



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

Thank you to all our families who came to church to celebrate our Harvest Service and the end of our first half term together. Once again, the children represented the school, with thankfulness, courage and love as they sang beautifully, read with confidence and wrote and shared meaningful prayers which gave thanks for all we have. As Ben and Seth read a passage from the bible, (St Paul's second letter to the Corinthians) we were all reminded that God gives us more than we need, so that we have enough for ourselves and then enough for every good cause. With that thought in mind, thank you to all for donating produce to the Trussell Trust. We were also delighted to welcome to our service, a new member of the Whitton Parish clergy team, Rev. Deb Larkey. Rev Deb spoke to the children about how important it is for us all to have our "five a day" fruit and vegetables both in their real form and in their spiritual: loving everybody, loving God back, thankfulness for our world, being brave to face our fears and gratitude for all God's good gifts. Everything we need for a healthy and happy lifestyle.

Community Harvest Lunch

What a lovely afternoon we had when our friends from the local community came to school for a Harvest Lunch. We received lovely feedback and feel enormously proud of our year 6 children who provided a first-class service and of the choir who sang so charmingly:

"Everything was so well organized. The food was delicious, the tables were beautifully laid, with pumpkin decorations and the waiters and waitresses were efficient, polite and smiling. Then the choir came to entertain us. They sang enthusiastically and looked so happy. All together it was a great treat and we felt honoured to be included in such a special event."

"We have just enjoyed a wonderful Harvest Lunch with the year 6 children at the school. They are confident, well-mannered and generally such fun that it was a pleasure to be in their company."



Great Fire of London – The Trunk Theatre

Now we all know why the theatre group who came to school on Monday is called the Trunk Theatre – because everything came out of their trunks! With thanks to the Friends for funding this special theatre occasion, the children were enrapt from start to finish as the story of the Great Fire of London was brought to life. The production was interactive too. From organising a water bucket relay to put out the fire (no fire engines in those days) to dancing in the streets and then finally, using design and technology skills as the whole school was challenged to “re-build” London, making sure that the same catastrophe could be prevented from happening again.



Attendance Congratulations

Our attendance figure for this first half-term is 97.5% which is something to celebrate. A huge thank you to all our families for making sure their holidays are taken outside of term time. We truly hope that this attendance rate can be maintained as we continue through the academic year as we all know what a positive difference, full-time education enables all our children flourish at school.

Parent Survey 2023

“98% of parents would recommend Chilton Foliat Primary School to another parent.”

“98% of parents say that their child (ren) feels safe at school.”

The governing body has analysed and discussed the results from our parent survey and most importantly taken on board all the constructive comments for how we can continue to improve our overall school offer. The good news is that for the principal areas where parents were seeking further information or indeed an improvement were already being addressed and we will be sharing further information as to how this is being achieved, in this newsletter and over the next few weeks.

We are extremely grateful for your feedback and you are welcome to continue to share your thoughts and ideas for how we can, as a whole school community, continue to build on the strong foundations underpinned by our school Christian vision.

Behaviour and Anti-Bullying Approach and Policy

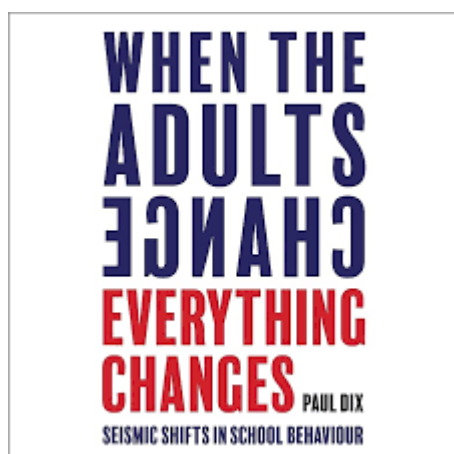
It is a primary aim of our school that every member of the school community feels safe, valued and respected, and that each person is treated fairly and well. We are a caring Christian community, whose values are built on mutual trust and respect for all. The school behaviour policy is therefore designed to provide the way in which all members of the school can live and work together in a supportive way. It aims to promote an environment where everyone feels happy, safe and secure.

For a large part of the summer term staff meeting schedule, the teaching team came together to review our whole school approach to behaviour management and anti-bullying. We based our discussions on a range of current evidence informed research and best practice. From these sessions we have created a new Behaviour Policy and a new Anti-Bullying Policy, which we are now able to share with the school community. Both policies are being sent out with this newsletter.

