



# 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

Welcome back to Spring Term 4. We are looking forward a busy term, full of exciting learning opportunities and, day by day, the prospect of spring. What a difference the lighter mornings, lighter evenings and a bit of sunshine make! Whilst our school community has a lot to look forward to and to be thankful for, it is also a time to remember all those who are not as fortunate as ourselves and place them at the centre of our thoughts and prayers. This week is the first anniversary of the conflict in Ukraine and within this newsletter there is information about ongoing support, via the Swindon Humanitarian Aid Partnership. Many thanks to the Friends for organising a phenomenal cake sale at the end of term in aid of the earthquake crisis. Finally, members of the whole school team have very sadly and recently suffered bereavements. Our condolences and heartfelt sympathies go to our colleagues at this time.

## Christingle

We enjoyed a beautiful Christingle Service on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023 and thanks go to all our parents and grandparents who came with us to church. We received wonderful feedback from one of the congregation:

"The music and singing were very moving, confident and delightful. The readers spoke clearly and calmly, and the lighted candles in the darkened church was a memorable sight. All perfectly organised of course,...a lot of work. Thank you."



**The  
Children's  
Society**

**No child  
should feel  
alone**

Thank you for your Christingle donations which amounted to £66 in aid of the Children's Society.

## News from the Friends

### Curry and quiz night in aid of Sika class water sports day

We are delighted that our curry and quiz night this evening in the village hall is pretty much sold out! Huge thanks to Henry Ireson-Kremer for providing a delicious curry and naan breads for our quizzers to dine on! Also, thanks go to Alex Wolcough for being our Quizmaster Extraordinaire! May the best team win!

### **Fundraising in aid of the Turkey/Syria earthquake victims**

A huge thank you to those who baked delicious treats for our recent cake sale. In total, we raised an amazing **£414.20!** Special thanks to the enterprising Jess Bowen for taking the leftover cakes to Marlborough Rugby Club the next day and raising even more money!

A reminder to drop off any unwanted clothing, shoes, soft toys, towels and bedding to our clothing bank near the school office for a one-off textile collection in aid of the Turkey/Syria earthquake victims. The collection has been arranged for 3rd March. Thank you.

### **Car boot sale in aid of Sika class water sports day**

The Friends are pleased to announce that we will be holding a car boot sale on Saturday 4th March in aid of the Sika class water sports day! What better excuse for a good Spring clean and some extra £££. Our super Year 6s will be helping to serve refreshments and they will even be hosting a Pokémon swap shop! The car boot sale will take place in the school car park. Sellers are welcome to set up from 9.00am onwards and the car boot will open at 10.30am. Pitches are available on a first come, first served basis and are just £5. Please see the Friends Facebook page for details of how to book, or the email that was sent out this week.

### **Barratt Foundation donation**

We are delighted to announce that the Chilton Foliat Community Association has been awarded £1500 by the Barratt Foundation. The donation will go towards the creation of an outdoor 'Nature and Nurture' zone at the school to support the children's well-being, education and development. Huge thanks go to parent Jeanette Cheeseman for identifying this funding opportunity and nominating the CFCA. If any other parents are aware of funding opportunities for charities via their workplace, please get in touch with Rachel Gear at [friendsofchiltonfoliat@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofchiltonfoliat@gmail.com)

### **James Ballantyne Memorial Fund**

I'm delighted to tell you that we have been awarded £1000 for the water sports day by the James Ballantyne Memorial Fund. James was an ex-pupil of Chilton Foliat and a fund was set up in his memory after he sadly died in a car crash aged only 23. The JBMF was set up and became a registered charity in 2016. The aim of the JBMF is to advance education in the study and practice of engineering and STEM subjects among young people. James was particularly keen on building rafts and so the raft-building element of the water sports day resonated with the fund's trustees.



