

Churchfields' Weekly Newsletter

Thursday 16 March 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are extremely pleased to now be able to share our final Ofsted report with you following our inspection on 28th February.

We are delighted the inspectors recognised the incredible hard work the school community has engaged in over the previous few years. We have secured a good quality of education and care for our pupils whilst ensuring the smooth adoption of new key strategies from central government such as the more demanding National Curriculum, removal and replacement of assessment levels and a new Special Educational Needs Code of Practice to name but a few.

Key statements from the report include:

"(The new) curriculum ... inspires pupils and helps them to develop a love of learning."

"Pupils talked excitedly about the opportunities they are given ... (and) ... value the care and support they receive."

"Pupils are very well behaved. They are polite and well mannered."

"Pupils' writing shows significant improvement."

It is also heartening to know that both key areas for improvement identified by inspectors are already in the school's own development plan and are being tackled with rigour. Further information on the school's own self-evaluation can be found on our website under the 'How We're Doing' tab.

I would like to thank all members of the school community for their hard work and support over the previous few years and look forward to working with you all in the future as we enjoy tackling new challenges to ensure we provide the very best education and care for all pupils who attend Churchfields, the Village School.

Should you have any questions about the inspection report, please do come to speak with me.

Kind regards,
Simon Fletcher.

PARENTS' EVENING

Thursday 23 March

3:15 - 7:15pm (MF) & 3:30 - 7:30pm (Atworth)

PLEASE NOTE – there will be NO teacher-led after-school clubs the week beginning Monday 20th March.

HELP YOUR CHILD WITH MATHS

Parents & Carers are warmly invited to a maths workshop


Please note new date:

Wednesday 5 April

9:30 – 11:30am

Bradford on Avon Youth Centre

SCIENCE SELFIE COMPETITION



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For a chance to win some science goodies just take a selfie of yourself enjoying/noticing science out of school!

Your selfies could involve a visit, meeting a scientist, carrying out some research, experimenting, investigating or testing an idea. Be creative and think about how science impacts our everyday lives and activities. Please add a caption.

Closing date
March 24th

To enter e mail your selfie to admin@churchfields.wilts.sch.uk or print it out and hand in to your teacher.

We have already had some photos sent in, but if you're looking for inspiration the Bath Taps into Science event on Saturday in Victoria Pak may be the place to go!

Or try googling ExpeRimental at the Royal institute:

<http://www.richannel.org/collections/2014/experimental>

Or the BBC Terrific Scientific, Do It Yourself:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/terrificscientific/sections/do-it-yourself> .

Here you will find a series of short film clips of fun, easy and cheap to do science at home with your children.



**BATH TAPS INTO
SCIENCE FAIR**

Saturday 18th March 2017

The Bath Taps into Science Family Fair 2017 is coming to Victoria Park in Bath on the 18th March.

Reach for the stars in the planetarium show with Explorer Dome, watch out for dinosaurs roaming around the park and keep your eyes peeled for live demonstrations on the bandstand.

Explore and investigate the cutting edge research that goes on at the University of Bath and across the South West through interactive science exhibitions.

You will have the opportunity to chat and interact with all the staff and students from the University of Bath as well as local and regional Science and Engineering companies. There will also be some research that you can actually take part in!

There will be coffee stands, a cake sale for Comic Relief and plenty of food stalls.

No booking is required; just turn up to Victoria Park in Bath and take part in the FREE activities on offer.

For further information visit:

<http://bathtapsintoscience.com/events/eventsforfamilies/151-family-science-fair-17>



WELL DONE GEORGE!

Many congratulations to George Emberson and his dad who rose to the challenge from the Bath Taps into Science Family Project.

George worked hard to research and make his own investigation and display about electricity.

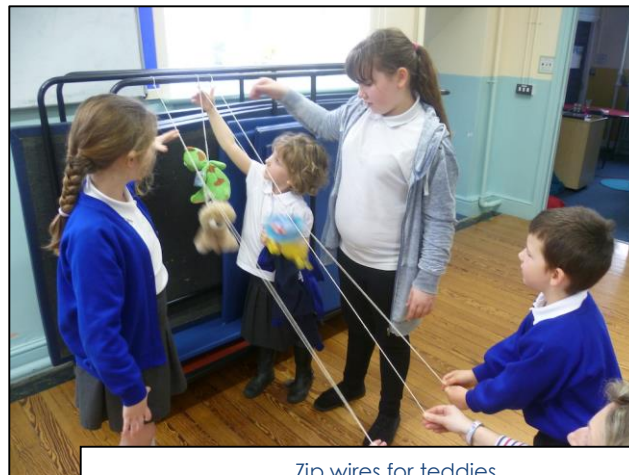
On Saturday 4th July he represented Churchfields and presented his findings to the Melksham cluster at a celebration event at Shaw School.

It was lovely to see George and all the fantastic science projects from families from the Melksham cluster and also to see some families from Churchfields attending the event.



Thank you!
Andrea Liddiard

SCIENCE WEEK AT CHURCHFIELDS



Zip wires for teddies



Making kazoos

COMIC RELIEF 2017

Friday 24th March is Red Nose Day.



We are having a red-themed day for Comic Relief – bring in a donation and wear something red.

We will also be selling Comic Relief red noses for £1.

BOARD GAMES DAY



Churchfields is once again supporting the NSPCC's Big Board Game Day on the following dates:

Thursday 6th April – Atworth

Friday 7th April – Monkton Farleigh

For a donation, children can bring in a board game, to be played in the afternoon.

Head Lice!

We have an outbreak of head lice at school (Atworth & MF).

Can we ask parents to please check their children's hair and treat as necessary.

Full details of how to check for and treat head lice are available on the NHS website at:

www.nhs.uk/conditions/Head-lice/



Making bubbles

DIARY DATES TERMS 3 & 4

DATE	EVENT
Monday 13 – Friday 17 March	SCIENCE WEEK
Friday 17 March	Whole school trip to LEGOLAND
Saturday 18 March	World Premiere of Zustände Wiltshire Music Centre From 6:30pm Visit the Wiltshire music Centre website for full details
Mon 20 – Fri 24 March	NO TEACHER-LED SCHOOL CLUBS THIS WEEK
Thursday 23 March	Parents' Evening 3:15 – 7:15pm MF 3:30 – 7:30pm Atworth <i>NB – no teacher-led clubs this week!</i>
Friday 24 March	Comic Relief Wear something RED to school
Tuesday 28 March	Easter Concert (Atworth base) 3:30 – 4:30pm
	SATS meeting for Year 2 Parents 3:15pm, Atworth base
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
	Help your Child with Maths Workshop for Parents 9:30 – 11:30am, Bradford on Avon Youth Centre
Thursday 6 April	Headteacher Coffee Morning, Monkton Farleigh base
	NSPCC Big Board Game Day - Atworth
Friday 7 April	Headteacher Coffee Morning, Atworth base
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END OF TERM 4 – Easter Holidays TERM 5 begins Monday 24 April	