

Churchfields' Weekly Newsletter

Thursday 2 March 2017

Dear Parents & Carers

It has been an extremely busy week! We welcomed Ofsted on Tuesday to carry out an inspection on Churchfields which was both rigorous and robust. We were visited by two inspectors who spent time at both our Atworth and Monkton Farleigh bases. Although we are pleased with the outcome, we are unable to share further information with parents until Ofsted write up their findings in due course. This is expected to become available in several weeks' time.

As anticipated, the children were a credit to parents and the school. Many pupils interacted with the inspectors directly either to talk about their work or various elements of school learning and life. The inspectors were particularly impressed when hearing the children read, commenting that they did so with accuracy, fluency, expression and enthusiasm. Thank you to pupils, staff and governors for making the inspectors feel so welcome and supporting them with their work. A huge thank you to parents too, who took time out of your busy days to complete the online survey or speak to the inspectors; this was very much appreciated by myself, the staff and the inspectors themselves.



World Book Day has been fantastic, with children coming to school as their favourite book characters. There are a huge range of costumes to see and the children are having a very exciting day, with many making comments about their love of reading – something that was resoundingly clear to the inspectors that visited us this week!

Kind regards

Simon Fitcher
Headteacher

HOT OFF THE PRESS...

...World Book Day at Monkton Farleigh...



....and Atworth



PARENTS' EVENINGS

Monday 13th March

3:15 - 5:45pm (MF) & 3:30 - 6:00pm (Atworth)

Thursday 23 March

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

Sign-up sheets are now available for Parents' Evenings. If you are unable to get into school to book a slot please call or email the office.

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

PTA – SUPPORTING SCIENCE WEEK

SCIENCE-THEMED POCKET MONEY TOY SHOP

Friday 10th March

After school at Atworth & Monkton Farleigh

In preparation for Science Week, the PTA is having a pop-up toy shop to encourage enthusiasm and interest in the science activities that the school has planned.

Items will be 25p each or any 5 items for £1. There will be lots of fun items, so please come along!

LEGOLAND TRIP – Friday 17 March

A reminder to send in permission slips and voluntary donations for our trip to Legoland.



Thank you to parents who have volunteered to help out on the day. Mrs Liddiard will be in touch with an itinerary and instructions for the day.



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THINKING DAY 2017

Guides and Scouts around the world celebrated Thinking Day on Wednesday 22 February.

Churchfields' Brownies, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts & Guides wore their uniforms to school to mark the occasion.



HELP YOUR CHILD WITH MATHS

Parents & Carers are warmly invited to a maths workshop:
Wednesday 22nd March
9:30 – 11:30am
Bradford on Avon Youth Centre

CHURCHFIELDS' NETBALL TEAM NEWS

Our newly formed netball team played in their first tournament this week at Fitzmaurice Primary School in Bradford on Avon.

The team, which was established just a few weeks ago, had a fantastic time, played enthusiastically and won their final match.

Congratulations to the team for a brilliant effort!

DANCE FESTIVAL

Our Dance Club once again took part in the Dance Festival at the Bath Forum on Thursday 23 February. *Congratulations on a fabulous performance!*

Thank you to Mrs Pugh & Mrs Artus for their hard work and thank you to parents for supporting the event.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

A heads up that there is no Gem Learner Assembly on Friday 10th March, at either base.



COMIC RELIEF 2017

Friday 24th March is Red Nose Day.

Watch this space for news on what will be happening at school.

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.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT MF, FRIDAY AFTERNOONS FROM 2:20PM, TO READ WITH THE CHILDREN & PLAY MATHS GAMES.

PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE, OR TALK TO MISS BROOMHEAD, IF YOU CAN HELP.

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Churchfields
The Village School
Atworth & Monkton Farleigh

DIARY DATES TERMS 3 & 4

DATE	EVENT
Friday 3 March	Nightingale Class Swimming 6 week block of lessons Fri 3 March – Fri 28 April
Saturday 4 March	Bath Taps into Science – Family Science Day Shaw Primary School, 10:00am – 1:00pm
Friday 10 March	PTA Science-themed Pocket Money Toy Sale After school at Atworth & Monkton Farleigh
Monday 13 – Friday 17 March	SCIENCE WEEK
Monday 13 March	Parents' Evening 3:15 – 5:45pm MF 3:30 – 6:00pm Atworth
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
Wednesday 22 March	Help your Child with Maths Workshop for Parents 9:30 – 11:30am, Bradford on Avon Youth Centre
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
Tuesday 28 March	Easter Concert (Atworth base) 3:30 – 4:30pm
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
Thursday 6 April	Headteacher Coffee Morning, Monkton Farleigh base
	NSPCC Big Board Game Day - Atworth
Friday 7 April	Headteacher Coffee Morning, Atworth base
	NSPCC Big Board Game Day – Monkton Farleigh
END OF TERM 4 – Easter Holidays TERM 5 begins Monday 24 April	

PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

ADVICE NOTE ISSUED JOINTLY BY

THE POLICE & HIGHWAYS AUTHORITY AND CHURCHFIELDS, THE VILLAGE SCHOOL

The Governors and Teachers at the school have expressed concern over the situation created at the school by parents parking when they bring/collect their children to/from school.

Rule 217 of the Highway Code states: **THINK** before you park. **DO NOT** park your vehicle where it would endanger, inconvenience or obstruct pedestrians or other road users. For example **DO NOT PARK:**

- Near a school entrance
- Anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services
- At or near a bus stop or taxi rank
- Opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space
- Near the brow of a hill
- Opposite a traffic island or (if this would cause an obstruction) another parked vehicle
- Partially or wholly on the pavement unless signs permit it. Parking on the pavement can obstruct and seriously inconvenience pedestrians, people in wheelchairs, the visually impaired and people with prams or pushchairs.
- In front of the entrance to a property
- On a bend

It is also **ILLEGAL** to park or wait on a double yellow line or single yellow line (during the hours specified on the signs). This may result in **ENFORCEMENT** action being taken.

You are therefore advised to park **LEGALLY**, away from the school entrance for the **SAFETY** of all concerned.

As parents you have a duty to park **SENSIBLY** and keep the school entrance clear to ensure that there is the best possible visibility for and of children who cross the road at the school. You are reminded of your possible liability should an accident occur.

If you can reduce the congestion by walking so much the better. The School Travel Plan sets out how the school aims to reduce car journeys to the school site and promotes sustainable alternatives such as walking, cycling and car share.



Churchfields, the Village School



Wiltshire Police



Wiltshire Council

Part of:
Bath Taps
into
SCIENCE

Family SCIENCE Projects

CELEBRATION EVENT

Come and see the amazing projects that have been produced
by our budding scientists and engineers.

Over the past few weeks parents and children from across
Melksham have been working on science projects and this will
be their chance to show you their results.

SHAW PRIMARY SCHOOL
4TH MARCH 2017
10AM-1PM

Find out more at
projects.bathtap.into.science.com

Including a
liquid nitrogen
show from a
world record
holder!

