



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 another year at school draws to a close, it is time to reflect on our many successes at Chilton Foliat Primary School. School life is always such a busy one and it is easy to forget how much has been achieved and enjoyed by the children. It is also a time to say thank you for all the support and help the school has received from its community. Thank you to all our parents who have worked in partnership to ensure the children receive the best, rounded and enriched education possible. Thank you to our governors for their continued championing of the school ensuring high quality of educational provision. To all our volunteers, so much would not be possible without your help and we are truly grateful. Our thanks are also due to our amazing fundraising committee, The Friends, who continue to enrich the lives of our children through their constant and creative efforts.

Like the river Kennet upon whose banks we sit; our course is sometimes gentle and meandering, sometimes fast-flowing and turbulent, but always heading in the same positive direction. Our children, with our support, have worked hard, thirsted for knowledge and achieved great outcomes as a result. 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. Once again and based on our overwhelmingly positive Parent Survey we have happy children, which surely sits at the heart of our success.

With thankfulness, courage and love we wish our whole community a happy summer break.

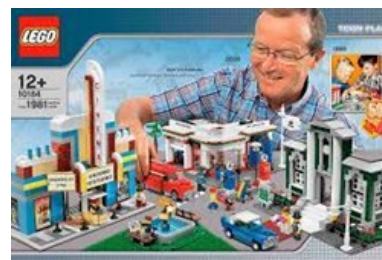
Chilton Foliat Primary School Celebration Cloud 2023



New Friday LEGO Club from September

Did you know that LEGO blocks originated in the Billund, Denmark, workshop of Ole Kirk Christiansen, who began making wooden toys in 1932. Two years later he named his company LEGO after the Danish phrase *leg godt* ("play well"). In 1949 LEGO produced its first plastic brick, a precursor to its signature brick with interlocking studs on the top and tubes on the bottom. It was patented in 1958 by Christiansen's son Godtfred Kirk, who replaced his father as the head of the company.

We all still love to play with LEGO and in a school setting working in a group and playing LEGO brings with it many social and emotional benefits. We are delighted to announce there will be a new Lego club running after school from September, on a Friday. Please email admin if you would like to book a place for your child.



Online safety – Keeping Safe over the Summer Holidays

With the school summer holidays only a matter of days away, parents and carers have already planned outings and activities to keep their young ones entertained. In between those special summer moments, though, there are also likely to be occasions when children happily invest a whole afternoon in Among Us or spend most of their Monday on Minecraft.

As young people's screen time almost inevitably increases over the holidays, parents like to feel confident that their child will stay safe while they're exploring the digital world. National Online Safety have produced a poster with some simple solutions to help children avoid frequent online pitfalls and enjoy a more positive experience when they go online this summer. Please see the poster attached.

What our Vision and Values Mean to Us

As we end our academic year, we reflect upon the challenges we have faced and the successes we have achieved. Whichever, as a school community, our school Christian vision and values continue to help us all flourish. Please see the school website 'latest news'

<http://www.chiltonfoliatprimary.org.uk/> "What our Vision and Values Mean to Us" which is still so incredibly relevant to our school context and setting. With thankfulness, courage and love, we strive to improve heart and mind.

What does our vision mean to us?



Water Sports Day – Sika Class

Sika Class had an exceptional day at Lake 32, participating in raft building, kayaking, paddle boarding and raft building. The class demonstrated teamwork, resilience, and were extremely competitive as well! It was gratifying to witness them all being supportive of one another and encouraging those who found some of the activities challenging. They were all a credit to the school by demonstrating the school values of love, thankfulness and courage and I am proud of them all! Mrs Pinnegar



Summer holiday Mental Health and Well-being

For the end of term, we have 2 websites which focus on the school holidays and how to help both yourselves and your children during this fun but busy time, especially when trying to organise work and childcare arrangements:

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/our-services/parents-and-carers/tips-and-support-for-the-holidays/>
and <https://www.mentalhealthatwork.org.uk/toolkit/supporting-parents-during-school-holidays/>

This week's book is:



Ella on the Outside

Cath Howe

Ella is facing some big changes. She's just had to start at a new school, she's moved away from her best friend Grace, her eczema is acting up, and on top of all that, she has a huge secret to keep about her family. So, when Lydia, the most popular girl in school, wants to start hanging out, things must be on the up... right?

The only problem is, Lydia really wants to know what Ella's hiding and she's also desperate for intel on the quiet girl in class, Molly. So just how far will Ella go to keep her new friendship? Ella on the Outside is a hugely relatable tale that will strike a chord with anyone who has felt the pressure to please a new friend or has struggled to fit in. Ella makes mistakes, but she's also hugely likeable, and author Cath Howe perfectly captures her anxieties and worries.

The Chilton Champs Reading Challenge 2023

The summer holidays are a fantastic time to explore new books in your local library, bookshop or even swap with friends. Books help to lift your mood, entertain you on a rainy day, inspire ideas you could try or simply just a time to escape the real for a while. This works for children, young people and adults! With this in mind, we have created a personalised Reading Challenge which we would like you all to participate in and be ready to talk to the teachers about when you return to school, whether it be at Chilton Foliat or another school! We wish you the very best of luck and look forward to hearing about your book recommendations in September 2023 HAPPY READING☐

In addition, your local library will be offering its own summer reading challenge which you can take part in at the same time you are being a Chilton Champion Reader. See the two posters attached.

After School Clubs

As part of the After School curriculum we have always prided ourselves on our outside clubs as well as the Chilton Club Childcare we provide as a school.

We try to keep a variety to suit all children and as you saw earlier in the newsletter we are aiming to run a Lego club on a Friday afternoon if we can find willing helpers.

In order to hold the clubs we need a core number of children to attend to make them viable for the providers.

If you have already let us know if your child would like to attend any of the following clubs would you be kind enough to email the office so we can add them to the list.

Monday: Art, Tuesday: Multisports, Wednesday: Sewing and Crafts, Thursday: Karate, Friday: Lego.

And Finally

Getting ready for the new term – Volunteers for a return to school clean up needed – Wednesday 30th August 2023

The school will be open to all volunteers who want to come and help us prepare the school and its grounds for our return on Monday 4th September. From patch up painting, to window cleaning, from tidying up the sheds and delving into Baldrick, many hands will make light work. A reminder will be sent out over the holidays, but if you are around, please, put this date in your diary! Many thanks for your support.

Summer Fun



Farewell Year 6's



Dates for September 2023

Friday 1st September	TD Day (No pupils in school)
Monday 4th September	All children return to school (Reception children pickup 1pm for the first week)
Wednesday 18th October	End of Term 1
Monday 30th October	TD Day (No pupils in school)
Tuesday 31st October	Term 2 starts
Wednesday 20th December	Term 2 end
Wednesday 4th January	Term 3 begins

This term's Christian Value is:

Love