump scores ranged from 1.20m to 1.80m. For the long run we held the positions of 6th, 7th 10th and 12th in the race. The results for the girl's events were as follows: In the long run race, the girls earned 5th, 10th, 13th and 15th place. For the sprint race the girls held the two positions in 4th place, and 2 places in 5th position. Evelyn achieved 2nd place in vortex with 23m. For the long jump, Bella achieved a whopping 2 m on the marker! Overall, we had a thoroughly fun day but were also extremely tired.



Writing Inspiration in Sika Class

In Sika Class we are preparing for our final big writing session of the year and as part of the planning for the individual stories, the children were asked to create their own fantasy world in 3D. We were absolutely blown away by the quality of the work:



Saying goodbye

Very sadly, Mrs Lisa Bond has decided to leave her role as Admin Officer here at Chilton Foliat. Despite many attempts to persuade her otherwise, Mrs Bond feels it is the right time to spend more time with her family, particularly her children. I wanted to express my huge thanks to Mrs Bond for her incredible commitment, care, love and attention she has given to all of us over the last 4 or so years.

Sports Showcase Day – Friday 7th July 2023

We are looking forward to our Sports Showcase Day next Friday, weather permitting. It will be the third year we have run this whole-day celebration of sport and PE. Now is a useful time to explain to our newer families why we follow the Quad Kids format, instead of the more traditional egg and spoon, sack race variety.



To provide you with the context. We moved away from the more traditional sports day format during Covid. During 2021/2022, we were still working under Covid preventative measures. However, we were able to work within the guidance and offer the first of our Sports Showcase days. Parents were able to attend, albeit under strict supervision. The children remained in their Covid bubbles and joined in activities based on the Quad Kids Start programme where each child takes part in a round-robin of four athletic type events, sprint, run, jump, throw. QuadKids Start, suitable for primary school children, is designed to be a fun introduction into team athletics. More importantly, it is a simple, effective and inclusive way of getting more children to participate in physical activity – it offers all our children the ability to have a go. The feedback we received from the children after the 2021 event was startling! It became clear that some of our children do not enjoy the pressure of taking part in individual races. They felt uncomfortable at being “watched” by the crowd, particularly so if they were not very athletic or competitive. For a minority, it induced real anxiety to the point that they would not attend school or not take part in the races. The children also really enjoyed being active all the time as a more traditional sports day with lots of individual races, also means a lot of sitting around and waiting for the next race. Other benefits described included: working as a team and earning house points, being able to be competitive but in an individual way and being cheered on by fellow house teammates.

It is for these reasons, which are wholly child-led, we are returning to the Quad Kids Start format. Having said that, this year, we are re-introducing a fun race at the end of the Quad Kids competition for those children who wish to take part and there may even be a chance for a mums and dads race too!

School Games Mark – GOLD

We are delighted to announce that Chilton Foliat Primary School, have achieved the School Games **GOLD** Mark Award for the 2022/23 academic year.



The School Games Mark is a government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Our sporting achievements this year include: participation in many inter-school cluster sports events; promoting healthy and active playtimes and led by our trained play leaders; intra-school sporting competitions and our overall in-school PE and sport provision.

Thank you to Miss McClintock for submitting the evidence and completing all the necessary paperwork.

Messy Church – Saturday 15th July 2023 at St Mary's Church Chilton Foliat

Please come and join us for our last Messy Church of the year on Saturday 15th July at St Mary's Church in Chilton Foliat. There will be games, races and a picnic, so don't forget to bring your teddy too. All families are very welcome.



Zimbabwean Family "Braai" Zimbabwean – Saturday 8th July 2023

St Michael's Church, Aldbourne

Please see a poster attached advertising this very worthy event in aid of The King George VI Centre for children in Bulawayo.

Forthcoming Events

Friday 7th July	Sports Showcase Day 1.30pm Parents welcome from 1.15pm (if rained off replacement date 14th July)
Week beginning 10th July	KS2 SATs Results published
Thursday 13th July	Sika Watersports Day Year 3 and 4 Football Festival
Friday 14th July	Leavers Disco 4.30pm - 6.00pm. (Pick up from school available at 3.00pm)
Saturday 15th July	Messy Church 2pm
Monday 17th July	KS2 Production Dress Rehearsal (School only)
Tuesday 18th July	KS2 Production Matinee 2.00pm Year 6 Rounders and Picnic 3.30pm - 5.00pm
Wednesday 19th July	KS2 Production Evening Production 6.00pm
Friday 21st July	Leavers Service St Mary's Church, Chilton Foliat 1.30pm End of Term 6 No After School Club

This terms Christian Value is:

Love