**What an amazing set of news from The Friends. 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!**

## A few reminders: coming to and leaving from school

We all need reminders from time to time (I can't exist without a list!) and here are few regarding keeping children safe coming to and from school:

- Car Park: please use the car park with great care: reduce your speed to no more than 5 miles per hour, on entry and exit.
- Morning drop-off: gates will be open at 8.45am and the bell rung at 8.50am. Once you have arrived onto the playground, please encourage your child to either stay with you or line up with their class. We are recording an increase in the number of slips and bumps as children run around in an area full of hazards at that time of the morning: lots of children, lots of adults and book bags and water bottles on the ground. If you have brought your child to school, please also remain on the playground until the bell has been rung at 8.50am.
- Afternoon pick up: as the weather improves, After School Club and our sports clubs like to get out onto the playground (or field) as soon as possible at the end of the school day. To help them, we would be very grateful if you could collect your child (ren) and leave the school premises as quickly as possible. Quite rightly, the children want to let off steam at the end of the day. If you are not going off to a swimming lesson, play date, or other after school activity, you are welcome to use the recreation ground alongside the car park.

## Hockey adventures! By Alfie M and Daisy

Once upon a time, there was a year 5 hockey team and they were: Alfie ,Gaby, Daisy, Ben, Seth, Alice, George and Imogen. The team took part in a hockey tournament which was a big success with both teams. One of our teams came 5th and the other came 7th. The team that came 5th was Alfie, Imogen, Daisy, and Seth. The team that came 7th was Alice, George, Gaby and Ben. The other teams were Ramsbury, Oare, St Marys and they came 1st, 2nd, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4th.

### GAME 1

Game 1 was against each other because we were split into two teams. The score was 2-1 to Chilton and 2 of the goals were scored by Alfie and Daisy. Chilton team 1 felt proud after the victory and Chilton 2 felt they played well.



### GAME 2

Chilton 1 played ore the score was 4-1 to Oare. The goals were scored by Daisy, and Alfie gave the assistance. Chilton 1 felt really upset because we lost, Chilton 2 on the other hand lost 2-1 against St Marys. The goal scored was by Ben again.

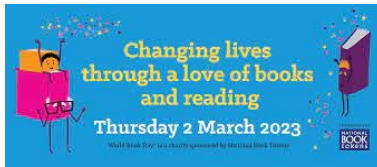
### GAME 3

Chilton 1 played St Mary's 3 and the score was.

2-1 to Chilton. Alfie and Daisy scored, and Chilton 1 felt really proud! Chilton 2 played against Ramsbury AND WON! 4-1 to Chilton they felt so HAPPY!!!



## World Book Day – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023



World Book Day is coming up and we are looking forward to the chance to:

- Dress up as our favourite book character
- Bring your book to read and share at school
- Listen to your teacher's stories and poems based on our school value of courage
- Listen to parents read their favourite childhood stories to us all.

We warmly welcome parents to come to school with their favourite childhood story or poem and share it with their children and their classmates. This activity will begin at approximately 2.15pm and if you can spare a 5 -10 slot of time to come and read in school, that would be fantastic. We will also be holding a special World Book Day Celebration Assembly, beginning at 2.45pm. All are welcome and please let us know in advance if you are coming to read.

### Breaking news! World Book Day – Costume Swap

The Friends have very kindly offered to set up a World Book Day Costume Swap Shop. A great idea to help the environment and avoid spending money on yet more man-made items. Parents will be invited to post photos of unwanted items on the Friends Facebook page and then bring the items into school (clearly labelled) once the swap has been agreed.

### Scholastic Book Fair: Save the Date

Scholastic Book Fair is coming to school on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – the same day as our Coronation Celebrations.

### Reading for Pleasure

As part of our whole school reading for pleasure programme, newsletters will include a regular reading for pleasure article, starting with this informative book review and recommendation written by George H. Take it away George...

#### Skander and the Unicorn thief by A.F Steadman

5-star rating!

This book is for 9+ years.

