

# Chilton Primary School



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Dear Parents,

30<sup>th</sup> September 2016

## Installation of New Boilers

Those of you who regularly use the north entrance to the site via the Library, will be well aware that work on the new boiler installation has started in earnest this week. Works are scheduled to continue through into December and access into school is strictly prohibited during this time. Thank you for your patience.

## Chilton and Ferryhill Schools' Science Afternoon

On Wednesday afternoon, we were very fortunate to host the 'Understanding Light' Event for schools in the Chilton and Ferryhill Cluster. Dr. Pete Edwards (Durham University) led a fantastic hands-on session in collaboration with Jay from 'Jay's Animal Encounters' - which explored how infra-red and ultra-violet light are used by animals to both find prey and scare predators away. The children saw a meerkat, a boa-constrictor (called 'Puzzle' due to her beautiful markings), scorpions, a lizard and a tarantula skeleton. Our thanks to Glenys Newby from 'Approach Too' for organising this fantastic event.

*"On Wednesday afternoon, we had a science roadshow come into school. There were different types of light. One light was called ultra-violet light which helps some animals, such as bees, to see pollen. It also makes flowers look different to how we see them. The other light is infra-red, which tells you if something is hot or cold. If it is blue it means it's cold, orange means warm and red means it is boiling."* (Kate F - Y5)

*"The road show explained two different lights - ultra-violet and infra-red. Bees see in ultra-violet and see the pollen as red on the flowers. In infra-red a snake is yellow and blue which means it is cold and a little warm. I really enjoyed it!"* (Daisy - Y5)

## 'Meet the Teacher' Evening - Homework and New Reading Scheme

Thank you to all those of you who were able to attend this Monday's 'Meet the Teacher' Evening. We had some very positive feedback about both the new homework system and new reading scheme. The children are really enjoying reading the new books and their enthusiasm has been lovely to see. We do appreciate parents supporting their children by hearing them read and signing the reading records - thank you!

## Chrome Books - Thank You Friends of the School!

This week, Y6 students (and staff) were given training on how to use our new Google Chrome Laptops - and the children really enjoyed using the new machines! Our thanks to the Friends of the School - as the purchase of this new equipment was down to their fundraising efforts. Thank you again to parents and family members who contributed towards this - it is very much appreciated and will really benefit the children.

## Year 6 Family Assembly - please note earlier start time

As Year 6 students are visiting FBEC for a Business and Enterprise Day on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October, their assembly will start at the earlier time of 9am. We look forward to seeing family and friends there.



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## Intergenerational Event

Chilton Primary School would like to invite residents aged 40+ to a FREE intergeneration event on Wednesday 12 October 2016 from 1.15pm to 3pm. You will have the chance to take part in a "Who wants to be a Millionaire" quiz game - with representatives from the Police - and also take a trip back in time looking at artefacts from the past. Places are limited to 20 residents—so please contact the school on 01388 720255/721619 to book your place.

During this event we also need to interview people who remember what it was like to be a child or teenager in Chilton in 1971. "What did you do for fun outside of school?" We hope to make a film of your stories and show this at Chilton Community College and Youth Club in 2017.

## Nursery parents

Please watch out for details of our open evening this term for children starting Reception September 2017.

**Attendance winners for week ended 23 September 2016**  
**White Cliffs of Dover with 99.05%**

## Weekly awards

Class	Star of the Week	Reader of the Week	Citizen of the Week
Morning Nursery	Ruby	Emma	Leylen
Afternoon Nursery	Jacob	Oliver	Imogen
Ben Nevis - Reception	Chen Yu	Alex	Thomas
Snowdonia - Reception	Fynn	Brooke	Sienna
Cotswolds - Y1	Maddie	Odin	Rafe
Pennines - Y1	Leyton	Eliza Mae	Scarlett
Lake Windermere - Y2	A'alayah	Freyja	Zak
Scafell Pike - Y2	Lewis	Bailey	Zoe
Hadrian's Wall - Y3	Alexis	Leon	Leigha
Stonehenge - Y3	Donovan	Ruby	Rihanna
White Cliffs of Dover Y4	Declan Rocco	Thomas	Faith
Lindisfarne- Y4	Emma	Natalia	Kevin
Dartmoor - Y5	Kacey	Harvey	Harry
Giant's Causeway - Y6	Macey	Hannah	Lucy
Loch Ness - Y6	Darcy	Megan	Darcy



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## Money Matters - Messages from the School Office

### Parent pay

If you wish to contribute to school fund/educational visits, but prefer paying at the local Co-op or Sainsburys - just call into the school office to pick up a bar coded letter. It's not too late to join the scheme - minimum payment of £5 with a total of £40 required for the full academic year.

### Free School Meals

A reminder that parent/carer(s) have a responsibility to ensure up to date information is passed to the school office regarding entitlement to free school meals. If you have returned to work, please let us know - as failure to keep us up to date may result in the recovery of dinner money due.

### Tempest

School photos will be taken on Thursday 20 October. Orders can be paid via debit card/credit card/cheques - however, if you wish to pay by cash, the money should be placed inside the order and sealed. Please be aware school will not be held responsible for any cash brought on to site. Orders need to be in school by Tuesday 1 November 2016.

### Breakfast club

A reminder that children from Nursery through to Year 6 are welcome to attend our Breakfast club. The cost is only £1 per day. The daily menu consists of a variety of cereals, toast and a drink and a hot meal on a Friday. Payment can be made via Parent Pay or call into the office to collect a letter with a bar code where you can pay at the local Pay Point shops.

Please do not hesitate to contact me via the main office with any comments, suggestions or queries that you may have.

Best Wishes

Mrs A Pybus-Coates  
Headteacher

