



Chilton Foliat Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 28th 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

Despite this very unhelpful wet and windy weather we have successfully arrived at the end of our Spring Term and are all looking forward to the Easter break. Looking back at all the exciting and engaging learning that has been taking place, the progress for all our children we have reported to you and opportunities we have enabled to broaden the children's educational experience, we thank you for all your support and positive encouragement. Please read on for more information about events that have just happened and one or two things we have to look forward to when we return to our Summer Term on Monday 15th April 2024.

Easter Egg Hunt Postponed

It was a bit touch and go weatherwise, so we took the decision to postpone the Easter Egg Hunt kindly organised by The Friends. We are looking at setting a new date for the very beginning of our next term, please look out for details. Before the heavens opened, we were able to parade our Easter Bonnets in the playground, much to everybody's delight. What a cheery and bright sight to see and what invention and imagination went into all the bonnets being worn!



Mental Health and Wellbeing

This week's website is for parents to support children with their mental health during the holidays and provide activities which can be completed for free. <https://www.place2be.org.uk/our-services/parents-and-carers/tips-and-support-for-the-holidays/>

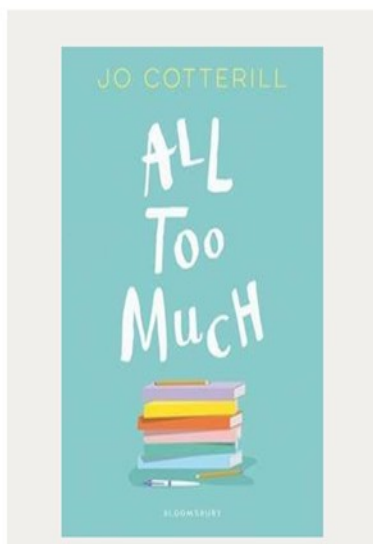


[Tips and support for the holidays - Place2Be](#)

Place2Be's school-based support may not be available over the holidays – but there are still lots of ways that you can look after your child's wellbeing and get support.

www.place2be.org.uk

This week's book is : -



Hopewell High: All Too Much

Author: Jo Cotterill **Illustrator:** María García Borrego **Publisher:** Bloomsbury

Samira wants to make her family proud and works incredibly hard at school. Her teachers also want her to do well and can see her potential.

When she becomes the youngest person ever to be asked to join the school quiz team, she feels she must accept – but she also needs to re-check her English essay and make sure her test results are up to scratch.

When the pressure gets too much, Samira has a coping strategy that has potentially serious consequences – but sees no alternative until her friends step in to help.

An absorbing look at the pressures and mental health challenges that can affect young people. Presented in a super-readable format and interspersed with line drawings, this would be ideal for struggling or reluctant readers looking for age-appropriate subject matter.

Science afternoon with Marlborough College students

Sika Class had a fantastic afternoon building rockets with students from Marlborough College, as part of our Science topic about forces. A lot of thought went into creating the designs to see which one could fly the furthest. We discussed the aerodynamics of the rocket shape and the forces used to ensure the rocket travelled far. It all became very competitive, but great fun as well. The teacher who supervised his students was impressed with the level of engagement and knowledge the children had in this area of physics. He also loved how enthusiastic they were and the attention they paid to detail to ensure the rockets were a success. Sika class had a thoroughly wonderful afternoon and one which we can hopefully repeat again in the near future.



Governor Learning Walk

Last week and as part of a wide range of monitoring activities so that school standards can be rigorously checked, three school governors joined our Local Authority School Improvement Adviser on a Learning Walk around the school. The focus of the session was to gain a sense of how well our children are engaging with their learning and how the environment and culture supported the learning process. Here is a small selection of the comments that have been shared by the governors with us:

All children were really engaged in their **love** of learning (inclusive)

They were proud of their work and excited to share

They were demonstrating **courage** in how they responded to questions, and tackled their assigned tasks with enthusiasm

The wall displays have huge amounts of content for the children to reflect on and to reinforce learning and share work

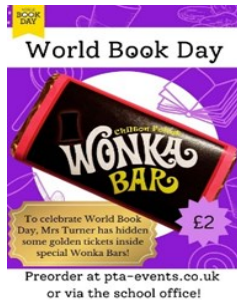
Tremendous amounts of collaboration throughout (children interacting respectfully and **thankfully** together as they engage in their work).

With thanks to the group of governors who came to school for the afternoon and to all the teachers and their children for demonstrating our vision for all, **"With thankfulness, courage and love, we strive to improve heart and mind"**.

