



# CHILMARK AND FONTHILL BISHOP

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mr Adam Smith

15 May 2017

Dear Parents,

What a week we had last week!

There were so many things that I wanted to share with you, the Fonthill Gardens event, Year Six SATs and up-coming events that did not happen because of the time taken up with the OFSTED visit. So, we are sending out an early newsletter this week. Please take the time to read this through, it has more information about swimming and other events to come, as well as a catch-up on all last week's news.

Yours,

Mr Smith

PS Please remember that Year Two are taking SATs this week, so wish them luck.

### **Balloon walk**

The Friends have planned a lovely walk in the local area for families and well behaved dogs (on leads). This will take place after school on Friday; if the weather is bad the walk will be postponed. However, the cakes and treats will still be available for parents and pupils to buy. So please bring £1 per-person for the walk and lots of change for cakes and treats.

### **Diary Dates**

**Friday 19 May Non-school uniform day** - Please bring something for the tombola stall.

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**Kwik Cricket Year 6 event** - all day at Sherborne Cricket Club, Monday 22 May

**School Photographer – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** Class Photographs

**Year 3 & 4 Cricket Skills festival** all day at Bryanston School, Friday 26 May

**TD day** – Monday 5 June (first day after half-term)

**Friday 9 June Non-school uniform day** - Please bring a party bag..... all children love to leave with a party bag!

**Rural School Olympics**- Thursday 15 June

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 6 visit to Chalke Valley Festival.

**Friday 30 June Non-school uniform day** - Please bring cakes for the cake stall or any plants for the plant stall depending on what your expertise is!

**School Summer Fayre** - Saturday 1 July

**Wednesday 5 July** – Year 6 transition day.

**School Sports Day** – Friday 7 July

**Alternate date for Sports Day** – Friday 14 July

**Whole school Pantomime**- Thursday 13 July

**TD day** – Friday 21 July (last day of term)

### Fonthill House Open Garden Success!



The sun shone for us all when Lord Margadale generously opened Fonthill House gardens gates to the public, in aid of our school on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

The Dubinskas family helped set everything up and led the beauty stall whilst also selling a great number of second hand books that were given to the school recently. Alexa and Faith Mackenzie, Kate Bender and Flora ran the Arts & Crafts stall, helping children with various activities, such as pencil case painting and rock decorating. Kate Brooks, Bev and Emma ran the raffle, raising an amazing £257. The jars of honey with the children's designs sold out within a couple of hours raising another £72. Sarah, Louise, Claire, Tanya and the children all helped run skittles, lucky dip and lolly games, which proved very popular and sold out completely before the afternoon ended! The Kirk family also worked tirelessly to ensure all visitors were supplied with delicious cakes and teas during the entire afternoon. Mr Smith, joined by his family for the day, helped the day run smoothly and brought everything together seamlessly.

The school choir, led by Mr Sutcliffe, performed during the afternoon and sang five well-rehearsed songs beautifully, watched by a large crowd of visitors – for many visitors they remarked this was considered the highlight of the day. An unexpected £70 was also raised by Harry and Ollie busking on the choir piano, when Lord Margadale put out a top hat to collect donations!

Messums gallery in Tisbury had a classic white Jaguar on display in the car park drawing in the crowds and kindly donated £70 from selling programmes to their event. All the visitors arriving by car were also expertly directed at the event by parents Richard W, Chris F and Matthew R – thank you to all their help as well! The Beckford Bottle Shop also gave 25% of their proceeds to the school, which also raised over £100. We are incredibly thankful to these local businesses for giving so generously to our school as well as donating raffle prizes too.

Together with the cost of admission and proceeds from the tea tent and a further donation from the National Garden Trust who also visited the gardens on Monday, **the grand total raised was a staggering £5264.21.**

None of this would have been possible without all the support and help from the local community, parents and children and thank all those who were involved and came along to support the event. This incredible sum of money will give us a wonderful start to revamping our kitchen and enabling fresh food to be cooked at the school once again, together with the possibility of funding other exciting projects to benefit the children, which otherwise wouldn't be possible.



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The first trip to the Nadder Pool was a great success, we all swam and most of the pupils remembered towels and bags for their swimming kit. The coaches have placed the swimmers into groups and this week we will start lessons.

So that we can ensure that the lessons are as useful as possible we will only have half a class in the pool at any one time. This means we will need to run a swimming rota. This week Elm Class will swim and next week it will be Sycamore Class.

I will post a reminder of who is swimming each week in the newsletter each Friday

### **Bullying**

I have needed to speak with several pupils recently about unkind behaviour at play and lunchtime. We recently had a visit from the NSPCC who delivered the excellent message 'speak out', this is good advice and we want parents to join us in reminding pupils that they must tell us if they are aware of problems. When issues that arise normally between pupils are not reported they go unchecked, this over time is bullying. We do not want to have anyone in our school who feels bullied.

The recent problems have been made worse because children have not been talking to adults and their friends have not been asking adults for help. Children should not try and fix problems like this by themselves, this often makes things worse.

In Chilmark School we have a clear solution to this problem, one that we must all repeat to the pupils as often as possible, **speak out** and **do not stop asking for help until it stops!**

**Elm class are next for swimming.**

### **Friends**

It is that time of year again. As you all know the school summer fete this year is going to be on the 2nd July. We are going to hold a fancy dress, 'Summer of Sport' interpret it however you like and there will a prize for the best dressed.

The Fete will take place between 12noon -3pm. We are bringing the time for the fete forward this year so that we can all enjoy the BBQ that we will be putting on.

The following dates are for your diary are non-school uniform days as a lead up to the fete and in exchange for those donations for the various stalls.



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We are going to have a silent auction again this year if you know anyone that will be able to donate or know someone or a business that can donate a prize would be amazing.

### Hygiene

There has been a nasty tummy bug going around so please can I ask you to remind children to wash their hands after going to the toilet.

### Elm Class

To bring reality to the Year 6 topic of heart and lung circulation the children will be looking at a pig's heart and lungs under careful supervision.