



# Chilton Foliat Primary School Newsletter

## Friday 20th December 2024



*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*

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## Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of our 2nd autumn together, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents and carers, all our volunteers, The Friends, and the whole-school team for making our time together such a success. So much work goes on behind the scenes, so much time and talent is shared without seeking any form of compensation, other than to contribute to the broad and balanced educational experience our children enjoy. Please be assured, on behalf of the children at Chilton Foliat Church of England VA Primary School, we do value all your contributions and we do thank you most sincerely. With **thankfulness, courage** and **love**.

## News from the Friends

### Christmas Fair

On behalf of the Friends team, we want to thank all our amazing volunteers for their incredible support at our Christmas Fair. We would also like to thank everyone who came along on the day and made it a truly magical event for our school.

We are delighted to announce that the total raised at the Christmas Fair was **£638.47**. The funds raised will go a long way towards helping our small school with purchasing new equipment and new books. A big well done to our Santapreneurs who raised **£130.20** collectively with their festive offerings (included in the total above).





### **Christmas Surprise Room**

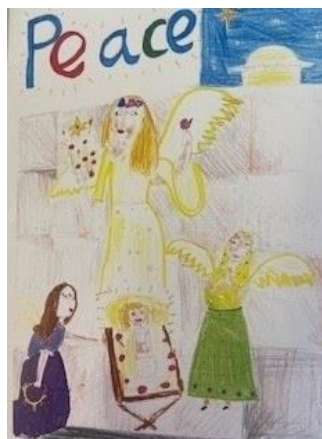
A huge thank you to the parents who gave up their time to help the children choose and wrap their special gift in our Surprise Room. It couldn't have happened without the generous donations we received from our parent community, so thank you. There are a few £2 coins still to come in so please do leave these with the office.

### **Letters from Santa**

A big shout out to the talented Mrs Webber for the beautifully designed Santa letters which will delight the children and make Christmas even more special!

### **Christmas Cards**

Thank you to those who supported our Christmas card fundraiser with IQ Cards which raised **£32.50** for the school.



## Medmix UK Ltd Christmas Card Competition

Congratulations to all those children who entered the MedMix Christmas Card competition and thank you to Ms Lock, from MedMix UK Ltd, for coming to school last Friday to present some prizes and give a token of thanks to all that took part. The three winning designs will be used for Medmix Christmas cards next year to be sold to employees and sent to customers. Any proceeds from the sale of the cards will be donated to the school. We are grateful to Medmix for this opportunity where we benefit from building relationships with organisations in our wider community.



## Thought for the Christmas Week

The Christmas card theme continues. Three Christmas card designs by Sasha, Chloe and Megan from Sika Class have been chosen by the Salisbury Diocese of Education to feature in their end of year Thought for the Week, a communication sent out to all 190 church schools in the Salisbury Diocese.

[Thought for the Week](#)



## Stars are born

A big well done to all our Reception and Fallow Class children, as they performed their Nativity. The children sang beautifully, spoke their lines with confidence and assurance and looked the part in their costumes - altogether a pleasure to watch. Thank you to all our families who came and shared in such a wonderful performance.

## Christmas Lunch at the Chilton Foliat

Christmas at Chilton Foliat wouldn't be Christmas without our incredibly special Christmas lunch. Throughout the year, Mrs Dobson and Mrs Coyle have been raising money so that the lunch can be made extra special and the children enjoy not only a delicious meal with all the trimmings but a decked-out Christmassy hall. The food festivities would not be complete without a cracker and with thanks this year to **Medmix UK Ltd** for kindly sponsoring the Christmas crackers for all the children to enjoy.

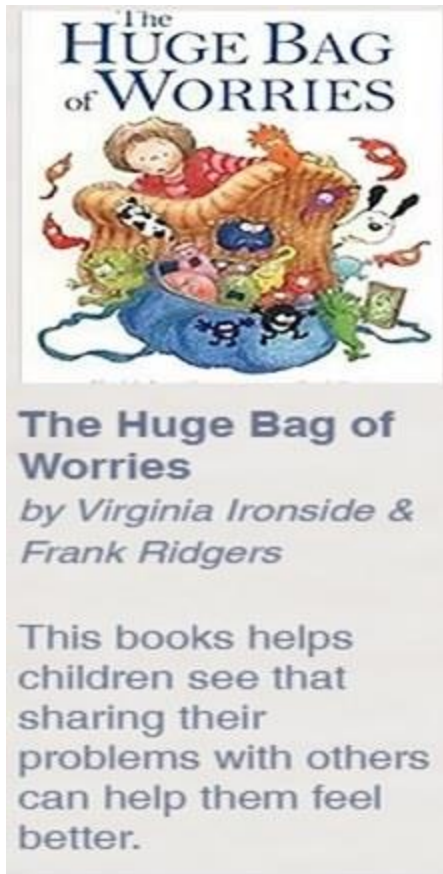


## Online Safety

As schools (including ours) are seeing an increase in safeguarding concerns around online safety for **all** our pupils. We would like to draw you attention to the following website about how to keep your children safe this Christmas, especially those children who will be gifted new devices this year, for the first time. <https://www.internetmatters.org/childrens-online-safety-this-festive-season/>

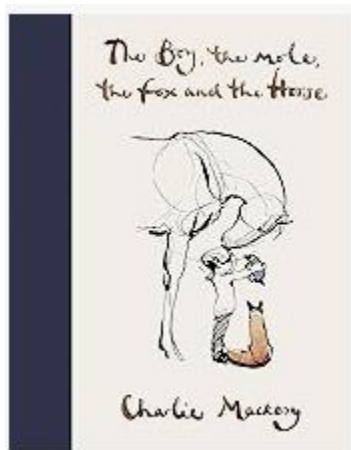
The internet, including gaming, texting, chat groups etc is a wonderful tool to keep in contact with friends and family over the holidays. However, it has a poor master and despite the government, schools and parents trying to keep children safe online, there are groups of people who wish to cause our little ones some considerable distress through unkind messaging or worse. Please take the time to ensure parental controls are in place and children are not left unattended on their devices during this festive season.

Christmas is a joyful time of year, but for some children, the change in routine, not seeing friends regularly and over excitement during this time of year can lead to some children holding on to worries about the uncertainty that the holidays can bring. Here is a book (recommended by CAMHS) which can support children with their emotions:



## Book review by Sika Class

The Boy, the Mole, the Fox, and the Horse by Charlie Mackesy



Sika Class have thoroughly studied this book as part of our art sessions and our shared book at the end of the day. The messages within this book are positive and uplifting which made us all feel relaxed and reflective at the end of the day!

Sika Class have also enjoyed studying Charlie Mackesy's art style and re-creating their own interpretations; currently they have their art pieces displayed in class, please do come, and have a look!



We would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very merry and peaceful Christmas and look forward to welcoming all back to school on Monday 6th January 2025!

### Dates for your diaries



- Monday 6th January 2025 - Return to school
- Thursday 23rd January 2025 – KS2 Dodgeball Festival
- Wednesday 5th February 2025 – Year 6 Walk Safe
- Monday 3rd and Wednesday 5th February – Reception Class Parents Meetings
- Thursday 6th February – KS2 Physical Activity Festival
- Friday 14th February – Christingle Service at St Mary's Church, Chilton Foliat at **2.00pm**
- Friday 14th February - End of Term
- Monday 24th February – Teacher Development (TD) Day – School Closed.  
*ur Christian Value for Autumn Term is Thankfulness*