



# CHILMARK AND FONTHILL BISHOP

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

17<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents,

We finally were able to say goodbye to Kylie today and thank her for all her hard work over the past six years. She was presented with cards and gifts from the children, parents and staff. We will all miss her very much.



Thank you for supporting Children in Need today so far we have raised over £50 from the non-uniform day.

We are keen to promote the school with our good OFSTED status. Do you know of any locations that would take a large banner, approx. 1m by 3m? We would need to check that we have permission from the land owner. If you are able to help or have ideas please let me or Mrs Rennard know.



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We are approaching an exciting time of year with the next event being the Friends' Christmas Market on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November from 3pm to 5pm.

If you are able to return any raffle tickets (sold or unsold) early next week that will be brilliant.

The money raised by the Friends helps subsidise trips and treats for the children such as the upcoming whole school annual panto trip. This year we are looking forward to Dick Whittington at the Salisbury Playhouse. For some children this might be their first theatre trip and has been a very enjoyable outing in previous years.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Smith

### Bulb Planting



Pupils planted flower bulbs in their school environment this week. These flower bulbs were given to them by Bulbs4Kids, a programme that is allowing the school to become familiar with flower bulbs and the world of nature in way that is also a lot of fun. When the tulips, crocuses, daffodils and grape hyacinths start blooming early in the spring, the school gardens will be bursting with colour.

Watch Us Grow signed up last spring to receive a flower bulb kit. This means 349 classes in England, 500 classes in the Netherlands, 750 classes in Germany, 350 classes in France, 150 classes in Canada and 100 classes in Sweden will be participating in the Bulbs4Kids project. Since each kit contains 600 flower bulbs, more than 1.3 million flower bulbs will be planted in school gardens.

More and more studies are confirming the beneficial effects that the natural world has on our health. Playing in a natural environment and having hands-on experiences with plants contributes to the healthy balanced development of children. It makes children smarter, fitter and more creative. The problem, however, is that urbanisation has meant that the distance between people and natural environments has never been greater.



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### DIARY DATES 2023/24

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> December – Carol Singing 5.00 p.m.**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> March - Break up for Easter Holidays**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April - All children back in school**

**Half Term – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May (inclusive)**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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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