



Chilton Foliat Primary School Newsletter

Friday 10th November 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

Our Autumn Term 2 has certainly got off to a great start. A huge thank you to The Friends for organising such a fantastic fireworks display, which is also mentioned below. As always, a lot of hard work goes into preparing for success and the school is very grateful to everybody who helped out and who came to support. The income generated really does help contribute to improving the educational experience of all our children. Just before we begin to look forward to the fun and excitement that the month of December will bring, it is worth mentioning how successful other enrichment events have been since we returned to school. Just in the last week, we have welcomed Bikeability, visited the Merchants House in Marlborough, taken part in a KS1 multi-skills tournament, marked Remembrance Day and shared Online Safety knowledge with Year 10 students from Marlborough College. Muntjac Class have even made a Roman road out of chocolate! In amongst all the enrichment our school offers, the children continue to focus on their learning, challenging themselves to be the best they possible can be and living out our school values and vision statement every day. We couldn't be prouder.

The Friends

Fireworks display

Thank you to everyone who came along to our fireworks display last Friday. It was great to see so many people from the wider community in attendance and rough estimates would suggest we had around 250 visitors. Not bad for a small school! The Friends are delighted to say that the total raised was £827.56. Thank you to Deborah Harvey, Paul Freestone, Jenny Webber, Linda Culley, Vanessa Dobson, Matthew Armishaw, Rebecca Miller and Aggie Krawiec for being wonderful volunteers and making it happen.

Christmas cards

A reminder that completed designs need to be returned to the school office by Friday 10th November. Thank you.

Panto tickets

A reminder that tickets for your child to see Jack and the Beanstalk are now available to purchase on Parent Pay. Please return consent forms by Friday 10th November.

Tea towels

Due to demand, we will be printing 50 more school tea towels which will be available to buy at the Christmas Fair on Friday 1st December.

Christmas Fair on Friday 1st December

As this is one of the biggest events in our school calendar, **we will need lots of volunteers please**, not only on the day but in the planning stages also. Each class will be running a stall and your class rep will be in touch to co-ordinate this. Please look out for messages on your class WhatsApp groups. We will also be inviting the children to be Santapreneurs once again so please look out for an email about this in a couple of weeks.

Kitchen Raffle – A great result

In addition to the amazing work carried out by The Friends and the money raised as a result, we have more good news. Well done Mrs Dobson for raising a grand total of £286 from the Kitchen Raffle and thank you to all for supporting. All the proceeds will go towards making even more special, those special occasions at lunchtime at key times in the year.

Booking for Christmas Lunch – Thursday 14th December 2023

Could we please ask parents to order a Christmas lunch for their child (ren) by Tuesday 5th December for Christmas lunch on Thursday 14th December 2023. Please note that the lunch served on Wednesday of that week, will swop with the choices listed on the Thursday.

KS1 visit to Merchant's House, Marlborough

On Tuesday 7th November, Fallow Class paid a visit to The Merchant's House in Marlborough. We discovered what life was like in the seventeenth century, exploring the kitchen, the bedrooms, dining room, study and of course, the toilet! We made links to our topic of The Great Fire of London, finding out about Marlborough's great fire which had occurred in 1653. We found out about how the houses were re-built after the fire - like giant flat pack furniture - and how far the fire had spread. We also found out about why we use certain phrases - sleep tight (tightening the ropes on your bed to hold up your mattress - and mind the bed bugs don't bite - lots of bugs living in the beds which were hay and horsehair. Both adults and children learned lots of new facts.

The email from our guide, Nichola, really sums up our amazing trip and the children's response to the experience:

"Please may I say we were all very impressed how well behaved the children were, attentive, with great questions, considering we have the distraction of the Christmas room and the house is becoming more and more cold as we come to the end of the year. The children were a credit to you and the school."



Remembrance on Friday 10th November 2023

The whole school gathered on Friday 10th November, just before 11.00am to remember. Prays, poems and a song was 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.



Bikeability

This week the Year 6's participated in the Bikeability Course, Level 1 and 2. They learned about safety checks, being 'road ready' and dangers to be aware of before they even mounted their bikes! The instructors were very impressed with the level of resilience demonstrated by most of the pupils (particularly with the girls!), especially the more nervous riders. The children returned after each session feeling enthused and surprised by the knowledge they needed to know to ensure they were safe to ride on the roads. They were even more surprised when part of the training required them to cycle down and back up Stag Hill! However, they all managed and are feeling very proud of themselves. The Year 5's cannot wait until their turn next year!!



Anti-bullying Week 13th – 17th November and Odd Socks Day Thursday 16th November 2023

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 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 present on social media.

In addition, Mrs Turner is holding a Parent Forum on Monday 13th November to receive any feedback on the school's refreshed Behaviour Policy and Anti-Bullying Policy. Anybody is welcome and we will be meeting in the clubhouse at 2.00pm. If you are not able to attend but would like to submit any comments, please use the admin@chiltonfoliat.wilts.sch.uk address.

