

Chilton Foliat Primary School Newsletter

Friday 17th March 2023

www.chiltonfoliatprimary.org.uk 01488 682630 '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 the Easter holiday beckons, our children at Chilton Foliat remain focussed on working hard using all their growth mindset skills as they strive to improve "heart and mind." Evidence of the children's efforts and next steps are to be found in their annual reports. We will be offering a final parent meeting and open afternoon in the summer term so that you can discuss how well the targets set in the report have been met. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please raise them with your child's class teacher. Maybe a quick conversation on the playground will give you the guidance you need or if you think you need a longer meeting, please contact the office and this will be arranged as soon as practicably possible.

In the next two weeks, we have lots to look forward to: two rugby festivals for KS2, a medieval banquet for our knights, princesses and jesters in EYFS/KS1; an Easter Bonnet parade, egg hunt and Easter raffle. Finally, our end of term church service will take place at St Mary's Church Chilton Foliat on Friday 31st March, for which the children are preparing wonderful words, prayers and songs.

World Book Day

Congratulations to all our children who celebrated World Book Day by coming into school dressed up in their amazing costumes and bringing the books their characters were based on

to read and share. We had such an enjoyable day! During our morning Collective Worship, teachers and teacher assistants shared their favourite stories and poems which reflected on our Christian value of Courage. We even enjoyed some acting as the big bad wolf (Mrs Gibson) was outwitted by the clever little red riding hoods (Catherine and Amelia) because they used their growth mindset skills to come up with a cunning plan! Back



in class, more books were explored and enjoyed: *Harry Potter* in Sika, *Malala's Magic Pencil* in Muntjac Class, *The Three Little Pigs* in Fallow and *Rain before Rainbows* in Roe. We came back together at the end of the day to share and celebrate all that we had enjoyed. We must also give a special mention to our parents who came into school to read to the children, their favourite stories, including a Ukrainian tale "The Beautiful Dream" (read in Ukrainian.





Book Review

BBC Seven Worlds One Planet by Jonny Keeling and Scott Alexander

5-star rating!

This book is for 10+ years.

I recommend this book because it is a good way to show all forms of life that live on earth and explains how the world's greatest wonders need to be explored so that we can protect them. You will also learn about different animals and their natural habitats including sub-terranean conditions. The photographs in this book show you unbelievable animals and habitats on our planet which are simply beautiful!

A book recommendation by Zac, Year 5

Mental Health and Wellbeing



What's Going On Inside My Head?

Molly Potter, Sarah Jennings

We all know that healthy minds are really important but how do we make sure we look after our mental health from a very young age? What's Going On Inside My Head? is a book for children that explores practical ways we can keep our minds in good shape as well as our bodies. By talking about positive self-image, emotional intelligence, relationships, and mindfulness, this book will help children develop healthy habits and good coping strategies from the start. Presented in a warm, child-friendly but no-nonsense way, it will help establish solid foundations for every child's current and future wellbeing.

Welcome to this newsletter's focus for Mental Health and Wellbeing: https://www.onyourmind.org.uk/ this organisation is based in Wiltshire and can signpost parent and carers about charities which can offer counselling, support with autism, eating disorders and much more. It is the go-to point for locally based support for children, teenagers and adults.

This week's book to support talking to children about Mental Health is:

Online Safety

The Child Exploitation and Online Protection Education Team, (CEOP) for short have an online safety education resource for 4–7-year-olds called Jessie and Friends. The resource is made up of a series of three fun, age-appropriate animations, which follow Jessie, Mo and Tia as they view, share and game their way towards a safer future online. Please use this link to follow: www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/jessie-and-friends

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 TikTok (13 Years) can be found at the following:

www.nspcc.org.uk www.childnet.com www.internetmatters.org

Easter Preparations – Easter Bonnet Parade,

Egg Hunt and Easter Raffle

On Thursday 30th March 2023, we will be holding an Easter Bonnet Parade first thing in the morning followed by an Easter egg Hunt, kindly organised by The Friends. We will also be announcing the results of our Easter Raffle, organised by Mrs Dobson and Mrs Ody and supported, by the Friends. Further information will be sent out next week and details about the raffle are to be found on the Friends FB page.





The Swindon Humanitarian Aid Partnership (SHAP)

A thank you note from the Swindon Humanitarian Aid Partnership

"Very many thanks to all our volunteers, supporters, and above all to the Chilton Foliat Primary School who so kindly hosted our event. In just about 5 hours we filled three long wheel-based transit vans with boxes of donations all taped up. labelled and ready for imminent dispatch to Ukraine. Such generosity - thank you."





Not only was the SHAP collection morning a huge success, a representative from the organisation, came to Collective Worship during the afternoon and told the children all about the great work the partnership achieves, with grateful thanks to all the donations and offers of help given. Mike explained that one of their most important projects was to reuse candles and old baked bean tins to create new candles which can be used as an important and in some cases, the only source of light and heat that families in Ukraine can use. We all agreed that cold baked beans were "Yuck!"



MDSA roles still available – free lunch on offer.

We are still on the search for a new MDSA or MDSA's. We have an advert in circulation and would like to offer an additional bonus, other than coming to work in our lovely school! A free lunch. If anybody knows of potential candidates for this important role, please do all you can to get them to contact us. We have been very fortunate to be able to rely on the kindness of some regular volunteers, but they cannot always guarantee they will be available.

Forthcoming Events

Wednesday 22nd March Year 5 Tag Rugby Festival Marlborough College 10.00am-2.00pm

Friday 24th March Muntjac Class Hungerford Tag Rugby 12.30-pm - 3.30pm

Tuesday 28th March Medieval Festival KS1

Friday 31st March Easter Service St Mary's Church 1.30pm

Last day of Term 4 No After School Club

Monday 17th April Term 5 begins

Friday 5th May Coronation Celebration

Scholastic Book Fair

Tuesday 9th-Friday 12th May SAT's week Year 6

Thursday 11th - Friday12th May Braeside residential Muntjac Class

Wed 17th- Friday 19th May Oxenwood residential Sika Class

Friday 26th May Last Day of Term 5

Monday 5th June Term 6 begins

Wednesday 7th June Tempest Class Photographs

Friday 16th June TD Day

Thursday 13th July Sika Watersports Day

Friday 21st July Leavers Service

End of Term 6 No After School Club

This term's Christian Value is:

Courage