



# 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

What a "whizz, bang, pop" our summer term 1 has been! Coronation celebrations, SATs, Muntjac class residential, Sika class residential, Science Week, and lots more. Throughout the children have behaved with enthusiasm, maturity and have been living out our school Christian values of Thankfulness Courage and Love. Looking forward to an equally "whizz bang" summer term 2, there is a list of dates at the end of the newsletter which describe what there is to look forward to for our final term of 2023.

## Coronation Celebrations – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May



The mix of sunshine and showers didn't dampen any spirits as Chilton Foliat Primary School came together for its Coronation Celebrations. Games, stalls and the amazing Roxi Storm, first on stilts and then blowing oversized bubbles, set the scene for a wonderful community event. Earlier in the week, the children, imagined what it would be like if they were king or queen for the day and presented their ideas for a new Royal School Charter. We had lots of entries for our royal portrait art competition too. With grateful thanks to our Friends fundraising committee, the event raised a truly Royal sum of £400. All proceeds have been donated to the school to support extra-curricular events some of which are taking place in the final summer term.



## Roll up, Roll up! Place your Spring Roll orders now

Don't forget to place your orders for Spring Rolls! All proceeds will go towards the Sika class water sports event. To order, please visit our PTA Events page:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/chiltonfoliat/index.cfm#.ZFpnR6DMLIX>

The cut-off for orders is **Monday 5th June** and quantities will be limited! Collection will take place on **Friday 9th June** after school. Pricing is as follows:

£1 for 1 spring roll or £5 for 6 spring rolls

## **Chilton Foliat Village Open Gardens Event – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

The village will be hosting an Open Gardens event on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July. So far, 16 gardens are confirmed and if previous events are anything to go by, it promises to be a fantastic family-friendly day. The Friends have been asked to run a tea and cake stall in the village hall and would love to be able to do so. However, they need some help. The Friends are looking for volunteers to bake cakes/cookies to sell at the event and some volunteers to help run the stall on the day. All proceeds made from the tea and cake stall will go to the school, which is a fabulous incentive to get involved.

We appreciate that July is a way off, but the village committee are keen to get a sense of what help we can offer. If you can help, please email [friendsofchiltonfoliat@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofchiltonfoliat@gmail.com) or message me via the Friends Facebook page.

## **Muntjac Class Residential**

Muntjac class had a blast at Braeside this year and showed great progression with their communication skills while navigating problems and being out of our comfort zones. We participated in climbing, a low ropes course, problem solving, fire lighting and dough cooking along with shelter building, crate staking and high ropes. All participated in most of the activities and showed amazing teamwork, resilience and, in a lot of cases, determination to complete the activities. I am immensely proud of how we represented the school during this residential and of all we achieved during our 2-day trip. Miss McClintock and Miss Wilson.



## **Sika Class Residential Trip to Oxenwood Outdoor Education Centre**

WOW! What a trip! The pupils of Sika Class were a credit to the school. They demonstrated resilience, teamwork and above all a sense of adventure, especially when building dens, rafts and climbing the wall. All the pupils demonstrated the school's values of love, courage and thankfulness (especially the food!). There were lots of problem-solving and practical solutions on offer when faced with challenges such as building a water-resistant den in the woods before Mrs Armstrong threw water over it with the pupils inside! Well done to Sika Class, we are very proud of you all!



## **Attendance**

With summer tapping on our windows, it might be tempting to book an extra long weekend away or even take time off during the term time working week, to take a quick break. If this means your child (ren) will miss any days from school, please do think again. There has been a lot of media coverage recently about the impact even one or two days of unauthorised absence has on learning outcomes. The DfE published a report in which they describe "a staggering 5,148,548 school days have been lost through 'unauthorised term-time holidays' in the 2021/22 school year. Inevitably the government is taking this matter very seriously and considering putting further measures in place which will financially discourage families from taking their children out of school during term time. At Chilton Foliat we remain concerned about the impact on learning that unauthorised absences have for our children. On a final note, we would also like to encourage our families to make sure their children arrive at school on time (8.45am) so they are collected from the playground and ready for learning which begins at 8.50am. With thanks for your continued support.

## **Online Safety – Smart Watches**

There is no doubt that Smart Watches provide a lot of advantages for our busy day to day lives: keeping in touch, keeping fit, keeping on the go. They're convenient for staying in touch on the go (almost two billion messages are sent from smartwatches every year), but this simultaneously can put younger wearers at risk of being contacted by strangers via their smartwatch – if the device isn't configured properly. There's more advice on how to avoid potential smartwatch pitfalls in this Online Safety helpful guide. Please see attached.

## **Messy Church – Joseph and his story about resilience and endurance.**

It has not been possible to hold a Messy Church this term, however the Messy Church team have put together a brilliant half-term holiday activity sheet, based on the values of resilience and endurance. These have already been sent home so do check in your children's books bags, if they haven't appeared already. There is a story to read, a wordsearch to solve and a Joseph Emoji Story Flipper to complete, all great fun! Thank you Messy Church team and we are looking forward to sending details out about the last Messy Church session to be held on Saturday 15th July.

