



CHILMARK AND FONTHILL BISHOP

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 8 September

WELCOME BACK!

I hope that you have had a fantastic summer break. I would like to welcome the new pupils and parents to our wonderful school. It was great to see so many smiling and enthusiastic faces coming back to school.

This term we are all working towards the spiritual goals of the school, our first theme for self-improvement is **resilience**. The pupils are learning about this in class and through assemblies, our themes will change over the term but all are linked to the concept of 'building learning power' and 'building Christian values'.

Please can any parents who are interested contact the office as we need volunteers to help Mrs Bird run the school library. This is a lovely role which is easy to do but does require a bank of volunteers to help to share the responsibility.

Please take time to read the information below and send back the important forms and details requested.

Thank you for your continued support,

A Smith

News from the Governors

We hope you had a lovely summer, despite the not-always-tropical weather.

Ofsted inspection:

The Ofsted report, circulated to parents in June, highlighted the need to 'Improve the quality of governance so that it provides effective strategic leadership that supports and challenges school leaders and, as a result, improvements happen rapidly'. We would like to update you on the action the Governing Body has taken so far to address this recommendation.

In July we commissioned an external review of governance, which has been conducted by Keith Clover. Keith was recommended to us by Wiltshire Council and has a huge amount of experience in school governance. He has been a Chair of Governors for 17 years and has been involved in leading his school from Special Measures to Outstanding. Keith is an Academy and Governor consultant and in 2011 became a National Leader of Governance. Over the last two months Keith has met with Mr Smith and the Governors individually and as a group, and has helped us to produce an action plan, which will be agreed at our next meeting. The process has been really useful and Keith has been positive about our ability as a governing body to make the necessary improvements.



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Governing Body membership:

The current Governors are:

Patrick Middleton – Chair

Chris Farrand – Vice Chair

Adam Smith – Headteacher

Helen Walters – Staff Governor (from Sept 17)

Revd Gareth Southgate

Caroline Marking

Glen Miller

Ian Sutcliffe

Kate Brooks

We would like to acknowledge the hugely valuable contribution of our previous Governors, who worked so hard during the last couple of years. Sincere thanks to David Ulyott, Bev Small, Sarah Riggs, Katie Fry and Wendy Rooke.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Thank you to everyone who returned their lunch orders in advance. Payment for KS2 lunches is due on Friday mornings and cheques should be made out to **WC Chilmark School**. You can also pay in advance if you would like to.

We have to order the meals by 9.30am each morning, so if you would like to order on a more casual basis, orders must be received in person or by telephone at the start of the day.

Copies of lunch menus can be collected from the school office.

PLEASE REMEMBER WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL, do not send into school any food that is made using nuts.

Please can water bottles used in the classroom be used for water only and not juices or squash. We will provide cups & water every lunchtime so that pupils don't have to remember to bring their bottles into the hall. If you want to add juice in cartons or bottles to packed lunches this is fine.

Safety Notice-Traffic / Parking

Please may I repeat the plea for careful driving, responsible parking and to lift share where possible. If you do drive to school please use the **unofficial one way system**, which is:-

- Approach the school from the church end of the village.
- Park by the wall on the school side of the street.
- Please do not block the road by parking in the middle of the road and stopping for a chat!
- Leave across the bridge opposite the school.
- Please avoid parking on the pavement in Frog Lane as then pedestrians have to walk in the road.
- Parking is also available at the church and playing field.
- **Please do not park in the space outside the school gate as this is kept clear for the Tibus/Taxi.**



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Please be aware that the "one way system" is unofficial and we cannot enforce this on people who choose to drive against the flow of the traffic.

Clubs

This year we will be providing some clubs as a school and some will be run by external providers. All school clubs will have a small fee, £5 per half term. This is to lower the cost of some clubs where we pay to bring in skilled coaches, provide materials or for providing snacks and drinks.

The clubs being offered are explained below. If the club is external we have provided the contact details and payment details as this is different to a school run club.

All clubs start on the week of the 18 September and last until half term.

