

E-LINK

ATWORTH & MONKTON FARLEIGH

WELCOME - To the all NEW e-LINK, the newsletter for the PTA of Churchfields, The Village School (it's not just 'A' village school; it's THE Village School!) for Atworth & Monkton Farleigh.

Now you can access the e-Link on your devices and email the editors: Gaby gabymalcolm@yahoo.co.uk and Sarah sarahmusselwhite74@hotmail.com with you thoughts, suggestions, and contributions.

Loads of interesting events and activities have taken place so far this year and there are lots more to come, such as our Summer Fair - The Great Chalfield Family Fun Day! (One word - **POLDARK!!!**)

Remember - as a parent or carer for pupils at Churchfields you are a member of the PTA. So, we all support the work of the children and staff and look for ways of building closer ties within our school community. And your ideas are needed! Do you have a good idea for a community event, a fundraiser, or any suggestions for publicity? Your contributions and volunteering are hugely valued - but it's your ideas and imagination that we need more of!

Have you thought about volunteering - but you're afraid you'll be landed with EVERYTHING?!

Whatever you do - DON'T PANIC - no one expects you to do more than you can. If it's once a term or once a year ALL efforts are equally important for the school. So thank you for your support and

LET'S DO THIS!!

THE EDITORS (xx MmWAH!! xx)



£70.58 RAISED FOR THE PTA, YOU SAY - BY DOING NOTHING??!!

How is that possible?? Easy! Easy Fundraising - that is! Since November 2016 simply by going through

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/churchfieldspta>

our supporters have raised over £70 and you can too. Sign up today and shop - for entertainment, groceries, travel - all your usual online purchases AND raise money for the school. Go on - buy that extra pair of shoes (you deserve them!) - and you're donating to your child's education. Win - WIN!



WHAT'S ON?

11th June Hazelbury Manor, Corsham - OPEN DAY - come and enjoy the beautiful gardens. Refreshments on sale in aid of Churchfields PTA

15-18th June Blue Sky Festival, Corsham Pound Arts Centre

17th June MONKTON FARLEIGH Village Fete, including the now famous PTA Ice Cream stall!

30th June SCHOOL SPORTS DAY (alt. date 14th July in case of rain!)

8th July School Summer Fair: Great Chalfield Manor Family Fun Day 11-4pm in aid of Churchfields PTA

The White Hart

Atworth
EVENTS

ATFEST 1st July

We will have a stall on site with 100% profit to the PTA - starts late afternoon

PUB QUIZ 17th July 8pm

All proceeds to the PTA - so come on and form a team you brainy lot! Teams of 4 @£2.50/pp

The PTA benefits from so much support from The White Hart - thanks Nathan & Kirsty and all the punters!

So - what DOES the PTA do?

TREASURER'S REPORT, 2016/17

Jen Firth

IT'S BEEN A BUSY AND PRODUCTIVE YEAR OF FUND-RAISING AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE CHURCHFIELDS PTA

Since September 2016 the PTA has supported everything from Crafts to Cookery, Performing Arts to Science Week, and School Trips to Swimming Lessons --- thanks to YOUR generosity and ingenuity with fundraising.

The PTA supports essential elements of the school curriculum, like classroom budgets and swimming lessons, and helps to enhance the school experience with contributions to WOW! days and trips.

Money has come from the Christmas Fairs at both bases, the Silent Auction, and the Valentine Disco.

We gain regularly from

EasyFundraising,

the always-popular Frozen Fridays,

2nd-hand Uniform sales, and other events such as the Science Toy Shop and the WBD Book Shop to boost funds throughout the year. Any ideas for new fund-raising? Let us know!

Money has gone out for the school Legoland Trip (£1000), WOW Days (£949.59), and Science Week (£599). We all know how tight finances can be - but the PTA is proof that good ideas, and everyone doing what they can when they can, produces great results!

PTA

COMMITTEE

Jen Firth (Treasurer)

Co-Chairs:

Felicity Frayling

Kirsty Cortilla

Vice-Chair :

Hilary McBryde

Sarah Blackoe

(Secretary)

NEXT MEETING:

The White Hart,

Atworth

Tues. 6th June 7.30pm

TAG- tastic! Churchfields defies the odds at Rugby

Chris Blakey

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What a magnificent performance and outstanding results!

