

Churchfields' Weekly Newsletter

Thursday 26 January 2017

Dear Parents & Carers

I had the pleasure of attending the football tournament at Stanley Park, Chippenham last week and was incredibly impressed by the skill and determination of the Churchfields' team. We are proud that our players took us all the way to the finals despite having excellent opponents. Congratulations and thanks to all our players!

It is with regret that I inform you that Mrs Gonzalez, our Finance Officer, will be leaving us this term. Mrs Gonzalez is moving onto a full time role near her home in February. I am sure you would like to join the children and staff in wishing her all the very best of success in her new job.

Mrs Valerie Phillips will be joining us as our new Finance Officer next month. Mrs Phillips comes with a wealth of experience and is very much looking forward to joining our school community. Do say hello if you have the chance!

Kind regards,

Simon Fitcher
Headteacher



SCIENCE WEEK
Monday 13th to Friday 17th March

This year we will be celebrating British Science Week with a whole timetable of fun and exciting activities including:

- SCIENCE DETECTIVES – looking at ways in which science impacts on our lives and everyday experiences
- Whole school trip to LEGOLAND on Friday 17th March



Full details of our plans for Science Week are attached and letters for the Legoland trip will be sent out shortly.

In the meantime, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Andrea Liddiard
Science Leader

SENSIBLE PARKING PLEASE

Traffic gets **very** busy around our schools at the start and end of the day. Please remember

- Walk to and from school if you are able
- Park considerately in the area, avoiding residents' driveways.
- Monkton Farleigh parents are able use the village hall car park, which helps alleviate congestion.
- DO NOT park on the zigzag lines across the school entrance – it is important for safety reasons that this is kept clear at **all** times.
- DO NOT drive onto the school premises to drop off or pick up your child.
- Supervise your child/ren crossing roads and do not let them play in the school car park or the entrance to the school.

CALLING ALL KS2 SCIENTISTS



As part of our work within the Melksham Primary Science Cluster of schools, we have been invited to participate in a number of projects this year. One of these is Bath University's **Bath Taps into Science Project**, which is encouraging young, Key stage 2, scientists to develop their skills further at home.

Children have been invited to submit their own research on a science project of their choice:

- With help from their parents, they can carry out research, tests and experiments to help answer a scientific question of their choosing.
- They will be supported through the process by the Science Outreach Department from the University of Bath at a series of optional workshops/support group meetings.
- Children's final projects will form part of an exhibition of work from all across the Melksham area in March and prizes will be awarded for participation and achievement.

It would be fabulous if there was a strong field of participants from Churchfields' pupils and if you think you are able to support your budding scientists at home you will need to register their interest.

Please ask Mrs Liddiard in person or via an email to the school office for further information by **FRIDAY 3rd FEBRUARY**.

PTA UPDATE

VALENTINE'S DISCO

Our annual Valentine's Disco is taking place on **Thursday 9 February, 6 – 7:30pm at Atworth**

Poster & full details are attached and if you can help out that would be brilliant!

SUMMER FAIR

We are pleased to announce that we have been offered the chance to host our summer event at Great Chalfield Manor this year. As many of you know, we had a very successful summer fair there a few years ago, so we are delighted to have this opportunity again.

We are very keen to get as many people as possible on board, and invite anyone who would like to help with the planning to come along to a meeting on **Monday 30th January, 7:30pm at Great Chalfield** (c/o Jen Firth. If you need directions please contact Jen on 01225 783742).

If you would like to help but are unable to make the meeting, please email Fe (frfrayling@hotmail.co.uk) or Kirsty (info@whitehartatworth.co.uk).

We hope to see lots of there!

Kirsty Cortilla and Fe Frayling



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Atworth & Monkton Farleigh

DIARY DATES TERMS 3 & 4

DATE	EVENT
Monday 30 January	PTA Summer Fair planning Meeting Great Chalfeld Manor, 7:30pm
Thursday 9 February	PTA Valentine's Disco 6 – 7:30pm, Atworth School Hall £4 entry (includes refreshments)
Friday 10 February	END OF TERM 3
Monday 20 February	Term 4 – back to school
Thursday 2 March	World Book Day
Friday 3 March	Nightingale Class Swimming 6 week block of lessons Fri 3 March – Fri 28 April
Monday 13 – Friday 17 March	SCIENCE WEEK
Monday 13 March	Parents' Evening, 3:00 – 6:00pm
Friday 17 March	Whole school trip to LEGOLAND
Thursday 23 March	Parents' Evening 3:00 – 7:00pm
Friday 24 March	Comic Relief
Mon 3 - Fri 7 April	NO SCHOOL CLUBS THIS WEEK
Monday 3 April	Easter Service St Michael's Church, Atworth, 1:15pm
Wednesday 5 April	WOW! Day KS2 children to Atworth R & KS1 children to Monkton Farleigh
Friday 7 April	END OF TERM 4 – Easter Holidays TERM 5 begins Monday 24 April



January 2017

Dear Parents

Science Week and Trip to Legoland FRIDAY 17th MARCH 2017

You may already be aware that we are busy planning science events at Churchfields to coincide with British Science Week. We will be "Science Detectives" looking at ways in which science impacts on our lives and everyday experiences. We are very excited about the week and wanted to share a few initial details with you.

To open the week, we will be hosting a visit from the Education Group who will introduce us, through some fun workshops, to the world of forensic science. There has been a 'Dognapping' and it will be up to us to solve the mystery by piecing together the clues to work out what has happened and more importantly, who has taken the prize pooch! The workshops will take place at both bases. The entire day will be very generously funded by the P.T.A.

As a finale to a week of exciting activities and visitors we have booked our annual, whole school day trip, this year, to Legoland. Our amazing P.T.A. once again, is very kindly supporting the cost of travel for this trip, through funds raised from its numerous activities. As well as being able to tour the various Lego structures and 4 to 11-year-old appropriate attractions each class will participate in a science/technology workshop. Without giving too much away at this stage Falcon and Kestrel will participate in Lego Robotics workshops and Nightingale, Robins and Woodpeckers in an underwater exploration!

Further details and permission requests for the Legoland trip will be sent out in a separate letter/e-mail shortly so do keep an eye out for it.

To answer a few initial queries you may have about the trip:

- A voluntary contribution of £9.75 per child to cover admission and workshop costs will be requested.
- It will be a longer day returning to school by around 6pm. (leaving after usual registration time in the morning)
- No spending money will be required.
- Snacks plus packed lunch and drinks will be required.
- Children will have restricted access to some of the attractions due to their age, height or the strict Legoland child to teacher ratios, and weather conditions (for instance it will be too cold to get soaked on water rides)

I must again reiterate how grateful we are to the PTA for generously supporting our Science Week activities.

Please do e-mail or come in to school to talk to myself or the class teachers if you have any further questions at this stage.

Many thanks for your support.

Yours sincerely

Andrea Liddiard
Science Leader

Churchfields PTA

VALENTINES DISCO



Thursday 9th February 2017 6-7.30pm

ATWORTH BASE SCHOOL HALL

**£4 entrance which includes a sausage in a
bread roll, drinks and snacks**

Gluten Free option available too!

CONTACT LIZ WELDON IF YOU CAN LEND A HAND:

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Churchfields PTA