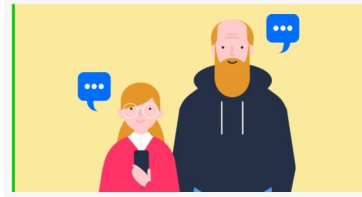


Wonka Chocolate Bar Winners

With thanks to The Friends for this very inventive fund raiser we have several happy Golden Ticket winners, waiting for their prizes to be fulfilled. Given this short week and Easter preparations taking place in school, prizes will be "experienced" during the first week back to school. For those children who have a weeks' worth of ringing bells, blowing out candles, choosing songs and having extra portions, we don't want them to be short changed!



Online Safety—Internet Matters



www.internetmatters.org/schools-esafety/primary is one of many useful websites to go to for useful and practical information about how to protect your children from the potential harms when accessing the internet. Most recently Internet Matters have introduced two new tabs on their website offering "At A Glance" useful information for parents of 5-7- and 8-11-year-olds. It is well worth taking a look.

Book review by Fred Risdale

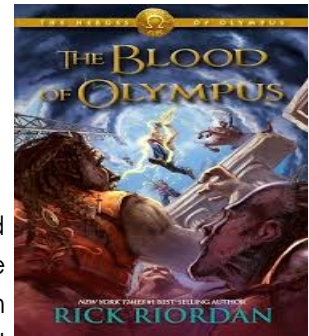
Heroes of Olympus: The blood of Olympus by Rick Riordan

Recommended for 8 year olds+

4 star rating.

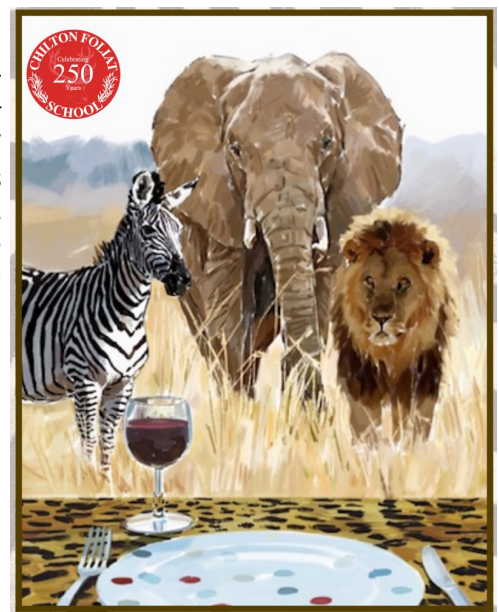
The book is about Greek and Roman Demigods (the word means half God and half human). These Demigods are on a quest to save Olympus and the world by preventing Gaia, the Earth Mother and her children, the giants, from waking. If Gaia wakes with the giants at her side, she will be unstoppable! I

would recommend this book to people who have an interest in Greek mythology. The story can be quite gruesome and a little offensive when some of the characters say 'shut up'. Apart from that, a thoroughly great book!



Safari Supper - Saturday 11th May 2024, Chilton Foliat Village

If you haven't already received details of the Chilton Foliat Primary School Safari Supper, we are attaching a publicity poster with this newsletter. The Safari Supper is organised by residents/governors of Chilton Foliat (Sam Wolcough and Ali Payne) and is an annual highlight for the village and wider school community. Apart from having a wonderful night out and the opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new, the proceeds are donated to the school. Not to be missed by many accounts!



Dates for the Diary 2024

Monday 15th April	Term 5 begins Muntjac Ancient Egyptian Drama Workshop
Thursday 18th April	Moving up Photo Year 6
Friday 19th April	Friends Coffee Morning
Tuesday 23rd April	Year 4 and 5 Orienteering Festival
Monday 29th April	Muntjac Swimming
Thursday 2nd - Friday 3rd May	Muntjac Braeside Residential
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday
Saturday 11th May	Chilton Foliat Village Safari Supper
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
Wednesday 5th June	Tempest Photographer (Group pictures)
Friday 7th June	Friends Coffee Morning
Saturday 15th June	School Summer Fete
Tuesday 18th June	Fallow Class Rail Safety Experience and whole school, assembly
Wed 26th/Thurs 27th June	Year 1– 6 Parents Evenings
Mon 1st—Fri 5th July	One World Themed Week
Tuesday 2nd July	Tri Golf Tournament
Wednesday 3rd July	Fallow Class Train Experience (TBC)
Thursday 4th July	Whole School ARK Day
Wednesday 24th July	Leavers Church service 2.00pm End of Term 6 NO ASC

On behalf of the whole school team, we wish you a very happy and peaceful Easter break.



This terms Christian Value is:

Courage