

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent/Carer,

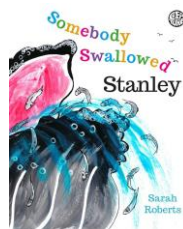
Welcome back to school! We do hope you had a lovely summer. There certainly was weather for every taste! A particular welcome to our new families joining us this year. I have been amazed at how quickly our new pupils at both bases have settled into school life and are already become part of the Churchfields family.

There are lots of exciting activities already planned to pique children's curiosity in their new topics this term. You will have received letters from teachers within your child(ren)'s Key Stage to explain the format of the upcoming Wow! days. We would be most grateful if any returns relating to these come back to school as soon as possible to ensure the days run smoothly.

Staff are pleased to help with any concern you may have, no matter how small. Before school can often be busy but meetings can always be arranged after school if needed. Likewise, my door is always open if you would like to speak with me. I try to be on the playground of each base as often as possible so please do catch me there or arrange an appointment via the school office if more convenient.

Kind regards,

Simon Fitcher.



## Letters from Parliament

At the very end of term six Woodpecker Class were moved into action after learning about the problems caused by plastic pollution, especially in the world's oceans. After reading the story "Someone Swallowed Stanley" with Ms Liddiard and watching clips from David Attenborough's "Blue Planet" the children chose to write to some politicians. Theresa May PM, Michelle Donelan MP and Michael Gove MP (Environment Minister) all received letters from the children outlining their concerns and asking what the government is doing to encourage the everyone in the U.K. to solve this problem. Although some children had worried that the politicians would be "too busy with Brexit" they were delighted to get a response from all three of the government offices, thanking them for their letters. Michelle Donelan (local MP) has kindly offered to visit the children to lead a democracy in action workshop and we look forward to arranging this very soon.

## First Class!



Mrs Genner and Mrs Burton have loved getting to know their new class. The children are settling in beautifully and have enjoyed a very busy first week at school. Mrs Genner and Mrs Burton are both super proud of them all!!!!

## Can you help?

At Churchfields we appreciate the importance of regular reading with children and we are looking for volunteers specifically to help with KS2. We would like to run reading sessions for individual children in the mornings, between 8.45 and 9.30 in the lodge at the Atworth base. As well as the chance to share some great books, volunteers would be offered tea and coffee and a free DBS if needed! If you think you might be able to help out, please contact the school office.

## Parking outside the school at Atworth.

Drop off and pick up times are really busy outside the Atworth base and there is limited parking available, especially as this is also a residential area. Can all parents and carers please ensure they are only parking in designated areas. Thank you

We are delighted to hear that ex-Kestrel, Josie Green, has reached the final of the Young Journalist of the Year competition, which is run by First News and Stabulo. Her article about the use of palm oil and its environmental impact was selected from hundreds of entries. A fantastic achievement by a very talented writer. Well done Josie!



PTA

During the last week of term six the PTA gave out smartie tubes with a request for the children to fill them and return them. If you haven't returned your tube yet, there is still time. Just pop them back into school and we will pass them onto the PTA.

## For the attention of all parents

Will your child be transferring to  
secondary school in September 2019?

**You must apply for a  
secondary school place**

Apply online at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk)

Application forms for Wiltshire residents are available at  
primary schools, secondary schools and County Hall

**The deadline for all applications is  
Midnight 31 October 2018**

All forms must be returned to the  
school admissions team at County Hall, Trowbridge

Ring customer services on 01225 713010  
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## For the attention of all parents

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before September 2019?

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**The deadline for applications is  
Midnight 15 January 2019**

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## DIARY DATES TERM 1 & 2

<b>TERM 1</b>	
Monday 03 September	Term 1 begins
Wednesday 12 September	WOW! Day
Tuesday 09 October	Atworth Open Day (10am-2pm)
Thursday 11 October	Parents' Evening until 7:30pm
Friday 12 October	Monkton Farleigh Open Day (10am – 2pm)
Tuesday 16 October	Harvest Festival Atworth Church (1:20pm)
Tuesday 16 October	Parents' evening until 6pm
Wednesday 24 October	End of Term 1
<b>Term 2</b>	
<b>Monday 5 November</b>	<b>Inset Day</b>
Tuesday 06 November	Term 2 Begins
Tuesday 05 – Friday 08 November	Book Week
Wednesday 21 November	WOW Day
Monday 12 – Friday 16 November	E-Safety (Anti-Bullying week)
Friday 16 November	Children in Need
Tuesday 11 December	KS2 Production (details to follow)
Wednesday 12 December	Fdn/KS1 Production (details to follow)

Term 2 cont'd	
Friday 14 December	Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 18 December	Carol Service Atworth Church 1:15pm
Wednesday 19 December	Monkton Farleigh Carols on the Amphitheatre 3pm – 4pm
Friday 21 December	End of Term 2

Future INSET days for Academic Year 2018/2019:

Monday 7th January  
Friday 5th April  
Monday 3rd June  
Thursday 25th July