



CHILMARK AND FONTHILL BISHOP

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mr Adam Smith

29.9.17

Dear Parents,

This week has been very productive, I have visited all classes and the pupils have been keen to show me the work they have done so far this term. It is wonderful to see that the term has started so well.

As the term continues I would like to encourage all the pupils to maintain this good start that they have made. I will return to the classroom to see if this is happening- they are looking forward to my next visit!

Teachers have asked me to talk to you about homework, we set a small amount of work, reading, spellings and maths (times tables or number bonds) which should take 10-20 minutes. Although some help is needed parents should not have to teach or overly aid with this but if this happens please talk with your class teacher. Topic homework is an additional task for those who wish to do more at home, this can be great fun but is not to be enforced. Spelling, reading and maths homework is very important, as the frequent revisiting of these skills is the best way for pupils to learn. We cover these in class but without support from home pupils are at risk of not making good progress. This is why talking to your teacher about any issues that develop is vitally important.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Yours,

Mr Smith

Diary Dates

NB Fitness club has spaces if you sign up for Tuesday 3 October

Elm Class Trip to the American Museum Tuesday 3 October

School Council Parliament at Mere School 5 October

Last day of HC3S providing meals 6 October

New cook starts providing meals cooked in school kitchen - 9 October

Open morning for prospective reception parents Tuesday 10 October 10am-12noon

Oak Class Wellie Walk TBC

Autumn half term 23 – 27 October

Parents evening Tuesday 31 October and Wednesday 1 November

Halloween 'trick or treat' at the Reading Rooms Tuesday 31 October 5.30-8.00pm Hotdogs, mulled wine, good fun for all ages.

Harvest Service TBC

Sycamore Class trip TBC

Open morning for prospective reception parents Tuesday 7 November 10am-12noon

Friends Film night Friday 10 November

CHILDREN IN NEED DAY (Non School Uniform Day) 17 November

Open evening for prospective reception parents Wednesday 29 November 6-7pm



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Flu Immunisation Monday 4 December
Trip to the Salisbury Playhouse to see Jack and the Beanstalk Tuesday 6 December
Friends' Christmas Fayre Friday 8 December
Oak and Sycamore Nativity Play Tuesday 12 December (1.30PM), Wednesday 13 December (5pm)
Carol Concert at St Antioch Church Chilmark
School Christmas Lunch 14 December
Father Christmas visits the school 15 December
Christmas 18 December – 1 January
First day back 2 January
Spring half term 12 – 16 February
Parents evening 20 and 21 February
World Book Day Friday 2 March
Easter service TBC
Easter 30 March – 13 April
First day back – 16 April
Bank holiday Monday 7 May
Summer half term 28 May – 1 June
Sports day 22 June
2018 rural schools Olympics Friday 6 July
Reports Monday 9 July
End of year Service
Last day of term Friday 20 July
First day back Monday 3 September

Chilmark's Words of Power

Over the last few weeks we have been developing the schools '**words of power**', they are words that the staff and School council have identified as key characteristics for building learning power and being better friends to each other.

Chilmark's words of Power are: **Resilience, Reflectiveness, Resourcefulness, Reciprocity, Kindness, Love, Friendship and Faith**

If you are interested in the concept of 'building learning power' please look on the website for a brief guide and a handy downloadable guide, under the 'our school' tab. However, a summary of the concept is that it identifies the skills needed to be a better learner and a more compassionate person.

Our first concept to explore is '**resilience**' something that all the classes are discussing in assembly and circle time over the coming term.

The first four also known as the 4Rs are based on the work of Guy Claxton, the last four were developed and selected by the school council, who were asked to think about the words that best describe the qualities of a good person.

Over the next term we are working on these ideas and, with the help of Mrs Haywood -our Artist, creating a visual representation of our 'Words of Power'.

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New look Oak Class

