



# Chilton Foliat Primary School Newsletter

Friday 9th February 2024

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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

As we head for a well-earned mini break, our last newsletter for Term 3 contains information about forthcoming events and a look back at some of our highlights. An example of which was our beautiful Christingle Service yesterday. Thank you to all our parents and carers who helped walk us down to church. Many thanks are also due to our friends at Tesco for providing 100 oranges!

We received wonderful feedback from our congregation; about the quality of the singing and how calmly and confidently our readers presented their words. Once the Christingles had all been lit, we all enjoyed a moment of awe and wonder and came away, encouraged to spread the light and love of Jesus with our thoughts, words and deeds. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy half-term and with fingers crossed, when we come back to school on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February, the wet and windy winter will have been replaced by a splendid spring.

## Friends round-up

A couple of things slipped off the radar before we finished for Christmas due to a very busy Friends team! We are delighted to say that the total raised at the Christmas Fair was an impressive £977! And a huge £204 of this was from the Santapreneurs. Thank you to everyone involved.

## Match funding schemes

We wanted to take this opportunity to highlight **employer match funding schemes** and how a little bit of your time could potentially double the funds for the Friends. If you work for an organisation that has a match funding policy, any money you raise could be matched by your employer. Companies may match the fundraising total for an event, or for the stall that their employee is working on. Usually, the employee will need to supply them with a letter from the Friends detailing the date and nature of the event, together with the total raised.

An excellent example of this is Linda Culley, one of our parents, who works for Vodafone. Linda successfully secured match funding for the school fireworks event in November, resulting in our total profit being increased by £350! Amazing! Thank you Linda.

**We are so grateful for all the hard work by The Friends and contributions and support that the school community gives its initiatives. It makes such a huge difference!**



## Car Park

We are aware of a few lumps and bumps in our car park which we are working on fixing and would like to thank all our car park users for avoiding them as much as possible. Please continue to use the car park carefully by:

- minimizing your speed to a maximum of 5 miles per hour
- parking, whilst carefully, as close to the next car as possible so as to maximise the space available
- taking care when reversing out of your space and then following the one way system at all times (clockwise).



## Attendance

Our overall year to date attendance rate is 96% for the whole year and 95.5% since the beginning of January 2024. This is **fantastic news** and long may these rates of attendance continue. Every child deserves the best educational opportunity possible and this is enabled by attending as much school as possible.



We understand that authorised absences caused by illness will have an impact. However, unauthorised absences such as taking holiday in term time, will have a negative impact on every child's education and their outcomes.

## Shalbourne Primary School

It is with sadness and regret that I share this news. Following a meeting at Wiltshire Council on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024 the decision has been taken to close Shalbourne Primary School as of 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Fortunately, all the children who started back at Shalbourne in September have been relocated to other schools and their transitions have gone smoothly. I will continue to support Shalbourne up until the date of closure although not in a way I had ever imagined. A Service of Celebration will be held at the church in Shalbourne and details will be circulated to the whole community as soon as possible.

## Assessment and Reporting

For years 1-6, mid-year assessments have taken 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 achieve well. Once the reports are sent out (we are planning for 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024), you will have the opportunity to speak to your child's class teacher on an ad-hoc basis about any concerns or questions you may have. 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 has met her Reception class parents 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.

## HEADLICE!

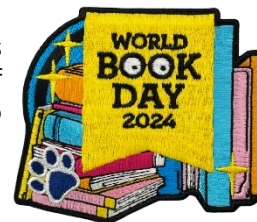
Unfortunately we have had several reports of head lice.

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



## World Book Day – Thursday 7th March 2024

We are delighted to announce that the school will be taking an active part in this year's World Book Day. Our aim for World Book Day 2024 is to bring the fun of reading to more children, to celebrate their choices and encourage everyone to Read Their Way! Fewer children and their families are enjoying reading, just when the life-changing benefits are needed most.



With support from all our families, it is our absolute ambition for every child in our school to be given the teaching, the time, the tools, and the resources to become fluent readers and emotionally engage in the love of reading. The evidence shows that by supporting a child to read for pleasure this ambition can and will be achieved. All our children must be able to:

- be read to regularly at home and at school
- access high quality books at home and at school
- have choice in what they want to read for pleasure as well as reading to support phonetical understanding
- have trusted adults and peers sharing and recommending books
- enjoy the reading experience, and
- have designated time to read.

To celebrate World Book Day itself

- The children are invited to come to school in their World Book Day costume representing a book character, author, or theme. They are asked to bring £1.00 contribution which will be used for the purchase of new books for the school.
- During the day, each class will be engaging with a range of World Book Day resources.

Please take a look at this World Book Day web link which offers an amazing array of ideas and resources, webinars, and recommended reads. It also has an extremely useful section on ideas for costumes – all linked to a book of course! [worldbookday.com](http://worldbookday.com)

## Mental Health Week

It was also Children's Mental Health Week this week and a reminder that the well-being and happiness for all our children is of paramount importance. As a small school we take pride in our ability to nurture and support all our children, socially as well as academically. We are constantly mindful about mental health: how we think and feel about ourselves, the world around us and other people. Place2be is a useful link for resources to help support our children in this way. [www.place2be.org.uk](http://www.place2be.org.uk)



## Lent – 40 Good Things

Shrove Tuesday is next Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and sadly we will be missing Mrs Dobson's delicious home cooked pancakes. Shrove Tuesday signals the beginning of the Lent season and a time where we can think of the choices we make and the kind acts we can do. Attached to this newsletter are a couple of leaflets for the children to use over the half term holiday and in the run up to Easter. As Rev Sue says, a time to spring clean our hearts/

Rev Beth has also suggested a link to a website which links Lent with caring for the planet.

[https://www.sunhatsandwellieboots.com/2023/02/eco-lent-resource-for-kids-what.html?fbclid=IwAR2tkMChfliDAeBFAZYA1dKCARf8dqDnSpTSQgHzT\\_rUd3LFtsbMNI-K7OE](https://www.sunhatsandwellieboots.com/2023/02/eco-lent-resource-for-kids-what.html?fbclid=IwAR2tkMChfliDAeBFAZYA1dKCARf8dqDnSpTSQgHzT_rUd3LFtsbMNI-K7OE)

### Dates for the Diary 2024

Monday 19th February	TD Day (No pupils in school)
Tuesday 20th February	Term 4 begins
Wednesday 21st February	Hockey Festival (Year 5 & and 6)
Friday 23rd February	Friends Coffee Morning
Monday 4th March	Muntjac Swimming
Wednesday 6th March	Year 3 and 4 Physical Activity Festival
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
Monday 11th March	Muntjac Swimming
Wednesday 13th March	Tag Rugby Competition (Year 5 and 6)
Monday 18th March	Whole School Music Workshop Muntjac Swimming
Friday 22nd March	Orienteering (Year 4 and 5)
Monday 25th March	Muntjac Swimming
Thursday 28th March	Round 2 Kurling Competition Easter Service 1.30pm - 2.30pm Last Day of Term 4
Monday 15th April	Term 5 begins
Friday 19th April	Friends Coffee Morning
Tuesday 23rd April	Year 4 and 5 Orienteering Festival
Monday 29th April	Muntjac Swimming
Thursday 2nd - Friday 3rd April	Muntjac Braeside Residential
Monday 2nd May	Bank Holiday
Monday 13th - Friday 17th May	KS2 SATs Week
Wednesday 22nd -Friday 24th May	Sika Oxenwood Residential
Friday 24th May	Term 5 Ends
Monday 3rd June	Term 6 Begins

**This terms Christian Value is:**

# Courage