



Chilton Foliat Primary School Newsletter

Monday 25th November 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 begin the run up to Christmas, we have much to look back on and celebrate and a lot of information to share about forthcoming sparkly seasonal events.

News from the Friends

Children in Need Bake Sale

Thank you to everyone who donated cakes for last Friday's Children in Need bake sale. We raised an amazing £123!

School-branded jute bags and tea towels

Huge thanks to Mrs Bleasdale and Mrs Webber for masterminding the new school tea towels which are available for pre-order! You can also pre-order our new style jute bags featuring the newly updated school logo.

Pre-order your brand new [Self-portrait tea towels](#) here!

Pre-order your new school logo [jute shopping bags](#) here!

Christmas Fair – Friday 6th December 2024

It's all hands-on deck behind the scenes getting ready for our Christmas Fair on Friday 6th December starting at 3.20pm. Rumour has it that we have Christmas bunnies and guinea pigs visiting the school! We will have some amazing raffle prizes and there will be festive games and stalls. And of course, the big man himself will be visiting the school in our magical grotto. Look out for information coming soon re: a festive edition of the Santapreneurs. See our two posters attached with this newsletter.

As always, we need as much help as possible to ensure that the event is run as successfully and safely as possible. Please sign up to volunteer here: [Christmas Fair](#)

Thank you to those who have come forward already!

Christmas Surprises Day – 13th and 17th December 2024

On Friday 13th December, children are invited to donate a gift for the Christmas Surprise Room. Examples of gifts that have been donated in the past have included: toiletries, candles, notelets, boxes of chocolates (NO NUTS), and are of good quality and in date. Donated gifts will be collected as children come in through the school gates on the 13th, and boxes will also be available in each classroom in the morning for the children to put their donations into.

On Tuesday 17th December, please send your child/ren to school with £2 per child, so that they can take part in this special event. The children visit the Surprise Room, choose their present, wrap it and bring it home with them to put under the Christmas tree.

Please remember that for all children in the school to be able to take part it is one donation per child please!

Children in Need



A huge thank you to everybody for making such a generous Children in Need effort on Friday 15th November. Members of the School Council did a remarkable job of planning the day and making sure the activities were available to take part in and all happened at the right time. In class, the children talked about the reasons we support Children in Need as one of our charitable causes and remembered that there are lots of children in the UK who are much less fortunate than we are. An example of courageous advocacy in action. With millions of spots, bright and bold, during the day we raised a fantastic £220.40 Adding the cake sale proceeds brings us up to an amazing total of £343.40



Anti-Bullying Week

We all came to school with our odd socks on Thursday 14th November as part of our Anti-Bullying Week activities. The School Council Executive Committee led a brilliant Collective Worship and presented a powerful and positive set of messages about how to be a good and kind friend; always willing to show **courage** and **love** in the face of unkindness by standing up for what is the right thing to do.

The Panto comes to Chilton Foliat

With thanks to the Friends for supporting our annual “trip” to the pantomime, the children were enchanted by Beauty and the Beast. A tale of a rich, cruel and privileged ruler, who was cursed with the look of an ugly beast – a reflection of his inner soul. The only thing to break the curse is unconditional love. Love that is not only given, but also received. Upon meeting Belle, he finally sees the error in his ways and learns to truly love, allowing him to be loved in return. Once that happens, his outer beauty is brought back, reflecting his inner change, and the spell is finally broken. The story mirrors our conversations especially during Anti-Bullying week and throughout this term about recognising we are all unique and it is what is on the inside that matters.



Mental Health and Wellbeing

At this time of year we experience darker days and turbulent weather; this can make it a challenge to face the day. Here is a website to support adults and children alike:

<https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/warnings-and-advice/seasonal-advice/health-wellbeing/winter-and-mental-health>

Mental Health and Wellbeing book – It’s OK Not To Be OK

This book has been written from different perspectives, young and older children.

