



# CHILMARK AND FONTHILL BISHOP



## CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

24<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents,

Before the end of term we plan to run a mock lockdown with the children. A lockdown is used when we have a risk, like a dangerous dog, on the grounds. This procedure will be different to the fire alarm sounding and rather than assembling the children outside in the playground, as in a fire drill, the children will stay in classrooms with their teachers.

It is extremely unlikely that a dangerous situation will arise but we feel it is prudent to prepare even for such extreme events. We will talk to the children ahead of the planned drill to ensure that worries are managed. We also understand that some children follow the news and would ask parents to let us know if children have become alarmed about the situation overseas.



### Christmas Performances

Rehearsals for the performances are in full swing and timings are detailed in the dates below. We don't allocate performance tickets as our numbers are quite small and please feel free to bring your extended families to watch.

Year 6 pupils are enjoying learning to play hand bells ready to perform at our Christmas events.

### Christmas Cards

The Christmas post box will be making its annual appearance next week. From Monday children will be able to bring Christmas cards that they have written for other children into school and post them in the box. The box will be emptied and cards handed out on three occasions; Friday 1st, 8th and 15th December. The post box will be situated in the entrance hall outside of Mrs Hale's classroom (Elm).

### Parents in Partnership

The next Parents in Partnership meeting will take place on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 8.45 a.m. This session will focus on special educational needs and emotional well-being. Mrs Hale, our SENCO, will be providing information and be available to answer any questions you may have. Please do join us for a cup of coffee and a chat.

### Carol Singing – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

We are excited to let you know about this event and hope you will be able to support us with this. It will be lovely way to come together and share our Christmas celebrations with the community. We will be inviting



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families back to school at 5.30 p.m. and will make our way around the village stopping at various points to sing carols. We will return to school by 6.45 p.m. for hot chocolate and a Christmas cookie. This is a family event and therefore will require you or another family member to join us with your child and be responsible for them throughout the event.



Just a reminder of the Friends' Christmas Market tomorrow Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November from 3pm to 5pm. Please do join us if you can.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Smith

## 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)**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Special assembly to say farewell to Rev Graham.**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Carol Singing 5.30 p.m.**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Carol Service at Church 11.00 a.m.**

**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**

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**DORSET DODDLERS Couch To 5k**  
**FREE 10 Week Running Course**

Whether you are completely new to, or returning to running and looking for a fitter & healthier lifestyle, our Couch To 5k is for you.

Our course is designed to gradually increase your running ability. Our friendly qualified England Athletics coaches and volunteers will help you reach your goal. And best of all, its completely free! Due to the popularity of our courses, pre-registration is required.

**Course Starting:**

Dorset Doddlers C25K  
Monday 8th January 2024  
Shaftesbury Primary School, Wincombe Lane,  
SP7 8PN  
6.50pm for a 7pm start

For more information & to register please visit  
[www.dorsetdoddlers.co.uk/c25k](http://www.dorsetdoddlers.co.uk/c25k)

## 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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