



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,

Happy New Year and welcome back to school for 2023. Class letters and information about curriculum coverage have been sent out and learning for term three is well and truly underway. Contrary to the dull and wet weather outside of school, inside we are full of learning sparkle and all of the children are back into the swing of things. Outside of the normal timetable, we have already had a visit from an ancient Greek and a new Play Leaders group has been trained to deliver additional activities during break and play times to help develop social skills and engage and organise other pupils in activities during these times. For further information to kick start our new term, please read on.

TA Recruitment

We are seeking to recruit new Teaching Assistants to continue to support the learning needs of our children. We have advertised widely and information is also attached with this newsletter. If you know of anybody who you think would be interested in making an enquiry, it would help enormously if you could point them in the direction of the advert and encourage them to apply.

Congratulations to our Catering Team

We are delighted to report that, once again, the catering team have been awarded a 5 star Food Hygiene rating from the Food Standards Agency. The consistently high 5 star track record is testament to the meticulous detail, care and attention that Mrs Dobson and Mrs Ody give to their roles. Many congratulations. Unfortunately, it will come as no surprise that as from January 2023, we have had to increase the cost of our meal provision from £2.50 to £2.60 per day. This increase is due to the rising cost of food materials and utilities. However, the value of our freshly cooked meals in substantial portions still remains very competitive compared to other schools whose catering is subcontracted.



Mask wearing at Celebration Assembly

We have received a couple of queries about the need to wear masks at Celebration Assembly. We know that it is no longer a requirement and indeed the practice of wearing a face mask is much less common when we are out and about. As a school, we will continue to provide masks to wear when you come into school for events such as Celebration Assembly and encourage you to wear them. This offer will carry on until we are at least out of the flu, coughs and colds season, in order to provide that little extra protection for our whole school community.

Smart watches – not to be worn at school

We have noticed that due to Father Christmas's generosity, a few of our children have been wearing a newly acquired Smart watch to school. These must be very treasured gifts and for this reason and for Safeguarding reasons we would ask that any form of SMART watch stay at home. Smart watches will typically have camera facilities and allow independent access to the internet and school staff are not able to regulate these two functions in line with our Safeguarding principles and practices. Every child is very welcome to wear a time telling watch be it analogue or digital as long as they have no other function other than telling the time.

Ancient Greek Day

Muntjac had a fabulous day on Monday 9th January to kick start their topic on Ancient Greece. We welcomed into our school a historian and actor, Steven Humphries, who delivered a jam packed full day of Ancient Greek knowledge, skill and information on the legacy they left for the Modern civilisation.

Starting the day, we learnt all about when and where the Ancient Greek civilisation was in relation to other civilisations and where you could find it on a world map. We had a go at one of the oldest puzzles created by Archimedes. He used this puzzle to test others with out 400 different ways to solve the puzzle. We continued our morning by starting to look at the diets of the ancient civilisation thinking about the most popular meat they ate (pork and fish) and why it was mainly pork and fish instead of other meats. We also were surprised at the different fruits and vegetable they ate during this time. To finish off the morning, we looked and created our own Ancient Greek Shield based on the traditional designs.

In the afternoon, we experienced what it would have been like to be a slave crushing grapes with our bare feet. We looked at the different art and what this could tell us about how the people lived and what they did within Ancient Greece. Splitting into two groups, Spartan Vs Athenians, we held an Olympic game of javelin throwing. Finishing off the day, the Spartans and Athenians learnt about how they should use their shield in a battle creating a single shield wall and a double shield wall.

All in all, Muntjac had a fantastic day and are excited to learn more about this ancient civilisation as the term goes on.



Welcome to our new Play Leaders team



Online Safety

The South West Grid for Learning is a highly reputable website which supports schools and families with many aspects of online safety. The education resources are suitable for use in class and at home. www.swgfl.org.uk. Other sources of Online Safety Information, including clarification on the guidelines as to how old children should be before they can access on-line platforms such as WhatsApp(16 Years), Facebook (13 Years) and TickTock (13 Years) can be found at the following: www.nspcc.org.uk, www.childnet.com or www.internetmatters.com.

Attendance - A new year reminder

A reminder to all that holidays should not be taken during term time. As a Local Authority Maintained school we are bound by a legal requirement to adhere to our Local Authority policy. Part of this policy states that "Headteacher's may authorise an absence from school during term time if there are exceptional circumstances. Exceptional circumstances may include: the death or terminal illness of a person in the immediate family; service personnel and other employees who cannot take leave outside term time at any point in the academic year. The Local Authority policy also provides information about the possibility of penalty notices or legal proceedings in the event of 10 or more sessions of unauthorised absence. 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. Many thanks for your support.

Messy Church

The next Messy Church session will be taking place on Saturday 4th February in the Club House at school from 2.00pm - 4.00pm. In keeping with our school values and the time of year the activities will be based on God's love and loving one another. Please see the attached poster.

All families are welcome to attend .

HEADLICE!

Unfortunately we have had several reports of head lice.

Could you all please check your child's hair regularly for head lice and treat immediately.



Forthcoming Events

Thursday 19th January	Karate Club starts after school 3.20pm—4.20pm
Thursday 2nd February	Christingle Service St Marys Church
Saturday 4th February	Messy Church 2pm
Tuesday 7th February	Reception Class Parents Meetings Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 14th March	Year 1-6 Annual Reports to parents
Wednesday 8th February	Reception Class Parents Meetings
Friday 10th February	Last day of term 3
Monday 20th February	Term 4 begins
Monday 13th—17th March	Courage Week
Saturday 25th March	Messy Church 2pm
Friday 31st March	Easter Service St Marys Church Term 4 ends

This term's Christian value is:

Courage