



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 we head towards the end of our first term together, thoughts turn to Harvest, what we have to be thankful for and how many blessings we truly have. The children are able to speak about these blessings and understand the importance of living out our school value for this term which is **Thankfulness**.

We are practicing for our Harvest Service and as part of that, we are inviting the children to demonstrate being thankful through an act of giving. We are also getting ready for our first set of parents' meetings and everybody should have received their letter and booking details so that appointments can be made.

Despite the unsettled and at times unsure world we all live in, it is reassuring to know that the rhythm and pace of school life continues and as it does, our children, with **thankfulness, courage and love**, continue to grow and flourish. Please read on for details about forthcoming school events and other important school information.

Rainbow Harvest – Wednesday 19th October 2022 at 1.30pm

We are holding our Harvest Service at St Mary's Church Chilton Foliat on Wednesday 19th October at 1.30pm. **All are welcome**. Songs, prayers and readings will be shared to celebrate the wonder of autumn, one of God's amazing creations.

We are all aware of the increased cost of living pressures that affect so many in our society. The children are keen to show their understanding of the value of the wonderful produce that has been grown, harvested or created from the land.

At this time of year we ask for donations to be made for the Food Bank organised by the Trussel Trust. This year we would like to do the same but with a little rainbow twist.

As you know, in recent years, the rainbow has been a symbol of hope and thanks to those working on the frontline during the pandemic. We are extending this appreciation into our harvest of **thankfulness** for what we have, and the generosity and hope we can offer to others.

Each year group is being allocated a colour from the rainbow and asked to bring an item of food with that colour in it or on it. We are inviting food stuff donations which can be non-perishable and of the fresh fruit and vegetable variety. The colour could come from part of the coloured packaging or the colour of the product or the colour of the bare fruit or vegetable.



The outcome will be to create our own harvest rainbow from all the children's offerings in the church ready for our Harvest Service.

All tinned and packaged foods will be donated to the Food Bank. All fresh fruit and vegetables will be sold off after the church service and the profits going to purchase more for the Food Bank.

Non-perishable donations can be brought to school from **10th October** and any fresh fruit or vegetable donations can be brought on the day of the Harvest Service itself.

Year Group	Colour
Reception	Red
Year 1	Orange
Year 2	Yellow
Year 3	Green
Year 4	Blue (light blue)
Year 5	Indigo (dark blue)
Year 6	Violet (purple)

The Friends

With thanks to The Friends for their continued support of the school, please see attached a summary of the events that took place during the last academic year and the money raised as a result. Even though half the year was still impacted by COVID- 19 restrictions, the amount of money raised is testimony to the collective, enthusiasm, creativity and hard work of the Friends, supported by our whole school community. The great news is that The Friends have planned another series of exciting and engaging events for all to enjoy, in and outside of school. Please look out for dates and details.

Hot off the press a message from Mrs Gear, "Thank you to all those who baked delicious cakes for our Macmillan coffee morning! We raised a fantastic £145.25."

Trips and events – payment plans

As this newsletter has already mentioned we are aware of the increased financial pressures many of our families are currently facing. At the same time, we are also extremely keen to continue to offer our children extra-curricular activities such as trips out and visitors in.

These opportunities come at a cost and we would like to offer all our families the opportunity to set up a pre-payment plan in advance of these events taking place. We will be writing to individual classes with an idea of the trip plans and approximate costs, so that everybody has an idea of what to budget for and to begin to pay in smaller regular amounts if they would like to.

Reading Awards

With Celebration Assembly back in full swing, we are beginning to award Reading Certificates in recognition of the effort made by both children and adults to read at home. There are many ways you can help your children with their learning and reading is the single most important. A child's reading skills are important to their success in school as it will allow them to access the breadth of the curriculum and improve their communication and language skills. In addition, reading can be a fun and imaginative time for children ,opening doors to all kinds of new worlds for them.

The system for collecting information about the number of times you have read with your child (or practised their phonic letters and sounds in relation to reading) at home is as follows:

- Every child has their own reading record or reading log
- Every time you read with your child at home, make a note in your children's reading record; letter sounds practised, number of pages read
- Reading records get handed into the class teacher or class teaching assistant at some point during the week and the number of reads at home are counted up.

Reading Rewards and Certificates are awarded for the following:

Number of reads at home	Award or certificate
30 reads	Peacock Bookmark
70 reads	Bronze Certificate
120 reads	Silver Certificate
180 reads	Gold Certificate
200 reads	Gold Reading Medal
250 reads	Book of choice
320 reads	Emerald Bookmark
400 reads	Ruby Bookmark
500 reads	Book of choice and reading medal

When a reading threshold has been reached and an award or certificate prepared to hand out at Celebration Assembly, parents and carers will be notified by the office.

Happy reading at home and thank you for your support with this most important of learning skills!

Reading Volunteers

Could you spare a small amount of time each week to become a regular reading volunteer at Chilton Foliat Primary School and help us with one of our most important activities?

Helping children to become confident, independent readers is one of the most important things that a school can do - and it is an area of our work where parents, carers and other members of the community can make a big difference.



We would like to develop a small team of reading volunteers to come into school regularly, and help the children with their reading by listening to them read, and talking to them about their books and reading choices.

We are always keen to hear from people who would be interested to help us and supporting the teaching of reading by joining our volunteers. Please contact the school office to find out more.