To mark the initiative, all our children are invited to wear **odd socks** on **Thursday 16th November**, a great way to celebrate what makes us unique in Anti-Bullying Week.



Online Safety – Digital Leaders from Marlborough College

We are supporting Marlborough College with their Year 10 outreach work. Students from The College have been coming into school over the last few Wednesdays to hear readers, be a mentor or more recently share their knowledge as a Digital Leader. So far, year 6 and year 4 have enjoyed an afternoon session run by the Digital Leaders where together they shared knowledge and information on how to stay safe online. The Chilton Foliat children were able to respond with a great deal of knowledge and understanding to the quizzes and mini competitions shared and were Ready, Respectful and learning how to be Safe too!



Children in Need Day – Friday 17th November 2023

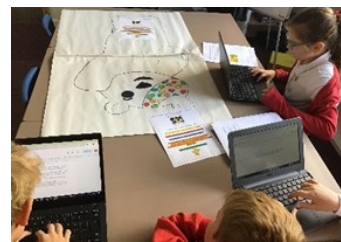
As part of the School Council initiatives for 2022/2023, three charities have been chosen which the children would like to support and which reflect our values and our outward looking view of our world. The first charity is Children in Need and we have allocated Friday 17th November 2023 as our Children in Need Day. The School Council have been really proactive and have met to discuss the day. They have agreed on a number of activities which will help raise funds for Pudsey. These are:

- Wearing spotty clothes to school
- Competition – Who can wear the most spots?
- Putting money (coins) on a large picture of Pudsey
- Competition – drawing a new outfit for Pudsey
- Make a Pudsey money box and fill it with coins at home.

For all these events, children are asked to bring to school on Friday their financial donations to Children in Need in the form of coins, gold, silver and bronze. Many thanks for your support.

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.

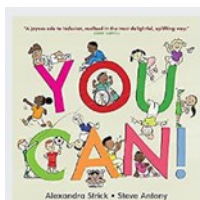


Mental Health and Wellbeing

Support your child's physical and mental health through winter

With the night's drawing in, it is tempting to curl up and hibernate until the spring. But being active is a great way to support mental health all year round.

Physical activity has been shown to support mental health in both children and adults. Increased resilience, improved self-esteem, greater confidence, enhanced learning and develop more positive moods are just some of the benefits. But as the weather begins to turn, and options for activity seem to disappear, it can be difficult to keep active. So here is a website to support all of us over the next few months: <https://www.activemyway.org/support-your-childs-physical-and-mental-health-through-winter>



Alexandra Strick
Steve Antony
You Can

Based on the real words from a group of children, this picture book focuses on all the amazing things you can do. Each page focuses on a different year in the children's lives meaning you see them grow up as they read. We love how it focuses on everyone's potential and shows how everyone has different skills, passions and lives their own special journey.

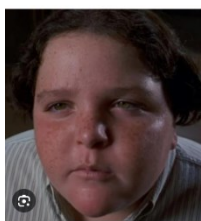
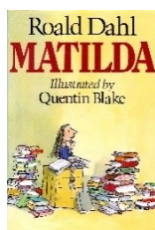
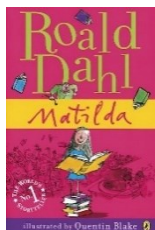
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Discover how to support your child's physical and mental health with physical activity through the autumn and winter with Active My Way.

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A book review by Georgia Stevenson Year 5

Matilda by Roald Dahl. For ages 7+years



I give this a 5-star award because it is a funny story and was well presented in the recent film musical of Matilda as well. It makes me laugh because Matilda's parents are very angry with her because she wants to attend school, read books and be educated. I love the part in the story when Matilda seeks revenge of Miss Trunchball for unfairly punishing her best friend. So, Matilda put a newt into Miss Trunchball's glass of water. The newt jumped out on Miss Trunchball which made her jump about! I also found this story a little bit sad because Miss Honey's mum died and to make matters worse, the dad's stepsister was Miss Trunchball, who inherited Miss Honey's parents' house. But it becomes even more funny when Matilda and Miss Honey work together to steal chocolates and retrieve Miss Honey's doll.

Pray and Play Club

On Thursday lunchtime we launched 'Play and Pray', our new lunchtime prayer club, led by Revd. Beth and Mrs Bleasdale. A quarter of our pupils chose to take part! We prayed for peace in our world, our communities and our lives, and made 'tattoo crosses' to place on a map of the world as we prayed. 'Play and Pray' will continue on Thursday lunchtimes.



Dates for the Diary 2023

Monday 13th November	Parent Forum 2pm Club House
Thursday 16th November	'Odd Socks Day' Flu Immunisations
Friday 17th November	Children in Need 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 ends
	NO After School Club
Thursday 4th January	Term 3 begins Sika Trip to see The Nutcracker

This terms Christian Value is:

Thankfulness