



# Chilton Foliat Primary School Newsletter

Friday 10th May 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

Welcome to the month of May and to some long-awaited fair weather. It has made a lovely difference for us all at school, being able to get out onto the field at playtime and to be able to take our learning outside too. The month of May also marks the start of the test and exam season. Our Year 6 children will be taking their statutory end of KS2 Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) next week and we wish them all the very best. As a group they have worked incredibly hard, stayed calm and focussed. We are already proud of the effort they have made throughout their final year at school and know, (whatever the test results maybe) that when the time comes, they will be prepared and equipped to move onto the next phase of their academic careers.



## ECO Committee Meeting with Danny Kruger MP – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024

As part of a visit to Chilton Foliat, Mr Danny Kruger MP came to school to meet our ECO Committee. The Committee set the context for the meeting, how as a democratically elected group, the meeting with Mr Kruger was a great opportunity to challenge how the government is holding Thames Water to account. They continued to set the scene by *summarising some key points in relation to the school, environment and our local village:*



The Kennet is a beautiful chalk river, one of the few on the planet, and it runs through Chilton Foliat

'Water' plays a significant part in our school's Christian vision and values.

We support and engage with ARK who designed and created the rain garden in the Early Years outdoor area.

Thames Water is a private company, responsible for: providing us with clean drinking water; safely disposing our waste/sewage and guiding surface water from rain to prevent flooding.

Chilton Foliat has had traffic lights in the village since January, with a tanker manually pumping our sewage and removing it. There is no sign of repair, and villagers have escalated their dissatisfaction.

The children then asked Mr Kruger a series of questions about what is being done to protect the River Kennet? How Thames Water are going to fix the problem and why is it taking so long? They continued to ask some broader questions about climate change and the impact of changing weather patterns. The children demonstrated terrific listening skills when listening to Mr Kruger's responses and confidently answered the many questions Mr Kruger asked in return.

Sam Wolcough, our Chair of Governors was also at the meeting and reported:

Thank you to the Eco Committee for allowing us to sit in on your meeting. You all came across very professionally, and passionate about our planet, our river, the environment and our school. You were living and breathing our Christian values of courage, thankfulness and love. You were very well informed, confident in sharing relevant additional information within the discussions with Mr Kruger, and he could not have been anything but impressed with you all!

## Mental Health Awareness Week – Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024



Next week is also Mental Health Awareness Week and Mrs Pinnegar (our Mental Health and Wellbeing Lead) has included some timely information in this newsletter about how to support our children when they are faced with any form of assessment situation. In addition, what helps us all, I'm sure, is the long-awaited change in the weather. Thank goodness for the sunshine and long may it last!

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/our-work/public-engagement/mental-health-awareness-week>

## Online Safety



For good reason Online Safety is often in the news and mostly the news is not good. We all know that our children are growing up in an increasingly complex world and as they continue to mature, the balance between living their lives on and offline may begin to tilt in the favour of the latter. This prospect presents exciting opportunities but also challenges.

As part of mandatory RHSE (Relationship, Health and Sex Education) at school we teach our children about online safety in an age-appropriate way. This includes being taught:

- what positive, healthy and respectful online relationships look like
- the effects of their online actions on others
- how to recognise and display respectful behaviour online
- how to use technology safely, responsibly, respectfully and securely

where to go for help and support when they have concerns.

We also signpost resources to our parent and carer community. This week, we have chosen the following links to support Online Safety at home.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

[https://beinternetawesome.withgoogle.com/en\\_uk/](https://beinternetawesome.withgoogle.com/en_uk/)

## The Friends

### Grow A Fiver returns for the summer fete!

The beady eyed amongst you will have spotted in the last newsletter that, as part of the One World initiative, we will be inviting all our children to "Grow a Fiver" in aid of the King Edward VI Centre for Children with Disabilities and to sell their wares at the school fete on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June. The Year 6s will be on hand to help younger children with their stalls and Mrs Turner will be supervising our eager entrepreneurs. Look out for more details in the coming days!



### A reminder about the teddy tombola

If you happen to be having a clear out over the next few weekends, we would love to take your unwanted teddies off your hands! The Friends will be running a teddy tombola at the Chilton Foliat village fete on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May. If you would like to donate any clean teddies in good preloved/new condition for the stall, please drop them off at the school office. Thank you!

