



CHILMARK AND FONTHILL BISHOP

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mr Adam Smith

28.9.17

Dear Parents,

This week we have been learning about forgiveness, forgiving others and forgiving ourselves. This is a fitting lesson for the end of the first month at school. As those who started with clean shoes, smart uniforms, good listening and their best attitudes are now finding that new school year resolutions are becoming more of a challenge. We are reminding the pupils that they are able to give their best - that hard work and application earns reward.

Real learning and character are developed when things get harder. So we will continue to provide the pupils with challenges and high expectations. However, to ensure that pupils do not give up we need to maintain praise. You can help with this at home. The secret to this is to praise the effort and the willingness to have a go. What we should never do is confuse perfect results with good learning. If a child is getting everything right then they are not being challenged to do anything that they cannot already do! This is linked to an educational philosophy called 'growth mindset'. The core of the philosophy is that if you want to improve, work on the things you find hard, make mistakes and then learn from them. However if we praise success only, or say well done you are clever, we encourage children to only attempt tasks where they know that they are going to succeed.

This approach has been used in premiership football to great success, so we are excited to be applying it to our school.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Smith

Pupil Absence

The school governors have asked me to warn parents that unauthorised pupil absence will have to be reported to the Local Authority. The school does not wish families to be concerned, so we will send you a letter before attendance falls below the threshold, the current advice is that absence above 5 days in a 12-month period is reportable.

The fines are not paid to the school, they go to the Local Authority. If issued, a penalty notice fine is £120 per pupil per parent. This is reduced to £60 if paid within 21 days.

Sickness is not an unauthorised absence but is also reported. The education welfare officer monitors this attendance and may contact families to offer help or advice.



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Diary Dates

Thursday 4 October 9.30am-12noon School Council members (Youth Parliament) at St Johns Tisbury

Friday 5 October Friends' Disco 6.00pm

Thursday 11 October 2-3pm ELSA parent information session (Tea and cake session)

Friday 12 October– "The Big Soup Event" Free soup available made by the 'Watch us grow' Sycamore pupils.

Friday 19 October 2pm Harvest Service at Chilmark Church

Autumn half term 20 – 28 October

Monday 29 October and Tuesday 30 October Parents' evening

Wednesday 31 October Halloween trick and treat (Chilmark Reading Room)

Friday 2 November WW1 Remembrance tree planting event

Tuesday 6 November Individual and family school photos

Friday 16 November Children in Need dress up day

Tuesday 27 November 6pm Full Governing Body

Tuesday 4 December Flu Nasal Spray (Years reception-Year5)

Wednesday 5 December Combined Dinton and Chilmark Years 5&6 to Salisbury Cathedral (Christingle Service) 2pm

Monday 10 December Nativity Play 2-3pm

Tuesday 11 December Whole school trip to see Beauty and the Beast pantomime at Salisbury Playhouse 9am-3pm (packed lunch required)

Wednesday 12 December Nativity Evening performance 5-6pm

Friends' Christmas Fayre TBC

Monday 17 December Elm class Christmas Carol afternoon show

Tuesday 18 December Elm class Christmas Carol Evening show

Wednesday 19 December School Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 19 December Father Christmas visits the school

Thursday 20 December 2pm End of term service at St Antioch Church Chilmark

Christmas Holiday - Friday 21 December to Sunday 6 January

Elm Class Trip TBC

Oak Class Wellie Walk TBC

Sycamore Class trip TBC

Open evening for prospective reception parents TBC

Spring half term 16 – 25 February

Parents evening 20 and 21 February

World Book Day Friday 1 March

Make a play in a day Thursday 28 April

Play in a day performance 2-3pm Friday 29 April (no celebration assembly)

Easter service TBC

Easter Holiday - 6 April – 22 April

Bank holiday Monday 6 May



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Summer half term 25 May – 2 June
Sports day 22 June
Reports Monday 9 July
Last day of term Friday 19 July
First day back Tuesday 2 September

You are invited to our event to celebrate



When Friday 12th October 2018

Where Chilmark and Fonthill Bishop Primary School

Details 14:50 after celebration assembly

Come and try our vegetable soup made by Sycamore Class

Notes No need to RSVP, please come along and support our event with a small donation



