

Due to the ongoing wet weather it has been a quiet 2018 so far for the Football Club with only a handful of games being played across the Clubs teams.

As hard as we try to keep players interested and fit by training at indoor facilities, this obviously comes at a cost so isn't sustainable for prolonged periods. There is a wider debate around moving grassroots football to run March – October which is gaining momentum and would certainly avoid the long breaks over winter. Maybe that would have its own challenges of being too hot during the summer months!

Of the games that have managed to go-ahead, results have been very positive. Two games have been played by the Senior Saturday team with the first being a convincing 5-1 away victory. The second game was played on a mud-bath instead of a pitch and saw 3rd placed Chiseldon narrowly lose away 2-1 to 2nd placed Marlborough.

The Senior Sunday team continues to have a strong season and have managed to play four matches since the turn of the year. These games have resulted in three wins and a loss. The team is within touching distance of the top two places in the league with games in hand so a high-placed finish is very possible.

The junior teams have not managed many games at all but, when they do play, results are good. The U12s have won two of their three matches in 2018 and are well placed near the top of the league. The U10s haven't managed to play a match at all since Christmas whereas the U9s have only managed two games. The U9s continue to grow as a team and have developed a knack of achieving results against tough opposition – one 4-4 draw and a very good 3-2 victory.

Each of the Clubs junior teams (u9s, u10s and u12s) are in need of additional reinforcements so if you know of anyone of those ages who wishes to join the Club they would be very welcome. Contact details of the team managers can be found on www.chiseldonfc.co.uk.

The Club is looking towards next season and is hoping to put together a squad at u7 / u8 level. If there are any youngsters out there that would like to play football please contact Clarke.matthew1@sky.com.

Regards,

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