Implementation has begun and information sessions are being held with all members of staff at school including Breakfast and After School Club. The children are being involved too; their views and feedback on how the characteristics: Ready, Respectful and Safe, can be achieved, are a regular focus of class and Collective Worship conversation.

As part of the implementation process, we would welcome feedback from our families. A Parent Forum focused on the content held within the two policies, is being held on Monday 13th November at 2.00pm in the Club House and all are welcome. If you are unable to attend you are also welcome to email any comments/thoughts to admin@chiltonfoliat.wilts.sch.uk.

Once we have received further feedback, we will be revising our Home School Agreement which sets out expectations and responsibilities for our children, our parents and the school. Many thanks for your support.



Welcome to School – Mrs Rebecca Coleman, Administration Officer

We are delighted to welcome to Chilton Foliat, our new Administration Officer, Mrs Rebecca Coleman. Mrs Coleman, who has had previous school admin experience, will be working in the office alongside Mrs Plank.

I am sure you will all join us in wishing her the best as she begins to get to know us all.

Open Morning – Saturday 11th November 2023

Following our first busy Open Morning held at school on Wednesday 12th October, where prospective parents came to see the school in action, we are holding a second Open Morning on Saturday 11th November. We would be grateful if you could spread the word. Thank you to our parents and governors who come along to school to support our Open Mornings, your involvement is much appreciated.

The end of an era. Mrs Ody is retiring

It is with huge sadness but with a great deal of understanding we are announcing the retirement of Mrs Ody, culinary expert, school catering manager for many years and cook extraordinaire. Mrs Ody is going to hang up her apron for the last time at the end of the Christmas term. Over the years, Mrs Ody has been utterly steadfast, caring and professional and has constantly provided the highest standards of catering provision for all the children who have come to her serving trolley. A very rough calculation of how many children have enjoyed her roasts, and crumbles to name just two of her most popular offerings is between 1500 and 1800. How many happy and well-nourished children is that! We will of course be marking Mrs Ody's retirement and further information will be available.

School lunches and catering provision

As part of an annual review of catering provision both for school lunches and After School Club, we have reviewed our menus with reference to the Department for Education's Guidance and Checklist for Healthy School Lunches. We have made a few tweaks to reduce still further the amount of foods that are high in fat, sugar and salt. Congratulations to Mrs Dobson, Catering Manager, for her commitment and determination to shop around and negotiate the best possible prices for raw materials and other food products so that we keep our prices down whilst maintaining high quality nutritional standards.

As we look forward to the colder months where a hot lunch will warm and sustain, if you would like to book meals for your child please get in touch with the office – admin@chiltonfoliat.wilts.sch.uk.



**We wish you a happy and health half term holiday and see you back at school on
Tuesday 31st October 2023.**

News from Friends

The Friends will be organising a silent / quiet fireworks display on Friday 3rd November. Arrival is from 5pm with the fireworks display starting at 6.30pm. The event will be held at the school with hot dogs and doughnuts available to purchase. Dogs are very welcome but must be kept on leads at all times. Admission is £5 for adults and £2 per child so please spread the word.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

The next couple of months are going to be very busy so we would be grateful for help with the following events, the more help we have before and on the day the more enjoyable each event will be:

Preloved uniform sale - date TBC and helpers needed to run it please

Friday 1st December - Christmas Fair 3.30-5.30pm. Lots of volunteers needed please, not just on the day but with the planning too.

Thursday 14th December - Christmas Sparkle Day in exchange for donations for the Surprise Room.

Dates for the Diary 2023

Monday 30th October	TD Day (No pupils in school)
Tuesday 31st October	Term 2 starts
Friday 3rd November	Silent Firework Display 6.30pm (Arrive from 5pm)
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
Monday 13th November	Parent Forum 2pm Club House
Wednesday 15th November	Flu Immunisations
Friday 17th November	Ch8ildren in Need Day - Odd Socks Day
Tuesday 21st November	Pantomime - Jack and the Beanstalk
28th November - 1st December	Scholastic book Fair in School
Friday 1st December	Christmas Fair 3.30pm - 5.30pm
7th - 9th 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
	Christmas Lunch - non uniform Christmas jumper
	Donations for Christmas Surprises Room
Monday 18th December	Christmas Surprises Room
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