Chilton Foliat Primary School is committed to safeguarding all of our pupils: we require enhanced criminal record checks (through the Disclosure and Barring Service) and background checks for all regular volunteers.

Messy Church – Saturday 15th October, 2.00pm -

Community Club House, Chilton Foliat Primary School

Our next Messy Church is being held on Saturday 15th October at 2.00pm. **Everyone is very welcome.** A poster is attached with this newsletter.

We are also sending out a separate school comms with further information about Messy Church and what you can expect if you attend a session.



Attendance

Absence that cannot be authorised

Our attendance figures for the beginning of this academic are at 95%. We are also, receiving less requests for absences which cannot be authorised. This is good news and we are grateful for all your support and forward planning.

We do know that absence has a well evidenced negative impact on learning and achievement, and this is something, as a whole school community, we work towards avoiding. For those children whose unauthorised attendance meets a certain threshold, the rules are clear. In the event of 10 or more sessions of unauthorised absence, a penalty notice will be issued. For further information, about attendance expectations and why attendance at school is so important please follow this link:

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-attendance-behaviour.

Attendance in the event of illness

Conversely, we are experiencing a surge of absence due to ill health across the school with a variety of illnesses impacting our children and staff. Covid is still around and in school we continue to practice those all important preventative measures, beginning with handwashing, good ventilation and in-class hygiene. We also have children off with other bugs which are more common for this time of year. If your child has experienced either sickness or diarrhea, please keep them at home for the required 48 hours. If your child is off with a raised temperature they must have 24 hours clear with no medication to control the temperature before returning to school. Many thanks for your support.

Appointment of school Finance Officer

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Angela Plank has been appointed to the post of Finance Officer here at school. We all know how talented Mrs Plank is in her role as Administration Officer (just like her colleague, Mrs Bond). Perhaps less well known is her considerable financial management and accounting experience. We wish her well in her new role.

Democracy in progress

Congratulations to all the children who put themselves forward for positions on the School Council, Collective Worship Committee and the Eco Committee. Time to get to work with lots of exciting initiatives. Just for starters, School Council will be meeting to discuss arrangements for Children in Need Day on 18th November; Collective Worship Committee are already leading elements of worship; the ECO Committee will be meeting to discuss how to save energy in and around the school and finally: House Captains will be rolling out positive play strategies at break times.

School Council		Collective Worship Committee	Eco Committee		House Captains
Head Girl	Evelyn	Amelia	Head Eco Warrior	Imogen	Soley House- Alice
Head Boy	James	Faith	Deputy Eco Warrior	Alfie M	Littlecote House - Sienna
Deputy Head Girl	Teddy	Charlie	Eco Secretary	Daniel	Kennet House - Henry
Deputy Head Boy	Alfie A	Eleanor	Eco Action Team Members Georgie, Bella, Gaby Oscar, George, Ben Seth, Fred, Rory		Leverton House – Daisy
Secretary	Poppy	Tom A			
Treasurer	Leo	Olivia			
Year 4 Reps	Ari and Lorenzo				
Year 3 Reps	Jake and Poppy				
Year 2 Reps	Archie and Ellis				

Sika Class trip to Oxenwood for a Team Building Day

Sika Class were excited to attend Oxenwood Outdoor Education Centre in September! It was an opportunity to mix with our new classmates, build friendships and really strengthen our Growth Mindset Skills.

Throughout the whole day, the class made us proud by continually demonstrating the school values of love, courage, and thankfulness. Faith really loved rock climbing because she climbed higher this time and felt very proud of herself, Leo also felt he had challenged himself on the rock-climbing wall. He was grinning from ear to ear! Daisy couldn't think of one part she enjoyed because she 'basically enjoyed everything!' Gaby loved everything because the games were tricky, and she could really challenge herself.

The consensus of the children was that it was a thoroughly enjoyable day, and they cannot wait to return for the Residential Trip in May 2023!



Forthcoming Events

Wednesday 5th October	Official Opening and Blessing of the Early Years Garden by Bishop Andrew
Thursday 13th October	Open Morning for Reception intake September 2023 families
Saturday 15th October	Messy Church 2pm Clubhouse
Monday 17th October	Parents' Meetings for Year 1 to Year 6 children
Tuesday 18th October	Parents' Meetings for Year 1 to Year 6 children
Weds 19th October	Harvest Service at St Mary's Church 1.30pm (time tbc)
Weds 19th October	School closes at 3.20pm for half-term holiday (After-School Club is running as usual).
Monday 31st October	Teacher Development (TD Day) - School is Closed
Tuesday 1st November	First day back at school for all children (Term 2)
Saturday 12th November	Open Morning for Reception intake September 2023 families
Friday 18th November	Children in Need Day
Tuesday 22nd November	Panto (in the school hall)
Friday 2nd December	Christmas Fair
Tuesday 6th December	KS1 Nativity Matinee Performance
Wednesday 7th December	KS1 Nativity evening Performance
Saturday 10th December	Messy Church 2pm Clubhouse
Thursday 5th December	Christmas Surprise Room 2pm
Friday 16th December	Christmas Service at St Mary's Church 1.30pm Children to be collected from church School closes at 2.15pm for Christmas holiday - NO After School Club
Tuesday 3rd January	First day back at school for all children (Term 3)

This term's Christian value is:

Thankfulness