



# CHILMARK AND FONTHILL BISHOP

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Dear Parents,

What a wonderful journey we have been on. This term we have been to the Pantomime, we have watched our fantastic Nativity, attended carol concerts and fayres, all building towards an amazing Christmas!!!

In the Spring Term, we will ask the School Council to select four charities, linked to the Christian Words of Power- they will be the charities to benefit from all events and fund raisers over the school year. I would love to know if there is a charity which is important to your family, so that we can include them into the list that the council selects from. In Celebration Assembly, houses will nominate one of the charities each week; at the end of the term the charity with the most nominations will receive the funds we have raised that term. This is an important progression in how the pupils use the Christian words of Power, allowing them to help others and think of ways in which the world can be made a better place.

I would like thank all the staff and adults who make our school wonderful; they have made a massive difference and fantastic contribution to the school. The Friends continue to make the school a wonderful environment for the pupils, and generate additional funds for all our activities, this term the school Christmas fayre alone raised £861. I am sure you will all join me in thanking them.

I hope that your holidays are as wonderful as the last few weeks in school have been. Our Nativity play and carol concert were both amazing and the children were all lovely.

Merry Christmas to you all,

*A Smith*

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### Governors update

This term the governing body has attended a range of visits to monitor and evaluate Staff Wellbeing, the effectiveness of our Special Educational Needs policy and the impact of recent initiatives to enhance attitudes to learning throughout the school. Governors have also attended a number of training courses and a recent school effectiveness review undertaken by Wiltshire Council. We are delighted to report the school is on track to achieve a good rating at OFSTED. We thank the school staff for their tireless commitment to raise standards and address areas highlighted in the OFSTED report. We would also like to thank the staff and pupils for their hard work in creating the wonderful environment and ethos the school enjoys. On behalf of the board of governors I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

### Parent view



**Parent View**  
*Your Child's School*

**Give Ofsted your view  
on your child's school**

Please can you take the time to give your views on the school using the Parent View tab on the school website, I have added a button on the front page of the school site to take you to the online questionnaire. You will need to register with an email address and then answer questions about the school. OFSTED use this data to judge the school and our progress, so we would be grateful if you would take the time to fill in the questionnaire.

### National Poetry Winner

We are very excited to announce that Sycamore class entered their poems into the National Poetry Competition this year, all the entries were wonderful and the class worked hard to produce a high standard of work.

It has just been announced that **Basti's** work has won in his age category! His poem will be printed in the National Poetry Anthology for 2017, with his copy being professionally illustrated. Well done Basti, we are all very proud of you.



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### Diary Dates

First day back - Tuesday 2 January

School Partnership Hosted at Mere School- **Internet Safety Evening for Parents** Wednesday 24 January, with Karl Hopwood at 7.30 pm.

Spring Half Term 12 – 16 February

Parents evening 20 and 21 February

World Book Day Friday 2 March - Fancy dress as a book character

Easter service TBC

Easter 30 March – 13 April

First day back – 16 April