



CHILMARK AND FONTHILL BISHOP

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



15th September 2023

Dear Parents,

We have had a very exciting start to the new term, some of you might have noticed that we had visitors in school this week!

OFSTED was a very positive experience and we are pleased with the results. The official report and grade will be available, but not released for at least 4 -5 weeks.

I would like to thank the parents who took time to speak to the inspectors, the kind words of encouragement that you also shared with the staff and the hard work of the staff and pupils. Governors were massively involved and as a team Staff and Governors have shown how wonderful our school is.

However, the proof of this was ultimately the children, they were very confident and clearly explained to the inspectors what they have learnt, how their school deals with things and what is special about Chilmark School. Inspectors agreed with me that the pupils are very special and that makes our school successful as well.

Once again thank you for the support you give and we are very excited to share the results with you when they are published.

Have a good weekend,

Mr Smith

Open Morning for Prospective parents

We will be welcoming new families on Friday 20th October from 9.30 a.m. – 11 a.m. Please do spread the word amongst your family and friends if they are looking for a place for either September 2024 or maybe considering a move.

Have your details changed?

Our priority is to keep children safe and therefore it is really important that you let us know about any changes.

If your telephone number has changed or you have someone new collecting your child please let us know. It is also important to inform us if your child's medical needs have changed so we can update our records.



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Pupil Premium Funding

Although all pupils from Reception to Year Two do not need to pay for the school lunch this is different to Free School Meals. Families who are on a lower income or receive certain benefits may qualify for Free School Meals also known as Pupil Premium. This allows for school meals up to Year Six, but also brings in additional funding for the school. This can be used to fund more adult support in class, lower the costs of uniform, pay for school trips and much more.

If you think you qualify, please come and talk to us in confidence or visit the link below.

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/1669/Free-school-meals>

Nut free school

Peanut allergy is the second most common food allergy in children and this is increasing. It now occurs in 1 in 50 children. As we have pupils in school who suffer from a severe nut allergy please could I take this opportunity to remind everyone that our school has a **“No Nuts Policy”**.

If a pupils with an allergy comes in contact with a nut product they can suffer life threatening consequences. It can be easily contracted from a simple handshake or touching of a pupil's table from anyone who may have had some nuts in their food.

We request that you do not provide your child with any products containing nuts in their lunch box: Some examples are:

- Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts
- Chocolate bars or sweets that contain nuts
- Sesame seed rolls (children allergic to nuts may also have a severe reaction to sesame)
 - Nutella
 - Peanut butter
- Cakes made with nuts
- Muesli bars • Baklava

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 or you can ring MASH on 0300 456 0108



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DIARY DATES 2023/24

Thursday 28th September – Boys Football Tournament at Wylve

Friday 30th September – Macmillan Coffee Morning / PiP (parents in partnership) welcome session

Tuesday 3rd October – Bristol Trip (Elm & Sycamore)

Thursday 5th October – Flu immunisation

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

Friday 20th October – Open morning for prospective parents

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

Friday 3rd November – Community lunch

Monday 6th November – Air Ambulance first aid talks (all in age appropriate groups)

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

Friday 15th December – Break up for Christmas Holidays

Wednesday 3rd January – All children back in school

Half Term – Monday 12th – Friday 16th February (inclusive)

Thursday 28th March - Break up for Easter Holidays

Monday 15th April - All children back in school

Half Term – Monday 27th – Friday 31st May (inclusive)

Friday 19th July - Break up for Summer Holidays



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