



Chilton Foliat Primary School Newsletter

Friday 25th November 2022

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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

Oh no it isn't, oh yes it is! Only three weeks until our Christmas break and we have lots to celebrate and still more to look forward to. Without further ado...

Aladdin and his Magic Lamb

With thanks to the Friends for their support. On Thursday, the children were magicked away to a far off land, full of adventure, friendship and love. Mesmerised, the children joined the young Aladdin on his journey, the end of which proved that whether rich or poor, true wealth comes from within and it is always best to be yourself. Afterwards, when asked, a group of our children all agreed, "It is not what is on the outside that counts; what is important is on the inside". Oh yes it is!



Pokemon Cards

Within KS2, we have begun to notice children are bringing in their Pokemon cards. Unfortunately, with the cards we are also noticing some upsets taking place, as children are trading or swapping them during their break times. Apparently, once a "trade" has been made some children do not understand or agree with the finality of it and wish for their cards back. To avoid any further misunderstandings, we are asking all our children to leave their Pokemon Cards at home. Many thanks for your support.

The Friends

Fill the Truck for Ukraine appeal

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated items for the Fill the Truck for Ukraine appeal. Huge thanks to Maria Vickers-Rosier for transporting all of the donations to the collection point in Axford.

Christmas Fair

A lot of work is going on behind the scenes to ensure that our Christmas Fair on Friday 2nd December is a success. Volunteer slots are now open for booking (the sign up link has been circulated via email and via the Friends and school Facebook pages). Please sign up for 30 mins if you are able to help. Without volunteers, we may have to cancel some stalls so please do offer to help if you can.



Santapreneurs

Thank you to all of the children who have signed up to have a Santapreneur stall at this year's Christmas Fair! Don't forget to collect your £5 notes from the office as soon as possible. If parents could please supervise their child on their stall, that would be a huge help. Also, don't forget to bring a small float for them in case they need to give change. Thank you.

Wreath making evening – Wednesday 30th November 2022

We are hoping to hold a wreath making workshop on Wednesday 30th November but we are very low on numbers. Do get in touch if you would like to book a space, otherwise the event will sadly be cancelled.



Safeguarding

During the week, we welcomed a representative from our Local Authority Safeguarding team to carry out a voluntary audit (which had been booked some weeks ago) checking our systems and procedures. We are delighted to report that the outcome of the meeting was extremely positive and our Safeguarding is effective. This continues to mirror our Ofsted 2020 judgement around Safeguarding and confirms the priority we place on keeping our whole school community safe. Of course, there are always next steps to take to maintain this high level of effectiveness, some of which will be shared on a more regular basis with our school community in future.

WhatsApp – Guidance for Parents

As mentioned in the last newsletter, a set of guidance has been produced to help all our families navigate the Class WhatsApp groups confidently and appropriately. The guidance is attached to this newsletter and will also be available to read on our school website. Many thanks for your support.

Messy Church – Saturday 10th December, 2.00pm to 4.00pm in the Club House

The last Messy Church event for 2022, will take place at school (in the club house) on Saturday 10th December 2022. Much fun and creativity is planned, from making Christmas tambourines, biscuits, lanterns and calendars to singing and storytelling. All are welcome to come, to eat, drink and be messy!

Football Champs

Whilst the World Cup is taking place a long way away, we have our own football story to share and celebrate! Let's here from budding football reporters, Seth and James in their own match report.

I think the football tournament was great fun. In the first game we played Preshute, they were a good side, but we pushed through and beat them 3-0. The second game was against St Katharines, it was a hard game, they were a good team and it finished 0-0. The third game was a struggle, it took us until the second half to score, but we came out on top against St Michaels 4-0. The fourth and final game was Ramsbury girls. They were the first team to score against us and it was tough but finally we won 2-1 and ended up winning the tournament! After all that we played "King of the Court" and we won against every other team we played in the tournament. We had a lot of fun, and we wish we could do it again. But we will do it next year as well because it was just way too much fun apart from the year 6s though. Our hardest team was Ramsbury girls they came second it seemed really close. Seth scored 1 goal, Sienna scored 2, James scored 3, Ben scored 3, Leo scored 4, and Alfie scored 4! I (James) got a really good save where I ran out, it hit the post and I dived and saved it on the line! I banged my knee though. At the end of the day it didn't matter who scored the goals because we are one team. Overall, this is the most fun tournament we've ever played.

Football Match article by Seth and James.



Children in Need Day

Thank you to all our children who took such an active part in our Children in Need Day. We raised a super total of £108.65



Dino Day Dinosaur Experience

Roe and Fallow class had a T-Rexrificent time during their dinosaur experience (see what I did there?!) with a real fossil expert. We were introduced to the tools of being a palaeontologist for a morning and discovered many buried fossils. Careful excavation was carried out and identifications made. We were able to match some to having been herbivores or carnivores too, based on the size and shape of teeth. We also found out about other life forms at the time of dinosaurs.

Lunch was a true feast, kindly prepared by our wonderful Mrs Dobson and Mrs Ody, who created food around the dinosaur theme for a very memorable lunch in our classes.

Our specialist fossil exploration was followed up with a visit from an enormous, animated T-Rex, a baby velociraptor and triceratops. All children met these pre-historic creatures up close and showed great courage given their size and ferocity. Our visiting dinosaur experts were hugely impressed by the range of knowledge and questions the children presented.



A trip back in time - Stone Henge

Muntjac Class enjoyed a fantastic day out at Stone Henge during the week. Given the torrential rain first thing, we were incredibly lucky to have the weather on our side during our trip. One of the consistent themes we promote as we teach history across the school is to ask the question, "What would it be like if you were a child living in this time period?" When we were at Stone Henge linking our learning from the classroom to a real life setting, it didn't take much for Muntjac Class to explain how different life would be for child living in the late Neolithic period approximately, 2500 BC!



Chilton Club Childcare

As many of you access the Chilton Club Childcare you will be aware how hard the team have been working along side the children to create a selection of crafts and Christmas gifts to sell at the Christmas Fair on Friday.

Please come along and visit their stand and support them by purchasing their wonderful hand-made gifts. All proceeds will go back into the club to support future activities.



Parent Forum

With apologies the Parent Forum scheduled for December will be postponed until January 2023. Please look out for further details.

Forthcoming Events

Wednesday 30th November	Letters from Santa Launched Wreath Making Workshop (Depending on numbers)
Friday 2nd December	Christmas Fair 3.30pm onwards ' VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED '
Tuesday 6th December	KS1 Nativity Matinee Performance 2pm Donations for Christmas Surprise Room
Wednesday 7th December	KS1 Nativity evening Performance 6pm Parent Forum 09.00am (To be postponed until January 23)
Friday 9th December	Christmas Cards expected back
Saturday 10th December	Messy Church 2pm Clubhouse
Thursday 15th December	Christmas Surprise Room Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Hungerford Extravaganza Tombola Stall ' VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED '
Friday 16th December	Christmas Service at St Mary's Church 1.30pm Children to be collected from church School closes at 2.15pm for Christmas holiday - NO After School Club
Tuesday 3rd January	First day back at school for all children (Term 3)

This term's Christian value is:

Thankfulness