

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the Christmas edition of our weekly newsletter. It is jam-packed full of information about our Christmas activities including our seasonal productions, our Christmas party & dinner, our school carol service and an invitation to come carol singing.

The information is also available on our website and has been sent out in book bags, along with tickets for the Christmas productions.

Please take the time to read through the information and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.



Thank you to all pupils, parents and staff involved in the mammoth tree planting project this week across both bases. Mrs Liddiard kindly coordinated this incredibly creative and fun activity across the school, and we very much look forward to watching the saplings grow and develop alongside our pupils during the years to come.



If you would like to be further involved in school, other than by helping our wonderful PTA, do consider becoming a member of the Parent Council. Due to a lack of interest, we were unfortunately required to postpone this week's scheduled first meeting. However we understand that there may be some parents who would like further information on what might be involved, so will reschedule a meeting for term three and Miss Davis will distribute further information in the meantime for your perusal.

Kind regards
Simon Fitcher

PLEASE REMEMBER if your child has been ill with a stomach bug and vomiting and/or diarrhoea, please keep them at home for 48 hours.

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

Reception & KS1 (Yrs 1 & 2)

You are warmly invited to our performance of **Christmas with the Aliens**

On Thursday 14th December
St Michael's Church Hall, Atworth
Dress Rehearsal: 1:30pm
Performances at: 4:00pm & 6:00pm.



Full details are attached and information and tickets will be sent out in book bags this week.

KS2 (Yrs 3, 4 & 5)

You are warmly invited to our production of



A CHRISTMAS STORY

On Monday 11th December
St Laurence School, Bradford on Avon
Performances at: 5:00pm & 6:30pm

Full details are attached and information and tickets have been sent out in book bags this week.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH & ACTIVITIES

Friday 15th December

Children from Monkton Farleigh will transfer to Atworth by coach in the morning at 9:45am and will be back at Monkton Farleigh for pick up at the end of the day.

We have lots of Christmas activities planned:

- ★ Children can dress in party clothes, Christmas jumpers or something festive!
- ★ Please supply a named cracker for your child/children
- ★ To round up the day's activities there will be a puppet show in the church hall

Don't forget to let us know if your child/children want a Christmas lunch – simply complete the attached form and return it to us by WEDNESDAY 6th DECEMBER.

CAROL SINGING

★ Monday 18th December - Atworth
Meeting at 4:30pm in the School Hall before singing around the village

★ Tuesday 19th December - MF
Carols on the amphitheatre, 4:30pm



Everyone is welcome to join in!

You will need to wrap up warm and bring a torch and please note – children need to be accompanied by an adult.

We look forward to seeing lots of you there.

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CAROL SERVICE

Monday 18th December,
1:15pm, St Michael's Church,
Atworth

Everyone is welcome to join us at our Carol Service.

The PTA will be serving tea & mince pies afterwards, in the school hall at Atworth, and we look forward to seeing you there.

Parents of pupils from Monkton Farleigh will be able to take their children straight after the service if they so wish. Please ensure you inform your child's class teacher at the time so they can make a note.

Children not collected will return to the Monkton Farleigh base by coach and be released at the normal time for collection.

Pupils of the Atworth base will be taken back to school after the service and released at the normal time.

We look forward to seeing you there.

ATWORTH INDEPENDENT CHURCH

Carol Service, Sunday 17th December, 3:00pm

Atworth Independent Church is inviting children to help tell the Christmas story at their Carol Service on Sunday 17th December.

If your child would like to take part, or you are able to help, please contact Christine Price on 01225 708643.

CHILDREN IN NEED

A big thank you to everyone who supported our Children in Need fundraising last week.

We had some fabulous spotty 'n' dotty outfits and lots of fun and we raised £119.95



POPPY APPEAL



AND...a big thank you for supporting this year's Poppy Appeal. We raised £142.80.

HEADTEACHER COFFEE MORNINGS

A reminder that you are invited to come along for a drink and an informal chat if you can.

- **Monkton Farleigh** – Wednesday 29th November, 8:30am
- **Atworth** – Thursday 30th November, 8:45am

MR MOONLIGHT & LIGHTNING LUCA'S MAGIC SHOW!

Friday 1st December 2017 2:50pm, Gem Learner Assembly, Atworth Base



December. There will also be a name the puppy competition!



We are going to be performing a short magic show and selling a selection of cakes to raise money for the Bath Cats and Dogs Home. The show will be performed by Hope and Luca at the Atworth Base as part of Gem Learner assembly at around 2:50pm on the 1st of

Our suggested donation is £1 adults and 20p for children. We would love it if you would come along and enjoy the show. Also, if you would like to donate cakes we would be very grateful.

Thank you.

Hope and Luca Year 5

TAG RUGBY CLUB (ATWORTH) NEWS

The club, so far this year, has been very well supported with a turnout most weeks of 18 children. We have seen definite improvement in running, ball handling and understanding the rules, which are not that easy! Great to see some of the younger and smaller members running rings around the year 5 and 6 players. What a confidence boost!

Melksham Rugby Club

We have had a very productive meeting with Scott Simmons, a coach at Melksham Rugby Club, who is very keen to offer a number of ways to support our little club. Melksham RFC have a superb new facility, which they are keen to share with the local community, and have kindly offered to run a floodlit training session for our children on **Thursday 7 December, 6.30 – 7:30pm**. If your child would like to take part please let us know.

Safety and Comfort

Having the right clothing and kit now it is winter is essential. Please ensure children have long sleeves and leggings/skins/thermals and studded footwear to help avoid slipping and accidental collisions.