Lucy is a very special little girl with magical hair. It changes colour with her emotions. If she is feeling happy, it is purple. If she is jealous, it will turn green. This charming story is the tale of

when Lucy wakes up and her hair is blue, and she doesn't understand why. She soon learns that it is #OKNotToBeOK



Book Fair coming to Chilton Foliat

As we build up to all that is Christmas, we shall be running the Book Fair for those all important Stocking Filler book gifts. We shall be open on the following days:

Monday 2nd December 3.30pm - 4.15pm

Tuesday 3rd December 3.30pm - 4.15pm

Wednesday 4th December 3.30pm - 4.15pm

Friday 6th December 3.30pm - 4.30pm for the Christmas Fair.

Staffing

Two welcomes to extend to members of staff in Fallow Class. We have welcomed a new member to the team. Ms Saker joined us at the beginning of this half term. Ms Saker has already settled in well, is building positive relationships with the children and brings with her a wealth of experience of working in a child centred environment. We are also looking forward to welcoming Mrs Lambert back to Fallow Class from Thursday of this week.

Netball



The year 6 netball tournament was a huge success, as we came joint fifth place out of 10 different teams. We were very proud of our amazing teamwork, using skills like passing and communication. We played against 5 schools which were all extremely talented, and although at times it was hard, we used our growth mindset skills to persevere. We had many attempts at scoring - some were really close - and overall scored five goals throughout the matches. Everyone experienced playing in different positions and we made sure nobody felt underappreciated or excluded. When some of us weren't playing in a match, we cheered on our teammates and showed mutual respect to the opposing teams. Although we didn't come in first place, we are very proud of coming fifth out of many skilled teams and would definitely do this again if we had the opportunity. The year sixes played brilliantly in this fun and exciting event and all of the teams were kind, respectful and fun to play against.

School Closure in event of adverse weather

Given the extremely windy and wet conditions over the weekend, we would like to remind you of the arrangements in place should we have to close the school in the event of adverse weather.

In the event of snow or treacherous driving conditions, the school may be forced to close or alter the daily routine, in which case the following communication arrangements will be put in place.

Full Day Closure

The decision whether we will be able to keep the school open will be taken by **7.15am** and communicated:

- Via the school's website
- Via Parent Mail
- Via Heart FM Radio Station

Weather conditions will continue to be tracked throughout the day and further advice will be communicated via the school's website and Parent Mail.

Late Start

Based on the ability of school staff to make a slightly later journey into work, a late start of **10.30 am** will be communicated as above by **7.15am**.

Closure during the school day

In the event of snow or treacherous driving conditions forecast during the day to affect school pick up and early evening travel, the decision to close the school early will be taken by **1.30pm** and communicated as described above.

Understandably, it might not be possible to get back to school in time to collect your children early. We will enable parents and carers to collect other's children although the school **must** be notified in advance either by phone or email that these arrangements are being made.

Of course, the school will go to every effort to keep operating as normal in the event of snow or treacherous driving conditions, however for the health and safety of pupils, their parents and carers and all members of staff, a variety of factors need to be taken into account such as appropriate adult to children ratios, distance of travel for all members of staff and local conditions for all.

Chilton Foliat Primary School Remembers – 11.11.2024



Dates for your diaries



Monday 25th November – Nasal Flu Vaccine

Tuesday 26th November – Muntjac Trip to Stone Henge

Wednesday 27th November – Sika Class Trip to STEAM Swindon

Friday 29th November – Staff TD Day – School Closed.

Friday 6th December – Christmas Fair

Tuesday 10th December – EYFS and KS1 Nativity Matinee

Wednesday 11th December – EYFS and KS1 Nativity Evening Performance

Friday 13th December - Christmas Surprises Donation Day

Tuesday 17th December - Christmas Surprises Day

Wednesday 18th December – Christmas Lunch and Christmas Sparkle Day (Christmas Jumpers)

Friday 20th December – Christmas Service at St Mary’s Church 2.00pm – All Welcome. End of Term. (No After School Club).

Our Christian Value for Autumn Term is ***Thankfulness***