



Chilton Foliat Primary School Newsletter

Friday 1st March 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

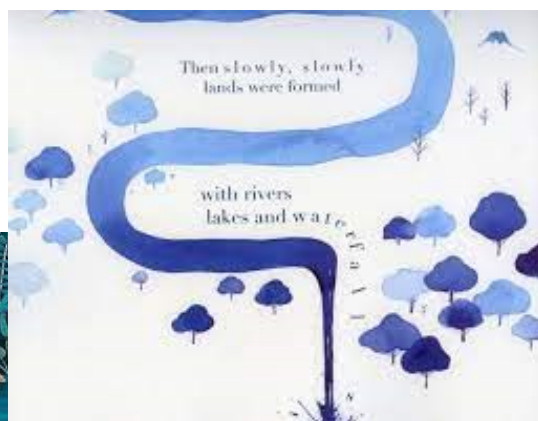
Dear Parents and Carers

Is it just us or is anybody else thinking where spring has got to and when will it ever stop raining? Whilst we are still feeling a bit gloomy about the continuous grey skies, should we also be thinking about the wider implications of our changing weather patterns? According to the Meteorological Office, the UK has seen nearly a third more rain than would be expected for February. Their scientists also report that climate change is making the UK wetter and stormier.

To continue to raise awareness and promote action around environmental protection and the power of water, productive and destructive, we are always mindful of our connection to the River in both real life and spiritually. The River Kennet is a precious resource that needs to be cared for and we are in touch with Action for River Kennet (ARK) exploring ways we can support this work. Our spiritual river, which we use as the vehicle to journey through school life, taking with us our values of thankfulness, courage and love, continues to encourage us to thirst for knowledge. Our connection to the river and the water that flows, is also underpinned by the message in our bible story, The Woman at the Well, where Jesus's kindness to a Samaritan has a profound effect.

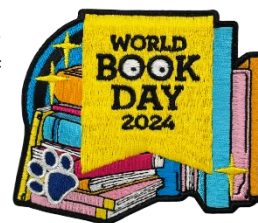
Our connection to the River is seen in other areas of school life. Year 5's have produced some wonderful work based on the book "The River" by Mark Martin which we are arranging to share. We have been reading, "Once Upon a Raindrop – The Story of Water," by James Carter, in Collective Worship and engaging the children in the wonder of the world of water, both scientific and spiritual. Finally, our ECO Committee are planning new initiatives to secure further water capture in our outdoor areas. Looking further forward into the academic year, our themed week "One World" will have the most basic element of life, water, at its heart.

Whilst we all would like a few dry days and some sunshine, water sustains all and we give thanks.



World Book Day – Thursday 7th March 2024

World Book Day is just around the corner! Books and outfits at the ready, we hope you are looking forward to the day where we can super-celebrate our love of reading. There is a fantastic poster attached to this newsletter which describes the activities that are taking place in each classroom throughout the day.



FRIENDS ROUND-UP

Valentine's Disco

A huge thank you to all those who volunteered at the Valentine's disco and to everyone who bought tickets. We raised an amazing £221.04 for the school. A big shout out to Mr Harvey who was our fabulous DJ on the decks!

Preloved uniform sale @ the Friends coffee morning

It was great to see such a good turn out at our recent Friends coffee morning. We raised £56 from sales of preloved uniform and plan to run another sale soon featuring summer dresses and shorts.

Friends survey

Thank you to all those who completed the Friends survey recently and congratulations to our prize winners! We will be contacting those who have volunteered for events in due course.

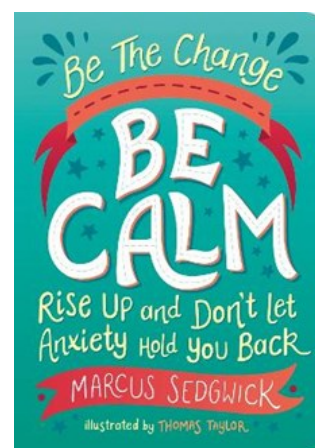
Save the date for our summer fete!

We are planning on holding our summer fete on Saturday 15th June. Our summer event is one of our biggest fundraisers and we will be starting the planning very soon! To get involved, please contact your class rep or email friendsatchiltonfoliat@gmail.com.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

As the weather continues to be damp and children are stuck in class for wet play, why don't you have a look at this website which provides ideas to boost mental health when the weather persists with being miserable:

<https://lfl.org.uk/news/getting-muddy-supports-children-mental-health/>



Happy St Davids Day – Did you know...?

Wearing leeks on St. David's Day is a tradition that has its roots in Welsh folklore and historical symbolism. The association of leeks with St. David's Day can be traced back to a legendary battle that occurred between the Welsh and the Saxons during the early medieval period. According to the legend, St. David advised the Welsh soldiers to wear leeks on their helmets during the battle against the Saxons. This distinctive emblem helped the Welsh soldiers easily distinguish friend from foe amidst the chaos of the battlefield. As a result, the Welsh emerged victorious in the battle, and the leek became a symbol of Welsh pride and solidarity.



School Cluster Events - Latest Match Reports

Year 5 & 6 Hockey Tournament - 21.02.2024

When we arrived at the astro turf belonging to Marlborough College, we warmed up ourselves by playing against each other. Our first game was against West Kennet B and we won the game with 2-1. Then we waited, battling the elements, whilst having a snack. Our next game was against St Mary's and we drew 1-1. After that we all had some lunch. Our third game we played was against West Kennet again and we won 4-0. Our team was strong with Seth, Sienna, Gaby, Ben, Daisy, Tommy, Constance, Alice, Alfie and George. Most teams had retreated by the time of our last game we played so we played West Kennet team A because our original competitors had left due to the cold and wet weather, which we all can agree, was very cold and very wet! In the end our efforts paid off because we won our division.

By Seth and Sienna

Year 5 & 6 Dodgeball Tournament - 16.01.2023

On the 16th of January, 11 Chilton Foliat Champs went to the dodgeball tournament, where lots of schools all came together and participated. The pupils who went were, Gaby, Amelia, Sienna, Huw, Gilbert, Alice, Charlie, Fred, Dougie, Ari and Zach. The first game we played was against Ramsbury and we lost but it was great fun, and we tried our hardest. The second game we played was against Saint Mary's Primary school and we won, which we were very happy about. We did play more games and we worked really well together as a team. It was fun event and we all had a laugh. We came third, which was lovely to hear and we had a thoroughly fantastic day!

By Gaby

Year 5 & 6 Kurling Report - 01.02.2024

Myself, Zach, Georgia, Dougie, Oscar went to a Kurling Tournament. We had two teams and it was great fun. In the tournament we played against lots of other teams and some minigames, such as getting the stone on a dot. There was a long strip with numbers all along it and at the far side of the strip was one hundred. I think the games were played fairly and we had a brilliant day!

By Gilbert

Car Park

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
- Not parking on the road, this can be avoided if we all follow the step above
- taking care when reversing out of your space and then following the one way system at all times. (clockwise).

Many thanks for your support.

Dates for the Diary 2024

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 term's Christian Value is:

Courage