A waterproof top is a great idea and we would like to buy some printed training tops to help with this. We have some money donated by parents but really need a small amount of sponsorship to cover the rest. If you or anyone you know of could help please let me know.

Kind regards

Chris Blakey & Alex Neal
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A HISTORY OF BLACK AMERICA

Sentence stacking

A shared write by Kestrel class

Barack Obama was elected as the first black president of America in 2008, however the United States still has a problem with racism. To understand today, we have to examine the past.

Slavery

Almost all African Americans in the present day are the family of slaves.

The cruel inhumane Atlantic slave trade watched the brutal enslavement of 12 million innocent Africans (which was the equivalent of one sixth of Britain's population today). Known as the triangular slave trade, there were three main parts: manufactured goods from Europe to Africa; the Africans gave slaves to America; finally from America to Europe there were raw goods. To make matters even worse, the slaves were inspected: their teeth were checked; and their fitness was tested, because if you weren't fit, what could you do as a slave running and rushing everywhere? Whilst on the journey over to America, 15% of slaves died.

Boring, brutal and bruising, life on a plantation could even prove deadly for slaves. They would work for hours on end, earning no money at all. With only enough food to keep them from starving, their skinny bodies were not strong enough for their everlasting work. Living conditions were uninviting and uncomfortable giving minimal comfort in a little cabin in the woods where several people lay on the floor in the cold. Harriet Tubman was born a slave because her mum and dad were slaves.

Life as a slave was like being a bird stuck in a cage; many people tried to escape but did not succeed. Sometimes their masters came back for them – that's what happened to Margaret Garner, in fact she murdered two of her children so they didn't go back to slavery.

Civil War and Emancipation

By 1840 most slaves in the north had been set free; the new machines made slavery unnecessary. However, states in the south (who had less advanced technology) wanted the right to own slaves. The once-united country became divided: the slave-free North against the cruel South. The election of Abraham Lincoln, who wanted to get rid of slavery, led to the Civil War.

After four deadly years of fighting, the anti-slave Union defeated the Confederacy – who were slave-reliant. Because of this the southern states had to give up their hard-working slaves forever.

Segregation and Civil Rights

Even though slavery was abolished, black people were still treated badly – the Jim Crow laws made sure they were treated badly and poorly. From 1930 to 1950, Langston Hughes, who was a black American, expressed his frustrations through poetry. Martin Luther King echoed these frustrations in 1963. He argued that a hundred years after emancipation, "the Negro lives on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity".

Present day

Fifty years after Martin Luther King's "I have a dream" speech, Barack Obama got elected as America's first black president which made Martin Luther King's dream get closer. If a black man could run all of America for eight years, Martin Luther King would surely be pleased.

Despite Barack Obama's election, the majority of Americans realise the fact that racial discrimination still thrives in America. NFL players are protesting by "taking a knee" in the national anthem. Donald Trump got so annoyed he said the players should be sacked. Still black people feel isolated from other people therefore footballers kneel because they do not think their country has done anything, so they do not respect it.

From the dark days of slavery to Barack Obama's election, the USA has come a long way. Many white and black people live together although problems still remain. Could this be the generation to unite the USA?

Tamarah, Arthur, Luca, George E, Archie, Josie, Henry, Charlotte, Sophie-Louise, Bess, Chloe, Hope, Will, Jamie, Terri, Matthew, Isabella, Toby, Bradley, Jack, Izzy, George R, Romy, Cammy, Barnaby, Eve, Alex, Alfie, Sophie, Ella, James, Amelia, Ava

COUNTDOWN TO THE PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR... JUST 1 SLEEP!

Churchfields the Village School Christmas Fayre, Hosted by the PTA



Saturday 25th November

Monkton Farleigh 10.30 am – 1 pm

Atworth 2 pm – 5 pm



Games, Crafts, Gifts, Cake & food,
Mulled Wine, Raffle & stalls

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Poster Design – School Council

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And... IT'S ONLY FOUR WEEKS TO CHRISTMAS!

Do your Christmas shopping online through EASY FUNDRAISING and raise a free donation for Churchfields PTA, every time you shop!

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wants to raise

£6,000.00

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DIARY DATES TERM 2

DATE	EVENT
Saturday 25 November	PTA Christmas Fair 10:30am – Monkton Farleigh School 2:00pm – Atworth School
Wednesday 29 November	Headteacher Coffee Morning 8:30am, Monkton Farleigh
	Falcon Class – Forest School
Thursday 30 November	Headteacher Coffee Morning 8:45am, Atworth
Monday 4 December	Nightingale Class (Yr 4) – Forest School
Wednesday 6 December	Kestrel Class (Yr 5) – Forest School
Friday 8 December	Flu Vaccinations Yrs R, 1, 2, 3 & 4
Sunday 10 December	Atworth Village Christmas Disco Village Hall, Atworth, 3:30pm (£3/child entry)
Monday 11 December	KS2 Christmas Production St Laurence School, Bradford on Avon Performances at 5pm & 6:30pm
Wednesday 13 December	Kestrel Class (Yr 6) – Forest School AM
Thursday 14 December	KS1 Christmas Production – Church Hall, Atworth 1pm dress rehearsal Performances at 4pm & 6pm
Friday 15 December	Christmas Dinner Day MF children transferring to Atworth for the day
Sunday 17 December	Atworth Independent Church Carol Service, 3:15pm
Monday 18 December	Carol Service St Michael's Church, Atworth – 1:20pm
	Carol Singing - Atworth Meet at 4:30pm in the school hall.
Tuesday 19 December	Carols on the Amphitheatre, 4:30pm, Monkton Farleigh School
Wednesday 20 December	End of Term 2
Thursday 4 January – Term 3	