



CHILMARK AND FONTHILL BISHOP

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



30th June 2023

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy couple of weeks with some lovely activities bringing us together with local schools and the wider community.

Next Week, on Tuesday, all classes will be involved in a special RE day. At the end of each term we block a day for the children to learn about a particular aspect of RE and this term the focus is the Big Frieze. This will also incorporate art so children can show their creative side in producing large pieces which will be displayed around the school.

Following on from our last newsletter's sad news about Mrs Cooke's departure we are pleased to announce we have appointed a new teacher to work alongside Mrs Hale. Mrs Heidi Johnstone will join us in September. She comes with a wealth of primary teaching experience and we look forward to welcoming her to the school.

On Wednesday children will spend the mornings with their new teachers (if they moving to a new class) while some of the Year 6 pupils visit their secondary schools. Children will come to school as normal to be registered by their current teacher therefore there is no change to the morning or afternoon arrangements. Children will be sent to their new class (if appropriate) to find out what next year entails.

Next Year the Class Structure will be –

Oak (Reception & Year 1) – Miss Murphy
Sycamore (Years 2&3) – Mrs Cunningham
Elm (Years 4, 5 & 6) – Mrs Hale (mornings)
Mrs Johnstone / Mr Smith (afternoons)

Finally, there is a pet service this Sunday at 11.15 at Chilmark church – please do come along with your pets.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Smith



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Sports Day

A great day was had by all last Friday for our annual Sports Day at Chilmark Cricket Club, by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Pelham. Once again the weather was very kind to us and families were able to enjoy lunch together including a barbecue kindly run by the Friends. It was a win for the Green House who brought their cup home and will see their flag flying in the playground. Well done also to the children for great sportsmanship and especially The Red House who won the good sportsmanship trophy. Thank you to everyone who supported it and made it such a great day for all the children.

Maypole Dancing



Thank you so much to Wendy Spencer-Smith and Catherine Potts for their support with the maypole dancing. The children did incredibly well on such a hot summer afternoon.

Mr Smith was a good sport and went into the stocks and the children and staff, who attended the fete, paid to throw wet sponges at him.



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Boy's Football Tournament



It was another hot Thursday evening. The Year 4, 5 and 6 boys played in a football tournament against Wylde Valley Primary School, Sutton Veny Primary School, Crockerton Primary School and Horningsham Primary School.

They lost their first game 3-1, won their second 2-0 and third 7-0.

In their final match they drew 0-0 placing them overall 3rd in the competition.

We are extremely proud of each and every one of them.

Chalke Valley History Festival



The year 6 children experienced life in the Sandroyd Trench at Chalke Valley History Festival. They worked together to scan the area for land mines and passed ammunition down to troops on the front line, all whilst explosions were going off all around them. Wow, it was loud!

The children also enjoyed a fascinating talk from Tom Holland about his latest book, The Wolf-Girl, which beautifully linked to the Greek topic in class.

They also took a step back in time into the Stone Age and finished with listening to the highly animated Edwardian adventurer, Lord

Vainen Schuch-Des Forges whilst having an Ice cream.

Thank you to Mrs Marking for the year 6 VIP treatment.



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DIARY DATES 2023

Sunday 2nd July – 11.15 a.m. Pet Service at Chilmark Church

Wednesday 5th July – Step Up Day (Year 6 visit their secondary schools)

Tuesday 11th July – RNLI volunteer in to talk to children about water safety

Tuesday 18th July – Visit from The Rt Revd Stephen Lake, Bishop of Salisbury

Friday 21st July – Leavers' service – 11am at the church

Break Up for Summer Holiday

Tuesday 5th September – First day back after summer holidays

Friday 30th September – Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thursday 5th October – Flu immunisation

Wednesday 18th October – School photos (individual & whole school group)

Half Term – Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October (inclusive)

Tuesday 28th November – Whole school trip to pantomime at Salisbury Playhouse

Friday 15th December – Break up for Christmas Holidays

SAFEGUARDING

We take the safeguarding of our children very seriously. The Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mr. Smith and the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads are Mrs Hale & Miss Murphy. Our safeguarding governor is Caroline Marking.

If you have any concerns about a child, please speak directly to either Mr Smith or Mrs Hale.



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