On 3rd April the County Tournament squad of the Churchfield's Tag Rugby Club did themselves, the club, and the school so, so proud!

They scored a total of 16(!) wonderful tries in 5 matches from both team and individual efforts and won through the first round to a place in the semi- final of the plate competition.

The games that were lost were nearly all only by one try and at the most by only two tries! Fantastic!

LITERATURE ROUND-UP



2017 marks the 200th anniversary of the death of beloved English novelist, Jane Austen

* 'My idea of good company...is the company of clever, well-informed people, who have a great deal of conversation ...' (*Persuasion*, Jane Austen)



KS1 Parents - It's Sea Life, Oceans, and Pirates this term! You can download a FREE audio copy of Robert Louis Stevenson's classic novel 'Treasure Island' on Amazon UK!

This was a really excellent *first* time achievement from such a small school. There were many Year 4s playing with our Year 5s and 6s. They competed successfully against much larger schools, with teams of all Year 6s!

Proud of them all we are! Thanks to all the parents and teachers who helped to make Tag Rugby such a success.



TABLE TOP TREATS

Last term Alex in Woodpeckers had the inspired idea of selling some of his favourite treats and toys for a good cause. He found out that £45 can send a child to school for a year in a developing country so he set about organising a table top sale.

Thanks to cakes, sweets, toys, and stickers drawing an after-school crowd he raised £77.45! And thanks to Mum Vicky's work matching that amount he'll have a grand total of £154 to help other children.

Well done Alex and all who supported you!



SCIENCE WEEK

CSI: CHURCHFIELDS!

A SET OF FINGER PRINTS, A BOW TIE, AN EMPTY BOX OF DOG TREATS ...

Could you piece the puzzle together from this set of clues and solve the DOGNAPPING?! That's what the fantastic teams of Churchfields investigators had to do in Science Week last term when Hendrix the dog was taken just before he was to compete in the Big Show. At the scene there were a set of 'Human' clues and a set of 'Canine' clues, and their job was to track down the culprit.

With the appliance of science they narrowed down the suspects to five of the dog owners at the show. Fingerprints, footprints, and hand-writing samples were all scrutinised to find the guilty party.

Forensic analysis combined science and detection for the children. This PTA-funded experience encouraged Churchfields' children to see how the subjects they study can be applied in different jobs for the future. And they had HUGE fun doing it!

(And who dunnit? Steph Curtis - disguised as Janet to fool security at the show!)

😊 Science work shops 😊

First of all we went to make some gooey slime out of some shaving foam, eye cleaner, and PVA glue. We carefully - but aggressively - mixed them all up until it was a sticky, strong ball of slime.

When we finished off the slime we put it in a plastic bag and went to the next activity which was making our very own badges about science which we designed ourselves. When we finished drawing the badges Mrs Genner put them in a machine that would turn them into proper badges that we could wear.

We found our next activity with Miss Connelly: you add tablet medicine (which children should NOT eat) into a small, tight pot and after 5 seconds it burst quickly and exploded the lid off. We also put in two tablets which definitely made a bigger explosion!

For our next activity we saw if the shorter the zip line the faster the animal toy would go and also it depended on weight and the angle and the tightness of the rope and animal.

With Miss Broomhead we decided to make bubble mixture out of 55% water and the rest washing up liquid. Then we bent pipe cleaners to make the bubbles. After that we tested it then used a different mix off the internet then compared them.

Thanks to the children for this great report!

And there was CAKE ...



CELEBRATE SERVICE
PTA Co-Chair Felicity Frayling and KS1 TA Jane Artus make their Girl Guide promise. The Guide movement has a long and proud history and Atworth has had a troop in the village for over 60 years!

Congratulations on making this commitment. And if you want more information on Girlguiding chat to Jane or Felicity, and visit the website:

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk>

WE DISCOVER, WE GROW
Girlguiding



THE BRADFORD BRIDGE CARD
The Bradford Bridge Card Affinity scheme is run by Robert Beesley for reductions on purchases and entertainments online and in

the BoA area, including the Wiltshire Music Centre.

Robert will have a stall at the Great Chalfield Family Fun Day in July. Buy your card for

£9 and £6 goes to Churchfields PTA!

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for more information, OR talk to Jen Firth, PTA Treasurer.