



Chilton Foliat Primary School Newsletter

Friday 24th January 2025



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 our new term together, we are enjoying what is traditionally a quieter, yet still purposeful phase in the academic life of the school. The children are ready to learn and embrace new challenges putting into practice their Growth Mindset skills: perseverance and self-belief. To complement the children’s determination, we are also focused on the core Christian value of **Courage** this Spring term asking ourselves the big question, “How can we make courageous choices as a friend, a learner, and a global citizen?”

We are talking about some special people, both from the past and in the present who have shown tremendous courage, huge determination and always stood up for what they believe is right. From Gerald the Giraffe to Malala Yousafzai, from Nelson Mandela to Greta Thunberg; when sharing the stories of these special people in class and in Collective Worship, we also remember another source of inspiration and a story from the bible for all of us to think about when we are making courageous choices, whether in our learning or at play. As Jesus said, when sitting with the Samaritan Woman at the Well, “If you drink the water, I give, you will never thirst”, (John 4:13). The children all know that following Jesus’s courageous, kind and loving lead, their own brave choices will be easier to make.



Attendance



Our whole school attendance figure remains positive, just under 97% and we are grateful for all the support you are giving your children, encouraging them to attend school consistently and promptly. If any negative attendance pattern is being observed at the moment, it is the number of late registrations. As the days begin to get longer and the morning light arrives a little earlier, we hope that these changes will help us all embrace the day! Please ensure your children arrive at school ready for learning by 8.50am.

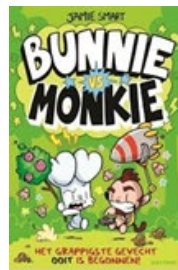
Home and School Communication

We pride ourselves on our open-door policy and willingness to listen to and respond to any parent concern as quickly as we can. To further support our positive relationships and how we endeavour to keep building and improving on these, please see attached links to our school to home communications guidance notes.

[Home to School Communications](#)

[WhatsApp Guidance](#)

Book review by Rory from Sika Class



Bunny versus Monkey by Jamie Smarts is a hilarious comic book that will make you laugh your head off! The comic is about the character called Bunny and another one called Monkey having a huge fight because Monkey wanted to take over the world! The book is aimed at 7- to 10-year-olds but to be honest you could read these books at any reading age! I would give this book 4.9 out of 5 stars.

Books to support children's mental health



by Virginia Ironside

Wherever Jenny goes, her worries follow her - in a big blue bag. They are with her all the time - at school, at home, when she is watching TV and even in the bathroom! Jenny decides they have to go, but who will help her get rid of them? A funny and reassuring look at dealing with worries and anxiety, to be used as a spring board into important conversations with your child.

Mental Health and Wellbeing Support

As the celebrations of Christmas and New Year have passed, we are still faced with the grey and gloomy weather which can make it hard to feel motivated during some of our darker mornings! Here is a website of ideas to support you and your family.

www.hertsandwestessex.ics.nhs.uk/your-health-and-care/stay-well/winter-health-and-wellbeing-hub/managing-your-mental-health-during-the-colder-months/

As we continue to support our children online, especially since so many have had new devices over the Christmas period, please take a look at this website to keep our children safe <https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/parents-and-carers>. At least **42%** of children of primary school age have been bullied or worse online in the last year (this is only the known cases, there are many more cases that have not been reported), either through access to mobile phones, games consoles, and tablets. It is all of our duty to ensure we give the children the skills and knowledge to use these wonderful tools safely, as their futures will involve the use of technology in all of their further learning and careers.

Please also see the latest advice from CAMHs regarding childhood anxiety.

[Anxiety Support by CAMHs](#)

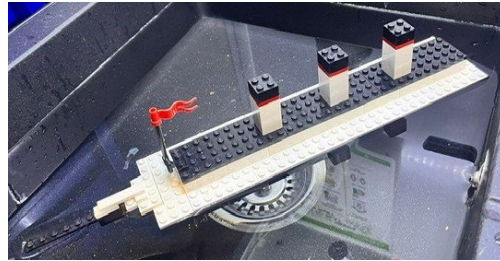
Dodgeball Festival – Thursday 23rd January- Report by Sasha, Poppy, Rory and Aoife

We played against 8 groups, but only 4 of the teams. There were however, 16 groups altogether because schools like St. Marys had entered 4 teams! The competition was fierce, and we felt some decisions made by the Year 7 and 8 pupils of Pewsey Secondary school were not entirely fair, but we did not complain because we know they tried their best. The competition was enjoyable, and we were all very enthusiastic and worked well together. Watching the other teams playing was awe inspiring. Overall, we were very happy at the end because we came 3rd out of 8 in our group. We were incredibly sweaty at the end but that is the sign of a good competition (despite the rain!). We had such a good morning and would recommend this event to other pupils in our school.



After School Club

This week at club, messy cloud dough and building the Titanic. Did it float or sink?



Dates for your diaries



Wednesday 5th February 2025 – (Year 1,3 and 6) Walk Safe

Monday 3rd and Wednesday 5th February – Reception Class Parents Meetings

Friday 14th February – Christingle Service at St Mary's Church, Chilton Foliat at **2.00pm - All**

Welcome

Friday 14th February - End of Term

Monday 24th February – Teacher Development (TD) Day – School Closed.

Wednesday 26th February - Year 5 & 6 Hockey Festival

Thursday 6th March - World Book Day

Tuesday 11th March - Annual Reports Year 1-6 available to parents

Thursday 13th March - Year 5 & 6 Tag Rugby

Tuesday 1st April - Year 4 & 5 Orienteering Festival

Friday 4th April - Easter Service at St Mary's Church Chilton Foliat at **2.00pm - All Welcome**

Friday 4th April - End of Term (No After School Club)

Our Christian Value for Spring Term is *Courage*