



CHILMARK AND FONTHILL BISHOP

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mr Adam Smith

27 January 2017

Dear Parents,

We were lucky to have special guests, Elinor Tolfree and Maxwell Steer, playing at the Celebration Assembly today. They wanted to let parents and pupils know about the music lessons that are available through the Cherubim Music Trust. Please see the flyer attached for more information.

Although it seems quite soon, we will have parents' evening sign-up sheets available from Monday 30 January. This is because we are straight into parents' evenings after half term. Please note that Mrs Rooke is only in the office during the mornings so you will need to contact her by leaving a phone message or an email if you are unable to sign up at the school office.

Many thanks,

Mr Smith

World Book Day events

This year we are planning to celebrate reading, writing and books over a two-week period. After last year's success, we are holding a Dressing Up Day on Thursday 2 March, World Book Day. Please come as your favourite book character and, if possible, bring a copy of the book that the character appears in.

We will also be having a visit earlier in the week from Rebecca Westcott, author of 'Dandelion Clocks', published by Puffin Books. She is visiting to set the pupils a short writing challenge. She will return on Friday 10 March to collect the entries for this competition and also to give an Author Talk to the Year Six pupils. The results of the story competition will be announced in a later Celebration Assembly.

If parents are thinking of buying a copy of 'Dandelion Clocks' they will need to be aware that it is not suitable for pupils who are in Year Four or below. This is because the content of the book is designed for middle grade readers and especially those who are venturing into slightly older books.



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Life Education Bus, Friday 10 March

The Life Education team will visit the school with their special mobile classroom to teach our pupils ways to keep themselves healthy and safe. This is an enjoyable experience that forms part of the education of our children's Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural development. Thank you to the Bateman Family for agreeing to the Life Education Bus being parked on their drive.

Diary Dates

Road between Tisbury and Chilmark closed- Monday 30 January – Wednesday 8 February
Diversions will be signposted.

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

NSPCC workshop for Year 6- 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 February 3.30pm – 6.30pm and Wednesday 22 February 3.30pm- 5.00pm (sign-up sheets are available from the office)

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

Pancake Day theme for school lunches- Tuesday 28 February

Story opening competition assembly by Rebecca Westcott- Wednesday 1 March

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



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World Book Day dressing up – Thursday 2 March

Governor Drinks- Tuesday 7 March 7-9pm

Author Talk to Year 6 and collection of story competition entries- Friday 10 March

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

Rural School Olympics- Thursday 15 June

Whole school Pantomime- Date to be announced

Governor Dates

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

The Chair of Governors, Mr David Ulyyott 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.

Elm class trip to Trowbridge Museum- Tuesday 24 January

On Tuesday 24th January we had a really exciting trip to Trowbridge Museum. We had four fun activities to do about the Saxons, such as using a quill.

Using the quills was an amazing experience. It was fascinating to see how writing has changed over 1000 years. They used symbols like the historic Egyptians but these symbols resembled sounds like “oa”, “ae” etc. However, the quills spilt a lot of ink if you didn’t wipe it on the side of the pot. It was annoying if the ink spread across your page and you couldn’t clear it off.

Another enjoyable activity we were set was dressing up in uproarious Saxon costumes. There was even a cat cloak with the paws and tail on and a claw fell on somebody. When we thought about it, it seemed gross and confusing, because nobody knew if it was real or not (same with the stuffed sheep “Stumpy”).

It was incredible to find out how many different plants make certain dyes. For example, Woodruff roots make pink! Algae makes green and a type of soil called Ochre makes four different colours! AWESOME!



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Another one of our marvellous sessions was learning about village life in that time. The lady showed us different household items like a spoon made out of a horn! The lady also showed us a horn that was similar to the trumpet (that well known modern day instrument). It was stunning day which everybody will remember and all the people who helped us were brilliant too! They made it feel special.

By Harry and Tallulah

Charity Book Sale, Friday 10 February 3pm-4pm

After school on Friday 10 February, Elm class pupils plan to hold a book sale to raise money for the school. Harry and Ben, who are the main organisers, plan to give some of the money raised to the school council, with the rest being spent on new playground equipment. Please bring plenty of money and stock up on some nearly-new books, ready for all your reading over half-term!