## **Kennet Valley Wetland Reserve**

At the beginning of the month, we welcomed a special visitor to school, Mrs Kate Edwards, who is a Trustee of the Town and Manor of Hungerford and Liberty of Sanden Fee. Apart from having an impressive (voluntary) job title, Mrs Edwards introduced, to the children, a fantastic new project taking place in our local area. A new 40 acre public wetland reserve on Undy's Meadow, is being planned and is currently in it's consultation phase. Mrs Edwards shared with the children all the benefits, ecological, archaeological and those relating to promoting biodiversity and asked them for their views. Eliciting children's viewpoints for this project is of great importance and Kate also asked for a leaflet to be sent home which provides some information about what is being planned and an opportunity for all our families to have their say. You can either scan a QR code visible on the leaflet or use the following website address: [tinyurl.com/hungerfordwetland-survey](https://tinyurl.com/hungerfordwetland-survey) to have your say.

## **Craft After School Club**

Hayley Murray (Toby's mum in Sika class) has very kindly agreed to start running a craft club after school on a Tuesday from 3.20pm - 4.10pm for Year 1 to Year 6 pupils. There will be a maximum of 12 spaces. A School Comms will follow with further details and how to book a place.

## Mental Health and Wellbeing

This week's focus website about Mental Health and wellbeing is: <https://www.annafreud.org/media/11452/tmh-parent-leaflet-final-web-updated-by-ed-april-2020.pdf>

It helps to start conversations with children about the importance of looking after their mental health (just like keeping physically fit!) and supporting them with their understanding about the difference between having a bad day and issues which are longer term.

This week's Reading Well Book is:

By learning to support children and help them to develop the skills when they feel unhappy, they will learn to become more resilient as they become older, when things occasionally go wrong!



## Science Week 22- 26 May 2023

To round off our super busy learning term, we have been celebrating the "Power of Water" in our specially designed science curriculum week. We welcomed Scientist Sian from MadScience on Monday. Sian provided, quite a few whizzes, bangs and pops, as part of her science show and encouraged the children to get involved in her investigations and experiments. On Tuesday Mia, from Action from River Kennet, (ARK) talked to individual class groups about the superpower of water and what we must do to protect water from pollution and to preserve it. During the week, the children have been designing, observing, leading, predicting, classifying and carrying out all manner of science investigations of their own, all with the theme of the "Power of Water". A powerful curriculum way to end our busy and happy term.



## After School Club Planting

The children at After School Club have really been enjoying watching how a plant develops through the different stages. It would be really lovely to see some pictures of the plants as they grow and develop now that the children are caring for them at home.



## Plans for next academic year

It is about this time every year, the school is able to inform all parents of arrangements for next year, particularly, which class your child will be in and who will be teaching and supporting them. Information will be sent out to all our families at the beginning of next term.

## And finally

It is with great sadness that I share with our school community the news that Mrs Hicks has decided to retire and is leaving Chilton Foliat at the end of the academic year. We will of course be wishing her a very fond farewell towards the end of the term and thanking her for the exceptional care and dedication she has shown to all the children who have been supported by her over the past six years. We are seeking a replacement for Mrs Hicks, a very tough act to follow!

## Assessment Reporting

W/C Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Multiplication Timestable Check window open
W/C Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics Screening week
W/C Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Final Assessment all subjects, all years (3 weeks)
W/C 26 <sup>th</sup> June	EYFSP Reports (Reception only)
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Parents Meetings (Years 1 – 6)
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Parents Meetings (Years 1-6)
Week beginning 10 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 SATs Results published

## Forthcoming Events

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Term 6 begins</b>
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Tempest Class Photographs and Year 6 Individual Prints
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception Parents Meeting 6.00pm
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Orienteering Festival
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Spring Roll Friday
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Quad Kids Festival
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Year 3 and 4 Visit to Planetarium Dome Marlborough
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	<b>TD Day (School Closed)</b>
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	New Reception Children first visit to school
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Primary Project Day Year 4 John O'Gaunt
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Primary Project Day Year 5 John O'Gaunt
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Parents Meetings Years 1-6
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Parents Meetings Years 1-6
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	New Reception Children second visit to school
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Showcase Day 1.30pm Parents welcome
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>(if rained off replacement date 14<sup>th</sup> July)</b>
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Leavers Disco 4.30pm—6.00pm.</b>
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>(Pick up from school available at 3.00pm)</b>
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Sika Watersports Day
	Messy Church
	KS2 Production Dress Rehearsal (School only)
	KS2 Production Matinee 2.00pm
	KS2 Production Evening Production 6.00pm
	Leavers Service St Mary's Church, Chilton Foliat 1.30pm
	<b>End of Term 6 No After School Club</b>

This terms Christian Value is:

# Love