



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

We know Monday's can be a bit unpredictable but not having any power in the village wasn't part of this week's plan! Taking the positives, the children accepted the difference in circumstances very well and were happy to continue with their learning (even without technology). The Eco Committee listed the environmental benefits of a "power-off" morning and would like to repeat the event, in a slightly more managed way. We were blessed with a fair weather day and the boiler had been on over the weekend so internal temperatures were acceptable. Thank you to everyone for their support and understanding. As we head towards our half-term break we have a few events to look forward to and some important messages to share. Please read on to find out more.

Messy Church – Saturday 4th February 2023, Club House



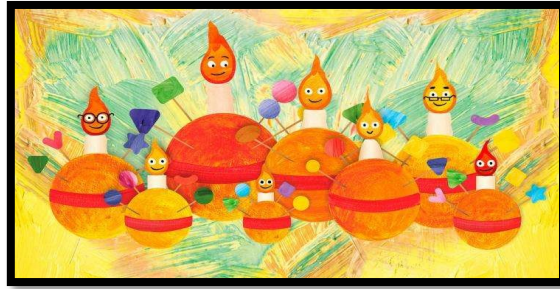
Put those January blues behind you and come and join us for our next Messy Church taking place at school on Saturday 4th February 2023. The theme is "Perfect Love." Based on the bible story about Zacchaeus from [Luke 19](#) and how his encounter with Jesus changed his life, the activities will include: making your own catapult, building a tree from marshmallows and spaghetti and creating your own friendship rock. Please come and join us at 2.00pm for lots of messy and lovely fun.

Mrs Stewart-Smythe is hanging up her lunchtime apron

Very sadly, Mrs Stewart-Smythe will no longer be working with us as a Mid-Day Lunchtime Supervisor (MDSA) from after half term. The good news is that Mrs Stewart-Smythe will not be leaving altogether as she will continue her role as a Play Leader for After School Club. On behalf of the whole school team and community, I would like to thank her for the dedication she has given to this important role and the care she has taken of all the children whilst eating and at play. We will miss Mrs Stewart-Smythe on the playground but happy to know she will be continuing her caring role at club.

Christingle Service

2.00pm, Thursday 2nd February 2023, St Mary's Church, Chilton Foliat



What is Christingle? Christingle is a joyful celebration that brings families and communities together to share the light of Jesus and spread the message of hope. Christingles are usually held from the end of November through to February (Advent to Candlemas) and we chose the latter to light up a particularly dull time of the year. The children will make their Christingle candles during the morning and bring them down to church for our service at 2.00pm. The candles will be lit to create a warm, magical glow, symbolising the light of Christ and bringing hope to people living in darkness.

We are especially thoughtful about families who are living in tough times and for the children who have it the toughest. We would like to support the Children's Society as part of our Christingle celebration **and invite each child to bring a £1 in on Thursday in exchange for their Christingle candle.**

The children will be walked down to church for the service which will begin at 2.00pm and walked back to school for normal end of day collection/After School Club arrangements. You are very welcome to attend the service and if you would like to collect your child from church, please notify the office in advance.

Thank you for your support.

**The
Children's
Society**

**No child
should feel
alone**

Fundraising for Sika Class Water Sports Day

Sika Class is planning an exciting trip to Lake 32 - <https://lake32.co.uk> – for a Water Sports Day on Thursday 13 July 2023 to enable the children to experience water sport activities including craft-building, paddle boarding and kayaking.

To provide you with a bit of background about the Water Sports Day, it was an annual trip initially set up eight years ago by parents and was a trip that Sika parents and pupils fundraised for to make it free of charge. The goal is to make this event best case scenario free of charge, but realistically as low cost as possible, but we need as much support/help as possible to make this happen and to provide the children in Sika class with the same experience as past pupils.

We have a number of events in the pipeline, so please watch this space and support us if you can to make some amazing memories for our Sika children:

- Charity girls' haircuts by Laura Neal Hairdressing (thank you Laura Neal)
- Junior Bake Off/Gourmet Gamble (Bring in a food dish – cake, savoury dish etc. for the school to 'raffle off' in an event at the end of the day)
 - Charity quiz night/bingo
- Sponsorship Challenge over Easter – Sika children can participate in an individual sponsored event to raise money for the trip.

Jess, Winnie and Rachel (Sika year 6 parents)

Reports for Years 1-6 and EYFS parents meetings

For years 1-6, mid-year assessments are taking place across the school to support teachers with the annual report writing process. We send out each child's annual report in March to inform parents of progress made so far and next steps to take before the academic year is complete. With this shared understanding between school and home on how your child is progressing and what targets need to be attempted in the second half of the year, support is in place "two-ways" to enable each child to succeed. Once the reports are sent out (we are planning for 14th March 2023), you will have the opportunity to speak to your child's class teacher on an ad-hoc basis about any concerns or questions. Your child will also be invited to complete the annual report survey, to gather important information about how they feel about their learning. A second set of formal parents meetings will be arranged in late June/early July to discuss progress made based on the recommendations made in the March report.

For our EYFS children, Mrs Gibson will be meeting her Reception class parents very shortly and will follow this meeting up with the formal end of year EYFS profile report in late June/early July, a reverse of the above.

If at any time throughout these more formal reporting procedures you would like to speak to your child's teacher, please catch them on the playground, or if you believe a little more time is needed, please phone the office to make an appointment.

Lunchtime Cover – Seeking new Mid-Day Lunchtime Supervisors



As a result of Mrs Stewart-Smythe's departure from the lunch hall and playground, we need to find her replacement or replacements. Recruiting these valued and vital members of staff is proving difficult for all schools. However, this role is critical to ensure the safe and happy lunchtime for all our children (for some, their favourite time of the day!) It is an incredibly rewarding role and we would welcome applications from either volunteers or to work on a paid basis; full-time or part-time.

If anybody is interested in taking up this role, either for five lunchtimes a week or just a few, take a look at the advert attached to this newsletter and let the office know if you are interested in becoming one of our Mid-Day Lunchtime **Saviours!**

Forthcoming Events

Thursday 2nd February	Christingle Service 2pm at St Mary's Church
Saturday 4th February	Messy Church 2pm (Clubhouse)
Tuesday 7th February	Reception Class Parents' Meetings Safer Internet Day
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
Tuesday 14th March	Year 1-6 Annual Reports to parents
Saturday 25th March	Messy Church 2pm
Friday 31st March	Easter Service St Mary's Church Last day of Term 4
Monday 17th April	Term 5 begins

This term's Christian Value is:

Courage