Monday

Multi skills (School club) 3-4pm, KS1 and KS2

Tuesday

Fitness club (school club) KS1 and KS2 3-4pm

Wednesday

Griffin Tennis Academy (External club) 3-4pm, open to all Years, sign up through the letter attached using separate details will be provided for payment.

Thursday

Computers (School club) 3-4pm, open to all

Football (School club) 3-4pm, open to Year 3 and over.

Friday

Running (School club) 3-4pm open to all ages however you need to be able to run/walk 2 miles (Year 1 and over usually can do this)

Art club (School club) 3-4pm open to all.

Some clubs have a limit on numbers so please return your form as quickly as possible to avoid disappointment with the correct payment. Slips will be sent home informing parents of their place in the club and giving any additional details (payments information for and external club).

Emergency Contact Numbers

It is very important that we have up to date contact details for every child, in the event of an emergency. Please can you complete and return the attached form to the school office.

Permission Slips

At the start of each academic year, there are a number of regular school activities that we need to ask your permission for, e.g. walking to the church, photographs on the school website etc. Please complete and sign the attached permission slips and return to the school office.

Email Addresses

If you would like to receive newsletters by email and reduce our carbon footprint, please give the office your email address.

Home Book

If you know in advance that you will not be collecting your child from school, please use the home book situated outside of the school office to inform the class teacher of the name of the adult who



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will be collecting your child, or ring the office to let us know. **The office is now staffed after lunch but Mrs Rennard may occasionally need to work off site so on these occasions please leave a voice message.** This will be checked at 2.50pm but we cannot check emails so please ring if arrangements are changed. **We cannot let children go home with somebody else unless we have been informed.** If it is a regular arrangement, you can write a letter giving permission instead of using the book each time. If your child will be walking home alone on a regular basis, we also need to be informed.

Dear Parents,

Thank you all so very much for my lovely gifts and all of your good wishes which I received at the end of my long association with the school. It was lovely to see so many of you and also to see past Head teachers and pupils at the leaving party. It was a lovely occasion.

I shall miss you all and wish you and the school all the very best for the future.

Regards

Mrs Rooke



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URGENT – PLEASE CAN ALL PARENTS RETURN THIS FORM ASAP

There are some standard beginning of year permission slips which I need to get signed to save getting your permission each time we want to take your children off the school site and use the resources in the village. Special permission slips will still be needed for any school trips in cars or coaches.

Government guidelines oblige us to seek permission to display photographs of your children. As it is not practical to seek permission on every occasion I seek your permission annually. If you would like to discuss any of these matters further I would be happy to discuss them with you.

Name of pupil / pupils	
Walking around the village under supervision e.g. for getting to the Playing Field or Cricket Pitch for P.E. or clubs. Walking with supervision around the village for topic work. Walking to the Church.	Signed _____
Permission for my child / children to be photographed for displays in school e.g. on a school trip or at Sports Day.	Signed _____
Permission for my child / children to be photographed by the Press at special school events e.g. Nativity Play. Children will not be identified by name.	Signed _____
Permission for my child / children to be videoed by other parents at special school events e.g. Nativity Play. Please note that if not all parents agree to this I may have to ask that no one uses a video camera!	Signed _____
Permission for photographs of my child/ children to be on the school web-site. Children will not be identified by name.	Signed _____



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EMERGENCY CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBERS.

CHILDS(CHILDREN) NAME.....

Parents contact addresses and telephone numbers.

Work telephone numbers.

Mobile No: _____

Any other contacts, eg, Grandparents, Neighbour.



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Sign up for clubs.

KS1 Multi-skills club- Mondays

_____ would like to participate in the KS1 Multi-skills Club.

KS1 and KS2 Fitness club – Tuesdays

_____ would like to participate in the KS1 and KS2 Fitness Club.

KS1 and KS2 Tennis Academy- Wednesdays

Please return the letter attached from the Griffin Academy

KS2 Football club - Thursdays

_____ would like to participate in the KS2 Football Club.

Computer club- Thursdays

_____ would like to participate in the Computer Club

Running club - Fridays

_____ would like to participate in the Running Club.

Art club - Fridays

_____ would like to participate in the Art Club.

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