



CHILMARK AND FONTHILL BISHOP



CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

20th October 2023

Dear Parents,

It has been a very busy half term and we can now look forward to a very special time of year in the run up to Christmas.

We would like to invite parents in for a special celebration, to mark our Good Ofsted judgement, on Friday 3rd November at 2pm. The children will enjoy a jelly and ice cream treat and there will also be refreshments for grown-ups.

Just a reminder that we do have a vacancy for a parent governor. Please let Mrs Rennard know if you like more information about the role.

We have some sad news to share with you. Miss Lane, who was a T.A here for many years, sadly died last week. Miss Lane had been ill for about a year and knew her time was limited. During this year she was able to make some special memories with her family and friends, including achieving a long-term ambition of flying in a Spitfire! Lots of families, past and present, will remember Miss Lane's lovely smile, warm hugs and the way in which she gently gave children both roots and wings. Our thoughts are with her husband, family and friends.

Have a lovely half term break and we will see you on Monday 30th October.

Best wishes,

Mr Smith

Christmas Market Raffle Prize request

Friends of Chilmark School would like to ask parents if they have any donations for the Christmas Market raffle whether it's a voucher through your work, a contact you have that you can approach, a product or service that can be provided - last year we had a day of gardening and a free window clean for example. Please contact Friends@chilmarkfonthillbishop.wilts.sch.uk if you would like to donate to this event.



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Harvest Collection



Thank you so much for your generous Foodbank donations. The school council members have been busy helping Mr Smith pack up the goods ready to drop off to the Foodbank.



A message from Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service

This time of year there are many opportunities to celebrate, especially with sparklers, bonfires, fireworks and candles. We would like to encourage you to talk to your children about how they can stay safe near fire. Simple actions such as wearing gloves when using sparklers, keeping matches, lighters and fireworks out of children's reach, keeping everyone a safe distance from fireworks and bonfires can all help towards a safe celebration.

Help your child understand the importance of being safe around candles, especially if wearing a fancy dress costume. It is safer to have battery operated candles in pumpkins.

Make sure you have working smoke alarms in your home and everyone knows the escape plan.



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With the change of daylight hours it is important that children dress brightly to be seen when they are out and about, if you are walking near water take extra care as it maybe more slippery with leaves and mud on the banks.

If someone is in trouble in the water, tell them to float on their back like a star, throw them something that floats and call 999 for help, never go into the water yourself.

For more safety information please visit www.dwfire.org.uk

Watch this video which helps explain to your child how they can help stay safe

https://youtu.be/2hcW6nI_Qgg

You may enjoy listening to this story with younger children, read by Firefighter Paul to help learn to stay safe on bonfire night [\(8\) DWFire Story Time: Bonfire Night - YouTube](#)

For a chance to win a VIP trip to a fire station and a Lego fire engine, your child can enter this prize draw:

<https://forms.office.com/r/PDFDbAiYa1>

Thank you for your time and help, Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service

Elm Class – The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe



This term in Elm Class, our literacy lessons have been based on the text The Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe.

Today, Mrs Hale treated the children to Hot Chocolate and Turkish Delight whilst making a comparison of the book to parts of the film.

Jack said "the Turkish Delight is the best thing ever!"

Alfie said "I really enjoyed the story, especially when they went to war"



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Oak Class Wellie Walk



Oak Class have been exploring the outdoors and have enjoyed a recent wellie walk visiting Forbes Field to spot the early signs of autumn. We collected many items including conkers to explore at school. We have also been using our senses in our walk and are looking forward to our next walk to spot more autumnal changes. Our art work has also been reflecting the autumn colours we have seen.



Children's Holiday Autumn Workshop

Wednesday October 25th

Fovant Village
Hall

2pm -4.30pm

Fun for all ages
with the Nadder
Valley Team

Booking essential
email
revdjoannanaish@gmail.com



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DIARY DATES 2023/24

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

Friday 3rd November – Community lunch

Ofsted – Celebration Tea – 2pm in the hall

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

Wednesday 8th November – Hedgehog Day (details to follow)

Friday 10th November -

Monday 13th November – Parents' meetings this week (information to follow - slots will be available to book via Ping)

Saturday 25th November - Friend's Christmas Market 3 p.m. - 5p.m.

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

Tuesday 5th December – Oak & Sycamore Nativity performance – 5.30 p.m.

Thursday 7th December – Elm performance – 5.30 p.m.

Friday 8th December – Sycamore Assembly – 2.30 p.m. (all welcome)

Wednesday 13th December – Carol Singing 5.00 p.m.

Friday 15th December – Carol Service at Church

Break up for Christmas Holidays

Wednesday 3rd January – All children back in school

Friday 2nd February - Oak Assembly – 2.30 p.m. (all welcome)

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

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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