



Chilton Foliat Primary School Newsletter

Friday 29th September 2023

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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 promised, we are following up on last week's news with another round of information focusing on up-and-coming events until the end of this half term. We can't believe how quickly the time is going.

Events to look forward to

As this newsletter is being written, representatives from year 4 and 5 have just returned from a golfing tournament and have thoroughly enjoyed playing this sport in a junior competitive environment. Next week Sika Class will be going to the Outward Bound Centre at Oxenwood for a teambuilding day. The Great Fire of London is a history topic taught and enjoyed in KS1 and our KS2 children also remember it with affection. The Trunk Theatre are coming to school on 16th October, to bring this event in history to life, to engage our older children who have studied this topic previously and provide the basis for learning for the younger children who will be studying it as part of their history curriculum. With thanks, The Friends are supporting this event and we are very grateful. Just after half term, KS1 will be getting out and about too, as they make a visit to the Merchant's House in Marlborough. This trip will complement their topic on the Great Fire of London as a similar event took place in Marlborough in 1653.

Harvest Service – Wednesday 18th October 2023, St Mary's Church Chilton Foliat

The children are preparing for our harvest service, which is going to take place on Wednesday 18th October at 2.00pm at St Mary's Church, Chilton Foliat. **All are welcome.** Songs, prayers and readings will be shared to celebrate the wonder of autumn, one of God's amazing creations. As we are aware of the human impact on the environment, the children are keen to show as part of their harvest celebration, their thankfulness for all that is good in our lives and the concerns they have about the many pressures facing our natural world.



Trussell Trust Swindon Food Bank – Donations welcome

Another way of showing our thanks is to invite the children to bring in donations for the Trussell Trust Swindon Food Bank. The Trust works to support people, who, for various reasons, experience hunger, by providing three days emergency food made up of dried and tinned goods. Donations can be brought into school from the week beginning **Monday 9th October** and they will be collected and delivered to the Food Bank, on or around the time of the Harvest Service.



Harvest Community Lunch – Wednesday 11th October 2023

We are looking forward to welcoming members of our local community to a Harvest Community Lunch on Wednesday 11th October 2023. This has become quite a Chilton Foliat Primary School tradition, where we have the opportunity to say welcome and give service to the senior members of the village. Lunch will be served by our year 6's and the choir will provide some afternoon entertainment singing their favourite harvest songs.

Open Mornings – Thursday 12th October and Saturday 11th November 2023 9.00am to 12.00 noon

We are organising two Open Mornings for families who are thinking of sending their children to join us at Chilton Foliat, either in Reception in September 2024 or during the year as an in-year transfer. We have advertised the events widely and are taking appointments for both dates. If you know of any family who would be interested in a tour of the school, to see all our wonderful facilities and meet myself, the Reception Class team and parent and governing body representatives, please urge them to get in touch as we are booking up fast.

Parents Meetings – Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th October 2023

The dates for our first round of parents' meetings were published in last week's newsletter. A letter will have come home with your child today and a school comms has been sent explaining how to log onto the online portal, which goes live at 10.00am on Saturday 30th September - after which time you will be able to make your 10-minute appointment.

If you have any problems selecting an appointment please contact the school office.

The Friends

The Friends are delighted to say that school tea towels are now available to buy! We've had an overwhelming response on the Friends Facebook page (search for our group on Facebook to join!) and printed tea towels are winging their way to school as we speak.

Before the summer holidays, the children were all asked to draw a caricature of themselves and the results are brilliant. Big thanks to Rebecca Miller for taking the lead on this fundraiser!

Please use the following link to order: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/chiltonfoliat/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=68172>

Many thanks for your support!

Is my child too ill for school? – Guidance from the DfE

We have been sent some useful guidance from the DfE which will help us all when making decisions around deciding whether to send children school. It reads:

It is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above. We would encourage you to share the [NHS 'Is my child too ill for school?' guidance](#) with parents and carers in your schools and communities which has further information.

We are aware that the COVID-19 pandemic may have caused some parents to feel less confident with assessing whether their child is well enough to be in school so we have laid out some information which we hope you will find helpful.

In addition to respiratory illnesses, we are aware that more children may be absent from school due to symptoms of anxiety than before the pandemic. Worry and mild or moderate anxiety, whilst sometimes difficult emotions, can be a normal part of growing up for many children and young people. Being in school can often help alleviate the underlying issues. A prolonged period of absence is likely to heighten a child's anxiety about attending in the future, rather than reduce it. DfE has published useful [guidance on mental health issues affecting a pupil's attendance](#) and those who are experiencing persistent symptoms can be encouraged to access additional support.

Thank you for your efforts so far to facilitate immunisation sessions within schools. As we head into winter, encouraging high uptake of seasonal flu vaccination and routine immunisations for eligible children and young people will help to reduce absences and the disruption they cause.

Using our Car Park Responsibly and Parking on the Road

As we welcome new parents to our school community and as a reminder for our existing families we would like to share the school's expectations for using the valuable car park space we have been gifted.

Please make sure you enter the car park at a "dead slow" speed of no more than five miles per hour, whatever time you come to school. Whether you are dropping off at Breakfast Club or picking up from After School Club, or coming to school at any other time, you must modify your speed and be aware that at any time a child or adult may be walking to or from their car.

Please do not park on the side of the road. Parking on the road causes an increased level of hazard, not only for car users on Stag Hill but pedestrians walking along the pavement. We are very lucky to be gifted the use of our car park and I am sure I can count on your continued and careful support.



Dates for the Diary 2023

Wednesday 4th October	Sika Team Building Day Oxenwood
Friday 6th October	Friends Coffee Morning 09.00am - 10.30am
w/c Monday 9th October	Donations for Trussell Trust
Tuesday 10th October	Tempest Individual Photographs
Wednesday 11th October	Harvest Community Lunch
Thursday 12th October	Open Morning 09.00am - 12.00 noon
Monday 16th October	Great Fire of London Workshop
Monday 16th October	Parents Meetings 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Tuesday 17th October	Parents Meetings 4.00pm - 7.00pm
Wednesday 18th October	Harvest Service 2.00pm St Marys Church
Wednesday 18th October	End of Term 1
Monday 30th October	TD Day (No pupils in school)
Tuesday 31st October	Term 2 starts
Monday 2nd November	First Picture Roe Class 9NWN's supplement)
6th - 8th November	Bike ability Year 6 (Provisional dates)
Tuesday 7th November	Fallow trip to The Merchant House
Friday 10th November	Friends Coffee Morning 09.00am - 10.30am
Wednesday 15th November	Flu Immunisations
Tuesday 21st November	Pantomime - Jack and the Beanstalk
28th November - 1st December	Scholastic book Fair in School
Friday 1st December	Christmas fair
6th - 8th December	Chilton Foliat Village Pantomime
Friday 8th December	Friends Coffee Morning 09.00am - 10.30am
Wednesday 13th December	KS1 Nativity Matinee 2.00pm
Thursday 14th December	KS1 Nativity Evening Production 6.00pm
Monday 18th December	Surprises Room
Monday 18th December	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 20th December	Church Service 2.00pm St Marys and Term 2 end
	NO After School Club
Thursday 4th January	Term 3 begins

This terms Christian Value is:

Thankfulness