I recommend this book because of the different perspective the author describes the unicorns. The main character is called Skander, and his unicorn is called Scoundrels Luck. Skander and his friends must find the missing unicorns and stop the thief. The unicorns are linked to the elements of fire, water, earth, air, and the mysterious spirit element. Skander must learn to control the spirit and use it to find the unicorns. A real page turner!



## Swindon Humanitarian Aid Partnership – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023

We are delighted to offer The Swindon Humanitarian Aid Partnership the opportunity to use the Chilton Foliat Community Clubhouse on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023 as a central collection point for donations to support Ukraine, Ukrainians and others in need. A poster is attached to this newsletter with all the details. The initiative is being promoted across a wide local area. One of the representatives, Mr Tony Baker is coming into school to talk to the children about the work of the partnership and to demonstrate the value of an unused candle. If nothing else, please bring in any old parts of candles or even candles you know that you will not use to school. A box will be left outside the office from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023. You are also very welcome to bring any of the other items described on the poster but not until the day itself. Many thanks for your support.

## Shout out to Tesco

Many thanks to our friends at Hungerford Tesco for providing 100 oranges (for Christingle) and the ingredients for our egg-free and delicious pancakes we all enjoyed on Shrove Tuesday.

## Lent – 40 Good Things

After our pancakes on Tuesday, we came together at Collective Worship and listened to Rev. Sue as she explained the beginning of the season of Lent and the "40 good things" we can all try and do and be over the next 40 days. The leaflets have been sent home and we are looking forward to hearing from the children how they are getting on.

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)

## Online Safety – Spotify

Please see attached a poster produced by the National College for parents and how they can monitor and support the use of Spotify.



## MDSA Roles still available

Please see our advertisement attached.



## Keeping our Contacts Information Up to Date



Please keep us up to date with any changes of contact information: address; email address; phone number; No 1 point of contact. If we have your current information, we will always know to phone the correct number, especially in an emergency.

## Chilton Foliat Mental Health and Wellbeing Support Network

Welcome to the school's support network for children and adults' mental health and wellbeing. Within each Newsletter we will be featuring a website (which can also be found on a school website) and book about keeping your mental health and wellbeing strong and resilient, as well as offering support for when life doesn't run according to plan!

This week's focus book is:



### How Not to Lose It: Mental Health - Sorted

Anna Williamson, Sophie Beer

Family. Friends. Exams. Are you finding life a struggle? At times, it can feel like nothing but problems and pressure. But the good news is that even if you're struggling to think straight, you can learn to be the boss of your brain. Creating healthy habits. Staying in the moment. Breaking negative thought patterns. Finding things to be happy about. Tricks like this are like taking your mood to the gym – helping you feel good and bounce back from obstacles. Attitudes, fears, stress levels: take charge of yours right now!

These books can be ordered through the local library or bought in bookshops.

This week's focus website is:

<https://www.mentalhealthhub-barnardos.org/parents>

This website focuses on helping parents and carers to support their child when they experience anxiety. It also provides resources for adults to support themselves and strongly promotes self-

### Forthcoming Events

<b>Thursday 2nd March</b>	World Book Day and Celebration Assembly 2.45pm
<b>Friday 3rd March</b>	Collection for Turkey/Syria earthquake victims
<b>Saturday 4th March</b>	Car Boot sale in aid of Sika Class Watersports Trip 10.30am
<b>Tuesday 7th March</b>	Swindon Humanitarian Aid Partnership collection for Ukraine
<b>Tuesday 14th March</b>	Year 1-6 Annual Reports to parents
<b>Saturday 25th March</b>	Messy Church 2pm
<b>Friday 31st March</b>	Easter Service St Mary's Church
	<b>Last day of Term 4</b>
<b>Monday 17th April</b>	<b>Term 5 begins</b>
<b>Friday 5th May</b>	Scholastic Book Fair

This term's Christian Value is:

# Courage