



Chilton Foliat Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 10th November 2022

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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

Welcome back to a blustery, balmy and busy second term! Just before we look forward, a chance to reflect on the end of our first term together. We ended on a real high note with our delightful and happy Harvest Service.



It was great to see so many of our families in church, joining our children in songs and prayers. What a sight we made as we "marched" down the hill! With support from parents and governors, our children, younger ones, buddied up with older ones, behaved responsibly enroute, and with respect and good manners whilst we were in church. Each and every one of the children, a real credit to the school.

Thank you for the many generous donations of food and other goods for our Rainbow Harvest collection. Your kind gifts were taken straight to the Food Bank on the day.

Children in Need Day – Friday 18th November 2022

As part of the School Council initiatives for 2022/2023, three charities have been chosen which the children would like to support and which reflect our values and our outward looking view on our world. The first charity is Children in Need and we have allocated Friday 18th November 2022 as our Children in Need Day. At our last meeting, the whole School Council discussed and agreed a number of activities which will help raise funds for Pudsey. These are:



- Come to school dressed in spots for a donation of £1.00
- Fill Pudsey with any coins – please bring to school any loose change
- Draw Pudsey in an exciting/exotic location – 50p to enter, prizes to be won
- Run/walk a Pudsey Mile (supported by Innov8)
- After school sweetie bag sale – 50p a bag.

PE sessions will continue as normal and all we ask is that children come to school with their trainers so that they can take part in some special Pudsey PE!

Posters are being "posted" in and around school and The School Council will be making further preparations next week.



Anti-bullying Week 14th – 18th November and Odd Socks Day Thursday 17th November 2022

Next week marks the nationwide focus on Anti-bullying promoted by the Anti Bullying Alliance. (ABA). We will be focusing on this topic as part of our PSHE curriculum offer and having a special Collective Worship presented by the School Council on Thursday 17th November. We will be sharing the important messages about what bullying is and what it is not; what to be aware of should any of our children feel they, or any of their friends, are being bullied. Of particular importance for our older children is the potential for any bullying behaviours to be present on social media.



To mark the initiative, all our children are invited to wear **odd socks** on **Thursday 17th November**, a great way to celebrate what makes us unique in Anti-Bullying Week.

Parent Forum – Wednesday 7th December 2022

We would like to resume our termly Parent Forums. These are an opportunity for any interested parent to meet with Mrs Turner and one or two school governors to discuss a broad range of issues relating to school life.

For the Forum to be effective and productive, the meetings will be led by a pre-agreed agenda and suggestions are welcome, as is your participation. The forums used to be held roughly three times a year, pre-pandemic and now is the time to welcome them back. Previously, issues discussed included: sports provision, homework policy and online safety. Our first forum will be held on Wednesday 7th December 2022 at 9.00am in the Club House. Please email the office if you would like to attend: admin@chiltonfoliat.wilts.sch.uk.

Remembrance on Friday 11th November 2022

The whole school will be gathering just before 11.00am to remember. Prays, poems and a song will be shared. Thank you to our School Council representatives who have been circulating the Royal British Legion Remembrance mementos and poppies for sale and to our families who have sent their children in with donations.



Rainscape Blessing

We were delighted to welcome Bishop Andrew to school at the beginning of October to "Bless the Rainscape" along with representatives from Action for River Kennet and many of the volunteers and parents who worked so hard to make our Rainscape a reality. We were treated to a song by the choir and prayers from our younger members of school, all followed by delicious coffee and cake in the clubhouse.



Car park driving

A gentle reminder to all to take care when entering and exiting the car park. We continue to receive feedback from car park users about the speed at which some cars come in and leave. It is also important to remember to always remain kind and courteous as drivers manoeuvre in and out of parking spots. As the weather continues to deteriorate and the evenings draw in, extra caution is needed. Many thanks for your support

Class WhatsApp Groups

Just as we educate our older children in the safe and respectful use of social media, an opportunity has arisen to offer the same to all our families who use the class WhatsApp Groups. A new set of guidance, written by parents for parents, on the purpose and practicalities of our class WhatsApp groups will soon be available.

The Friends

Thank you to everyone who attended our fireworks display last Thursday. Particular thanks go to Linda and Rich for allowing us to use their wonderful outdoor space for the event. The total raised isn't quite confirmed but we will announce it at a later date. We have a number of events to look forward to as we run up to Christmas, look out on the school's website and Friends Facebook page for further details.

This year, the school will be supporting 'Fill The Truck' which is a local initiative aimed at sending much-needed supplies to Ukraine. The lorry leaves the UK on 24th November which means that donations will need to be ready and delivered to the collection point in Axford by 22nd November. Please click on the following link to see the items that are needed, with a particular focus on the Christmas presents requested for children (see bottom of list). Please note that presents do not need to be wrapped. Thank you for your support!

<https://www.uktoulraine.com/team-4>

Household Support Fund – One-off Funding for Low-Income Non-Free School Meals Families

As the cost-of-living continues to increase, especially for food and fuel, Wiltshire Council have taken the decision to extend the reach of a Household Support Fund 2022/2023 to include lower income families with children of school age who do not qualify for Free School Meals.

The School can decide how to distribute the fund amongst our family community and we are inviting any family to come forward who would benefit from a one-off payment in the form of supermarket or fuel vouchers. Any requests will be dealt in the strictest of confidence and they are most warmly welcomed. Please contact the office on admin@chiltonfoliat.wilts.sch.uk in the first instance.

Forthcoming Events

Friday 11th November	Remembrance Day
Saturday 12th November	Open Morning for Reception intake September 2023 families
Monday 14th - 18th November	Anti-bullying Week
Thursday 17th November	Odd Socks Day
Friday 18th November	Children in Need Day
Tuesday 22nd November	Aladdin Panto (in the school hall) Deadline for 'Fill the Truck' for Ukraine
Wednesday 30th November	Letters from Santa Launched Wreath Making Workshop (Date to be confirmed)
Friday 2nd December	Christmas Fair 3.30pm onwards 'VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED'
Tuesday 6th December	KS1 Nativity Matinee Performance
Wednesday 7th December	KS1 Nativity evening Performance Parent Forum 09.00am in the Club House
Thursday 8th December	Donations for Christmas Surprise Room
Friday 9th December	Christmas Cards expected back
Saturday 10th December	Messy Church 2pm Clubhouse
Thursday 5th December	Christmas Surprise Room 2pm Hungerford Extravaganza Tombola Stall 'VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED'
Thursday 15th December	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Christmas Surprise Room
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