



CHILMARK AND FONTHILL BISHOP

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mr Adam Smith

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Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to our Harvest celebration in the church next Friday afternoon. Please can you send in any tinned or dry goods (no glass please) and if possible send more than one item as we would like to have something from each pupil. This forms part of our service and the collection will be donated to the food bank in Salisbury.

Mrs Rennard will be sending out official data collection forms next week for each child. It is important that the information we hold is up to date so please return as soon as possible.

The booking forms for Parents Evening will be going up on Monday so please drop by the office to fill in your requirements or email the office (admin@chilmarkfonthillbishop.wilts.sch.uk) with your time/date preferences if you are unable to call in. You can book a slot with your class teacher and also the Head /SENCO if required.

We are excited to say that we are starting the new menu after half term. HC3S have secured the bid to provide food cooked on site. Parents are invited to visit the school on Tuesday 17 October at 2.30 -3.30 for a taster session. Menus and samples of the food available will be on offer and there will be an opportunity to meet the new cook. Please feel free to visit and try some of the foods available.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Yours,

Mr Smith



Halloween Disco!

The annual Friends Halloween Disco will be held next **Friday 20th October from 5.30 – 7.30pm**. £2 entry per child. Children (and parents and helpers!) are welcome to come in Halloween costume or any fancy dress you like! Drinks will be freely provided and the cost



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of entry will include a biscuit and small treat. See flyer attached to newsletter.

If any parents are able to help with the event, this would be very much appreciated – we really need help **setting up between 3 – 4pm after school, during the disco and helping to clear away afterwards**. Please let Mr Smith or Mrs Rennard know in the office if you are able to help.

Just a reminder that younger or older siblings who don't currently attend the school are very welcome to attend, so long as parents/carers remain with them to provide supervision - as staff or helpers unfortunately cannot take responsibility for other children whilst on school premises; many thanks for your understanding.

We look forward to seeing you there!

The Friends of Chilmark & Fonthill Bishop Primary School

Other Forthcoming Dates

Oak Class Wellie Walk Tuesday 17 October

School lunch taster session for parents - Tuesday 17 October 2.30pm-3.30pm

Harvest Service Friday 20 October 2pm St Antioch Church Chilmark

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.

School Council

The school council and other members of Elm class are keen to continue the school tradition of raising money for good causes. They have got lots of ideas about how they might do this and have already started to draft letters to inform parents, however they did not know which charity to support. Mr Smith has challenged the council, to measure the impact of the work they do, so they have invited Liz Froud from Julia's House to give a talk to Year three



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and up. This will help to explain how the money they plan to raise will be used and allow them to understand the impact that this work can have.

Please look out for the letter from the council when it comes out (after half-term) and please support them in their planned fund raiser.

Flu immunisations Monday 4 December

We have been asked to check about ages undertaking the Flu immunisation at school. I can confirm that this year it is the Reception aged pupils up to year fours. We are still awaiting consent forms from some families; please contact the office if you need a new copy of the letter.

We will send additional letters next week for those who did not get a copy.



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CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME TUESDAY 5th DECEMBER 2017

As you know, the whole school will be going to see Jack and the Beanstalk at Salisbury Playhouse. We shall leave school at approx. 9.30a.m and will return for a late lunch. If you would like the school to provide a packed lunch on this day please indicate on the slip below and return to school by Monday 27th November with payment if applicable. The Friends of the school have kindly agreed to pay some of the costs but, we need to ask parents for a voluntary contribution of £10 per child. (Please make cheques payable to: WC Chilmark School). Please note that if your child is absent on the day money will not be refunded as we cannot cancel seats.

You can order an interval ice cream if required (at an additional cost of £2) or provide a snack in a labelled bag which we can hand out during the interval.

I would be grateful if you would fill in the slip below and return to school by Monday 27th November

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I give permission for my
child/children _____
to go to the Pantomime travelling by coach (seat belted)

I agree to make a voluntary contribution of £10 per child Yes/No

I will provide a packed lunch for my child/ren Yes/No

I would like a school packed lunch for my child/ren Yes/No

I would like my child/ren to have an ice cream Yes/No

Signed _____



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Friends Meeting Thursday 28th September

Present: Adam Smith, Milena Garcia, Alex Hawkins, Flora Etheridge, Kate Bender, Kate Brooks, Becky Bateman, Alison Whipp-Long, Amy Aldridge

Apologies: Sarah Riggs

1) Running of the committee.

We discussed the current running of the committee. In the absence of an overall chair, it was suggested that we have a rolling rota of volunteers to run each meeting. This person will be responsible for putting together the agenda and chairing that meeting. The next chair will then be decided at the meeting. We will also share the minute taking in the same way. It was agreed that each event we organise will have a volunteer to lead and take responsibility for that event.

2) Kitchen update

Mr Smith showed the Friends the newly converted kitchen. The new menus will be available in due course. With a new and improved menu and meals cooked on site, it is hoped that there will be a greater uptake of children ordering school meals, with a significant improvement in the cost of providing these. Mr Smith also expressed a wish to be able to invite parents/grandparents/other family in for a meal with their children on special occasions. This was met with great enthusiasm.

3) Teacher requests

Elm class trip to Bath Tuesday 3rd October. Parents have been asked for a donation, and the friends agreed to contribute £200 towards the cost of the trip.

Oak class - Miss Hooper has created a fantastic new classroom and outdoor area for the children in reception and year one which we had an opportunity to see. There is to be a greater focus on learning outdoors, and for this she has asked for a contribution towards wet weather suits for the children, so they can be out in all weather. The group agreed this would be a fantastic learning opportunity for the children. Miss Hooper will investigate sizes and prices and report back to Friends.

Mr Smith requested help from the Friends at the upcoming open events for prospective parents, to chat to them about the school. The dates are 7th Nov 10am-12pm, and 29th Nov 6-7pm. Kate Brooks also suggested we could provide tea and coffee which was agreed.

4) Halloween disco

The date is set for 20th October. Sarah Riggs previously volunteered to take the lead on this. Alex Hawkins to confirm with her. Need to liaise with Jumperoo re disco. The main agenda for next meeting will be to finalise the plans for this event.



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5) Christmas Fayre

Mr Smith requested that this year we host an afternoon event, to enable the teachers to stay on and attend. The idea of incorporating a carol concert/performances from the children was discussed. As yet there is no volunteer lead on this event, and it will need further discussions and planning.

6) Christmas cards

This is a popular scheme, which will go ahead again this year. Sarah Riggs has organised in the past. To put on agenda for next meeting.

7) AOB

Movie night - this was a popular event last year so it was agreed to host another one. Date 10th November. Flora and Becky volunteered to lead this event.

Halloween - Alison mentioned a popular village Halloween event which will take place on 31st October in the Reading Room in Chilmark. Mr Smith will add to the newsletter 'dates for the diary'.

Uniform: Much of the old stock has been sold but it was suggested that perhaps once a month we could have uniform available to sell. A good time may be following collective worship on a Friday afternoon?

DONM: Thursday 12th October 3pm. Everyone welcome.

Sarah Riggs to chair (AH to confirm this is ok), Flora Etheridge to take minutes.