



CHILMARK AND FONTHILL BISHOP

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mr Adam Smith

20 January 2017

Dear Parents,

Twice this week I have been made aware of the beautiful countryside we all live in.

Firstly, when watching the pupils play sports at the Nadder Centre. We are fortunate to have permission from the Tisbury Parish Council to use their sports field and have been outside for games twice already. This will continue, so please remember to pack suitable shoes for outdoor games - tracksuit bottoms, a warm hat and a jumper (school jumpers are great for this).

Secondly, when travelling through the lanes between Tisbury and Chicks Grove looking for alternative routes to school. This is because the road between Tisbury and Chilmark will be closed for ten days from Monday 30 January – Wednesday 8 February. Please be aware of this and if you travel this way allow extra journey time.

Many thanks,

Mr Smith

Wiltshire radio-Tuesday 31 January

James from Wiltshire radio is visiting the school to take part in some challenges that the pupils are setting him. The challenge from Oak involves dinosaurs, Sycamore are asking him to place historical events onto a time line and Elm want him to memorise and recite Viking poems!

I hope he knows what he has let himself in for and that the radio broadcast of his day is as much fun as our last radio performance!

NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe assemblies and workshops Monday 6 & Friday 10 February

We have invited the NSPCC to visit the school and deliver a talk to Key Stage one and Key Stage two on child safety. The content of the assemblies has been carefully planned to be suitable for the pupils ages.

I have reviewed all of the material they plan to use and was impressed with the way that it gives the right knowledge to the pupils without being upsetting. If any parents would like to



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see this material then please contact me.

We are also running a special workshop for the Year Six, as they will be given additional information and training on Friday 10 February. Again, this material is also available for parents to view, if you wish to see it.

This is being provided to the school at no cost and we would like to raise money for the NSPCC as a thank you, so we have decided to undertake a sponsored maths challenge in school on Friday 24 February.

A talk for parents on child safety online is planned for after Easter, the date is to be confirmed, please see future newsletters for details.

Diary Dates

Elm class trip to Trowbridge Museum- Tuesday 24 January

Road between Tisbury and Chilmark closed- Monday 30 January – Wednesday 8 February

Governor coffee morning- Monday 30 January from 8.45am until 10.00am

Christingle Service- Tuesday 31 January 2pm at St Margaret's of Antioch Church, Chilmark

Wiltshire Radio visiting to interview pupils- Tuesday 31 January, a morning visit.

NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe Assemblies- Monday 6 February KS1 9-9.45am, KS2 9.45am-10.30am

Workshop for Year Six- Friday 10 February

Road Closure in the village- Week 1: 13/02/2017 – 17/02/2017

Week 2: 20/02/2017 – 24/02/2017

TD day, School Closed- Monday 20 February

Parents' Evening- Tuesday 21 and Wednesday 22 February (times and sign-up sheets to follow)

Fundraising Day for NSPCC-Friday 24 February, Maths Challenge Event

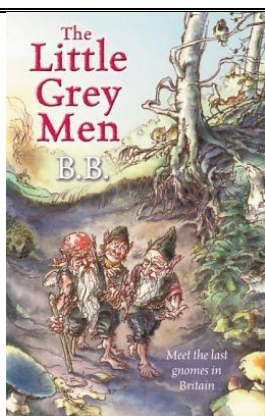
Friendly Football Match at Wylde School- Wednesday 1 March 3.30pm

Governor Drinks Tuesday 7 March 7-9pm

Football Tournament at the Nadder Centre- Wednesday 29 March, all day.

Rural School Olympics- Wednesday 15 June

Whole school Pantomime- Date to be announced



What is Mr Smith reading?

The last four gnomes in Britain live by a Warwickshire brook. But when one of them decides to go and explore and doesn't return, it's up to the remaining three to build a boat and set out to find him. This is the story of the gnomes' epic journey in search of Cloudberry and is set against the background of the English countryside, beginning in spring, continuing through summer, and concluding in autumn, when the first frosts are starting to arrive.

I read this as a young child and loved it. If you like reading fantasy books about unusual creatures then I think you will also enjoy

reading this book.

Governor Dates

Coffee Morning - Monday 30 January & Drinks - Tuesday 7 March

The Chair of Governors, Mr David Ulliyott will be away on a work related course from Monday 23 January until half term. In his absence Mrs Bev Small, Vice Chair of Governors, will be the main governor point of contact for parents.

As promised the governing board is planning more events to continue to improve governor/parent communication within our school.

Please do put the following dates in your diaries. There will be a Governor/Parent Coffee Morning on Monday 30 January in the school hall. All parents, grandparents and carers are most welcome to join us for coffee and chat in the school hall from drop off at 8.45 - 10am. The next Governors Drinks will be held on Tuesday 7 March, 7-9pm – more details to follow.

Inter-school Olympic Day

We are also planning an exciting event for the school calendar which is an inter-school Olympic day to be held at Wylde School. This is for small rural schools and the whole school will compete in athletics events alongside Wylde, Crockerton, Heytesbury, Dinton and Horningsham. This event will be held on Thursday 15 June, with KS2 competing in the morning and KS1 in the afternoon. Parents are welcome to come along and can have lunch with their children on the field at Wylde School.



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We will also have our own sports day, in the same style as last year's family friendly event.

End of year performance

We are planning to end the year with a whole school performance by all of Chilmark school. It will be a musical extravaganza with some fun acting roles for our Year Six pupils to enjoy.

PLEASE NOTE: MENU CHANGE

The school lunch menu for w/c **6th February** will be Roast Pork and not Beef burger on a Thursday.