



CHILMARK AND FONTHILL BISHOP

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

12th January 2024

Dear Parents,

Attendance

You may have heard on the news this week that for all schools it has been a priority to encourage higher levels of attendance following the pandemic, when attendance was at an all-time low. Before the pandemic we were getting excellent attendance and we would like to return to that level as soon as possible.

There are always going to be some children who have to have longer periods of absence for health reasons and unfortunately at this time of year bugs do go around.

We would also like to remind you that learning starts every day at 8.30 a.m. and whilst we understand occasional lateness cannot be helped we would ask you to ensure your children arrive on time.

Your support with keeping the attendance of your children as high as possible is much appreciated.

Forbes Field



Just before we broke up for Christmas Year 6 children joined members of the Forbes Field working party. Ten enthusiastic planters beavered away to plant seven whitebeams midway between the field entrance on Hops Close and the Orchard. This plot, known as the Coronation Grove, commemorates the crowning of King Charles III earlier in the year.

I hope you have a good weekend and the dry weather continues as it has made a real difference this week. Being able to play outside at break times is so beneficial for the children.

Best wishes,

Mr Smith



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Elm Class



Year 6 have been assisting Vicky, our new cook, with the salad bar at lunchtimes. This is to help both the school and the Year 6's to develop their leadership skills which they will utilise in the future.

This week Elm have been looking at the poem Albert and the Lion by Marriott Edgar. They have been analysing the poem and investigating language and characters to enrich their learning. The children got involved with some hot seating in which they were asking questions to specific characters to enhance

their understanding of the text.



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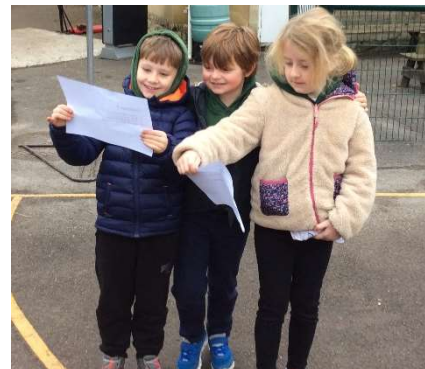
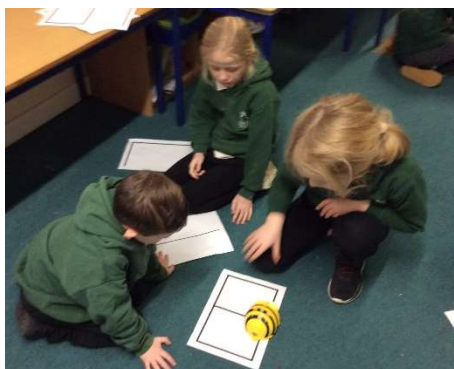




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Sycamore and Oak Classes



The two classes have come together today for a computing lesson. They started the morning with some practical sequencing outdoors including some that needed to “debug” (problem solve). After this, the children applied their skills to programming the Bee-bots to draw numbers. They had to work together to estimate and predict the sequence needed and occasionally to debug the instructions they gave their Bee-bots.

DIARY DATES 2023/24

Friday 19th January – Year 1 Cluster games event at Warminster

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

Monday 5th February – Children’s mental health week

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

Friday 23rd February – Community lunch

Thursday 28th March - Break up for Easter Holidays

Monday 15th April - All children back in school

Monday 13th May – Year 6 SATS week

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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