## Attendance – update from Wiltshire Local Authority

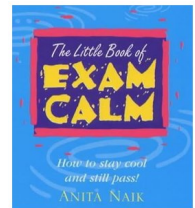
Wiltshire Local Authority have recently shared information in response to the Department for Education's (DfE) expectations to improve attendance in schools (which has been revised and will apply from August 2024.) Further guidance will become available over the next few months. Changes for schools will include nominating a senior attendance champion within the school team, updating our attendance policy with information about the new national framework for penalty notices and placing emphasis on Early Support. Tackling Persistent Absence where a pupil's attendance falls below 90% will also demand more action and management. Headteachers have previously had a limited amount of discretion to use when agreeing absence due to any sort of holiday or family occasion such as a wedding. This will no longer be the case. Inevitably, attendance will be scrutinised in greater depth and schools will become even more accountable for their attendance figures. The good news is that our current overall attendance rate of 96.3% is over the national figure of 93%. I am sure with your continued support, knowing that during term time the best possible place for your children to be is in school, we will be able to maintain this fantastic figure. <https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/65f1b048133c22b8eecd38f7/>

[Working together to improve school attendance applies from 19 August 2024 .pdf](#)

## Helping our children manage exam stress

As many pupils across the country are facing exams in the forthcoming weeks, here is a website to support parents, carers and young people to ensure that everybody survives in one piece!

<https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/children-and-young-adults/advice-for-parents/help-your-child-beat-exam-stress/>



The Little Book of Exam Calm offers pearls of wisdom for this stressful time. It includes hints and tips on staying calm, training the memory, boosting powers of concentration, keeping energy levels high, eating well and getting enough sleep - everything you need to stay sane and sail through your exams!



[Help your child beat exam stress](#)

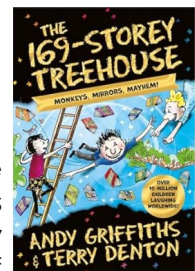
Find out how to help your child through the stress of school exams and tests, including what you can do to help them cope with nerves and anxiety, plus advice about diet, sleep and exercise. [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)

## Book Review of the Week

Book review by Tommy from Sika Class

5-star rating and suitable for 7 to 10 years old to read, but adults would also enjoy it too!

The story is about creating the most awesome treehouse. I love the extra surprise at the back of the book which is a 'flicker' of the earth disappearing. My favourite character is the Potato Machine because it shoots potatoes and makes me laugh. I think it is funny because of the crazy characters in the book. It is a great book for keeping calm and if you need a break.



## A Fizzy way to Pray and Play

Our popular Pray and Play Club took itself outside this week to celebrate in a practical way Ascension Day. 40 days after Easter, Jesus was last seen by his disciples on earth before he ascended into heaven. When Jesus made his final visit, he told his disciples he would always be with them, as well as promising them the gift of the Holy Spirit. He took them to the Mount of Olives, where it's believed they watched him ascend to heaven. 'Ascension' means rising to a higher level.

Rev. Beth and Mrs Bleasdale took our Pray and Play club members to the highest point in our school ground – the club house garden – and carried out a scientific experiment with Cola and Mentos. As a result of mixing the two together, the cola certainly travelled heaven-ward!



### Dates for the Diary 2024

Monday 13th—Thursday 16th May	KS2 SATs Week
Wednesday 22nd - Friday 24th May	Sika Oxenwood Residential
Friday 24th May	Term 5 Ends
Sunday 26th May	Chilton Foliat Village Fete
Monday 3rd June	Term 6 Begins
Wednesday 5th June	Tempest Photographer (Group pictures)
Friday 7th June	Friends Coffee Morning
Thursday 13th June	New Reception Parents Meeting 6.30pm
Saturday 15th June	School Summer Fete
Monday 17th June	Salisbury Cathedral Year 6 Leavers Service
Tuesday 18th June	Fallow Class Rail Safety Experience and whole school, assembly
Thursday 20th June	Year 6 Physical Activity Festival
Mon 24th/Tues 25th June	TD Days
Wed 26th/Thurs 27th June	Year 1– 6 Parents Evenings
Mon 1st—Fri 5th July	One World Themed Week
Wednesday 3rd July	Fallow Class Train Experience (TBC)
Thursday 4th July	Whole School ARK Day
Friday 5th July	Sports Day
Tuesday 9th July	LifeBase Visit—Healthy Living Workshop (whole school)
Thursday 11th July	Sika Trip to Legoland
	KS2 Girls Football Tournament St Johns
Tuesday 16th July	KS2 Evening performance 6.00pm—7.00pm
Wednesday 17th July	KS2 Matinee performance 2.00pm—3.00pm
Thursday 18th July	Moving up Day (whole school and new reception children)
Monday 22nd July	Sika Picnic and Activity
Wednesday 24th July	Leavers Church service 2.00pm
	End of Term 6 <b>NO ASC</b>

**This terms Christian Value is:**

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