



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,

A very warm welcome to school this September. We have had a happy and settled first week back, although tinged with a great deal of sadness by the end. I am sure you are all keeping up to date with developments following the passing of Her Majesty the Queen and have been watching the media closely. We will be holding a special Collective Worship today to remember how the Queen lived her life well and to give thanks for her enduring and magnificent service.

Beginning with the May Jubilee celebration, followed by our themed week of Service in July, we have been so fortunate to have had the time to devote to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and to find out more about the impact she had on the lives of so many over the years. Our thoughts and prayers are with the whole of the Royal family as they mourn their loss. May her Majesty Rest in Peace after her long and dedicated life of public service.

We have received confirmation from the Department of Education that Monday 19th September, the day of Queen Elizabeth II's funeral, is a Bank Holiday and school will be closed.



Welcome Letters and Curriculum Maps

Over the next few days, each class will receive their Autumn term welcome letter and curriculum map. These documents will let you know what learning is planned for the Autumn term, including homework requirements, where appropriate. If you have any questions about the learning journey planned for your child (ren) please approach your class teacher, who will be more than happy to help.

We are well underway with our teaching and learning routines and it is fantastic to walk around the school and see how well all our children have settled back.



Reporting and Assessment Schedule for the Academic Year 2022-2023

We have agreed our assessment and reporting schedule for the year. For years 1-6, a mix of informal and formal assessment takes place over the year, including the external standardised tests: year 1 phonics, year 2 SATs, year 4 times-table check and year 6 SATs. For our reception children their progress will be assessed on a continuous, observational basis.

A summary of how we intend to report progress, both academic and social is below. It is important to stress that in amongst this schedule, if you would like to speak to your child's teacher, you are welcome to phone or email the office and make an appointment for a meeting to be held either over the phone or face to face.

Event	Date	Year Groups
Parents' Meetings	17 th and 18 th October 2022	All year groups
Reception Parents' Meetings	Week beginning 7 th February 2023	Reception Year only
Mid-year Full School Report	14 th March 2023	Year 1-6
Parents' Meetings	27 th and 28 th June 2023	Years 1-6
Early Years Foundation Stage Profile Reports	Week beginning 26 th June 2023	Reception Year only

Dropping Off and Collection of Pupils

A reminder to all that the school gates open at 8.40am and the bell is rung at 8.50am for children to join their class line and get ready to go into school. Responsibility for children's safety cannot be taken before 8.50 am and parents are expected to stay on the school playground and supervise their children until the 8.50am bell is rung. Likewise, once teachers hand over the pupils at the end of the day, parents and carers are once again responsible for their children's safety as they leave the premises.

Many thanks for your support

Uniform and PE Kit

Please ensure that your children come to school in full school uniform, including school shoes, school PE kit and school hat. The school uniform list and expectations can be found on the school website, by following the below link. Please contact the office for any assistance you may need in buying any Chilton Foliat branded school uniform items.

Please note that school hoodies (plain red or with the school logo) are to be worn during PE lessons only.

<http://www.chiltonfoliatprimary.org.uk/office/uniform/>



Earrings

Could all parents please ensure that their children remove their earrings on the days they are having sport and leave them at home.

Many thanks for your support



Celebration Assembly – Every Friday at 2.45pm

Every Friday we aim to hold a special Celebration Assembly, when parents and carers are invited to come to school to celebrate the week with all of the children. Certificates are handed out, house point winners announced and good news shared. If any of our children have succeeded or achieved in an activity outside of school, they are welcome to bring in their badge, trophy or certificate to celebrate with everybody in school too. We try our very best to inform the families of the children who will be receiving certificates at Celebration Assembly by the end of day each Thursday.



Using our Car Park Responsibly and Parking on the Road

As we welcome new parents to our school community and as a reminder for our existing families, I would like to let you all know what the school's expectations are for using our valuable car park. Please make sure you enter the car park at a "dead slow" speed of no more than 5 miles per hour, **whatever time you come to school**. Whether you are dropping off at Breakfast Club or picking up from After School Club, or coming to school at any other time, you must modify your speed and be aware that at any time a child or adult may be walking to or from their car.

Please do not park on the side of the road. Parking on the road causes an increased level of hazard, not only for car users on Stag Hill but pedestrians walking along the pavement. We have already received a complaint from a member of the public who was travelling up Stag Hill and received a unfriendly comment from a parent who was parked on the side of the road close to the school entrance.

We are very lucky to be gifted the use of our car park and I am sure I can count on your continued and careful support.

A Big Thank You to our Summer-time Volunteers

Over the summer holidays a small army of volunteers, staff, governors, and parents come to school to tidy up, re-paint, jet-wash, remove old play equipment, lay slabs, water our early years garden (before the hose pipe ban) and generally take care of our lovely school and grounds. Often these acts of service go unseen. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your time and for you to know that your acts of kindness are much appreciated. A huge thank you to you all.



Forthcoming Events

Thursday 15th September	Sika Class Oxenwood Team Building Day Trip
Monday 19th September	Additional Bank Holiday—School is Closed
Friday 23rd September	Leaver's Disco
Friday 30th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning in the Clubhouse
Wednesday 5th October	Official Opening and Blessing of the Early Years Garden by Bishop Andrew
Thursday 13th October	Open Morning for Reception intake September 2023 families
Monday 17th October	Parents' Meetings for Year 1 to Year 6 children
Tuesday 18th October	Parents' Meetings for Year 1 to Year 6 children
Weds 19th October	Harvest Service at St Mary's Church 1.30pm (time tbc)
Weds 19th October	School closes at 3.20pm for half-term holiday (After-School Club is running as usual).
Monday 31st October	Teacher Development (TD Day) - School is Closed
Tuesday 1st November	First day back at school for all children (Term 2)

This term's Christian value is:

Thankfulness

