



### CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

10<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your support this week. A number of staff have been unwell and we have been supported by supply staff who have commented on the warm welcome they have received. Let's hope that the bugs are doing the rounds early this year and we will all be well for Christmas.



It was lovely to welcome parents into school last Friday afternoon for the ice cream celebration party. Kylie baked a special Ofsted cake and we unveiled our official plague.

The children really enjoyed the ice cream treat and they were shown a child friendly power point presentation explaining the Ofsted process.

We look forward to meeting with parents next week. If you missed the ping invitation to book a slot please contact Mrs Rennard.

### **Emergency Awareness Training**





On Monday we had a visit from Andrew, an advanced first aid instructor, working for the Wiltshire Air Ambulance team. He visits schools across the county to teach basic lifesaving skills and lead accredited first aid courses for adults, helping the charity hit its target of teaching every child in Wiltshire and Bath basic lifesaving skills. Since the launch of the Emergency Awareness Training Programme in 2019, over 30,000

children have been taught lifesaving skills including how to perform CPR, how to use an external defibrillator and other first aid skills.

Elm Class enjoyed getting involved with CPR and the Sycamore & Oak learnt skills such as making an emergency telephone call. Later in the week Sycamore Class produced some wonderful thank you letters which Mrs Rennard has posted to Andrew.







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The Tisbury Fire Service have asked us to highlight their recruitment drive for on-call fire fighters. They have an open eventing next Monday if you are interested to find out more.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Smith



### **Hedgehog Day**

On Wednesday morning Chilmark pupils joined thirty eight Primary Schools in the UK on a Teams assembly run by Jo Wilkinson from the Hedgehog Friendly Campus. The children got to hear the sound a hedgehog makes in the wild, learnt about hedgehog habitats, what they like to eat and how they behave. We also learnt what we could do to become hedgehog heroes to save the wild hedgehogs from becoming extinct.

Henry F said "I didn't realise they were so grumpy. We saw a hedgehog barge another out the way!"

Nancy said "If you see a hedgehog during the day, make sure you tell someone as it could be unwell and need help."

#### **Christmas card competition**

This week, we welcomed Mr Mungo Melvin into school to judge our competition.

Mungo has been heavily involved in securing the future of Forbes Field which has become a village asset by improving the local living environment.

Did you know, Hedgehogs have been spotted at Forbes Field on their cameras too - could they be the same ones that visit us?





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We had an amazing forty entries for the Christmas card design competition and Mungo had the tricky job of identifying a winning design from every year group.

Mungo found Year Three the hardest to judge. It was extremely difficult due to the high standard of cards.

I am pleased to announce all entries received a certificate and five house points.

The winners earned a hedgehog pin badge which they can wear at school and the designs are currently being made into Christmas cards to be sent

out to our community.

I'm proud to announce Chilmark's Christmas hog friendly card winners are.... Lincoln (R) Finley (Y1) Ruby (Y2) Phoebe (Y3) Skye (Y4) Alfie (Y5) and Archie (Y6)

Congratulations to everybody! We certainly have some talented artists amongst us.



Unfortunately, after an extremely wet day on Wednesday morning we postponed the collection to Thursday, but this didn't halt the excitement.

The pupils from every class worked together to cover the hedgehog in the front playground. The hedgehog looked amazing in the sunshine.

We collected a brilliant £ 24.13 towards The British Hedgehog Preservation Society.

At Chilmark School, we are extremely passionate about our environment and these activities have definitely demonstrated this.

Thank you for your continued support. We really do appreciate it.

Mrs Farrant













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### **DIARY DATES 2023/24**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Parents' meetings this week (slots are available to book via Ping)

Friday 17th November – Non-uniform (Children in Need)

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

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Whole school trip to pantomime at Salisbury Playhouse

Friday 1st December - 8.45 a.m. PiP coffee morning (SEN focus)

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Oak & Sycamore Nativity performance – 5.30 p.m.

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Elm performance – 5.30 p.m.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> January - All children back in school

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

Half Term - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February (inclusive)

Thursday 28th March - Break up for Easter Holidays

Monday 15th April - All children back in school

Half Term - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> 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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