

## FISH 'N' CHIP THURSDAY

### Thursday 04 October

Throughout the school year we have census days. These are very important dates in the school calendar as they determine our future government funding, and the number of children having school dinners is one of the key factors taken into account.

**Thursday 04 October is census day and we would like to encourage as many children as possible to join us for school dinners. There will also be a vegetarian option of Vegetable Samosa and jacket potato with the usual fillings will be available too. Both main courses will be followed by a choice of Treacle Sponge and custard or fresh fruit pot or yoghurt. School dinners are £2.40 but don't forget, children in Reception and KS1 are free!**

We look forward to seeing as many children as possible for school dinners on 04 October and, as always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

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## Forest School returns next week!

Forest School sessions begin again next week. Please check and make a note of the dates for your child's class or year group. All children will need to bring in clothes for the outdoors. A **waterproof** coat is essential as well as warm layers, trousers and sturdy shoes, trainers or wellingtons. Hats, scarves and gloves may also be needed depending upon the weather forecast. We do have some spare coats and several pairs of waterproof trousers at school that children may borrow if necessary. Children should bring their forest school kit into school, on the day, in a labelled bag that can be hung on their school cloakroom peg.

Kingfisher - Wednesday 3 October am and  
Wednesday 7 November pm

Robin - Monday 8 October pm and Monday 22  
October am

Woodpecker - Wednesday 17 October pm and  
Tuesday 6 November pm

Falcon - Monday 15 October am and Wednesday 14  
November am

Kestrel - year 5 Wednesday 24 October am and  
Wednesday 5 December am

Kestrel -year 6 Tuesday 20 November am and  
Tuesday 4 December am

Nightingale - year 3 Wednesday 10 October am and  
Wednesday 28 November am

Nightingale - year 4 Monday 19 November am and  
Monday 26 November am

## Parents Evening

Our first parents' evenings for this academic year are on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October.

Thursday 11 October

3:15 – 7:15 – Monkton Farleigh

3:30 – 7:30pm – Atworth

Tuesday 16 October

3:15 – 5:45pm – Monkton Farleigh

3:30 - 6:00pm – Atworth

Please sign up for a slot on the sheets that will be available from Monday at both bases. We do encourage all parents to attend. Mr Futcher will be at the Monkton Farleigh base on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> and Atworth base on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> if there is anything you would like to discuss with him.

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## Photograph Orders – return date

Please can you return any orders for photos to school by Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

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## HARVEST FESTIVAL

St Michael's Church, Atworth

Tuesday 16 October, 1:20pm

Our Harvest Festival is on Tuesday 16 October and children are invited to bring donations of dried and tinned goods, which will be used to support the Bradford on Avon Foodbank whose support extends to Atworth and Monkton Farleigh communities.

Pupils from Monkton Farleigh will be transferred to Atworth by coach beforehand.

After the service our PTA will be providing refreshments in the hall at our Atworth Base before parents' evening starts there at 3:30. All are welcome to stay and meet other parents and carers and some of our friendly PTA volunteers.

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 classteacher 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.

As always, parents & carers are most welcome to attend our church service and we look forward to seeing you there.

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## British Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart Event Wednesday 24 October

Alongside schools and community groups across the country, we will be holding a British Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart on Wednesday 24th October. This fun-filled skipping event will give children a chance to try out new skills whilst raising money to help save lives. Over the course of the next few weeks our pupils will learn more about heart health and will be invited to collect sponsorship for their Jump Rope for Heart event.

As a school we are very keen to promote an active and healthy lifestyle and we hope the children will find that learning, or developing, the skill of skipping is a fun way to keep fit. Upper Key Stage 2 are currently learning about the circulatory system in science, and looking at the effects of exercise on heartbeat. This is an event very close to our hearts, having lost a member of our school community two years ago. We hope that those children who knew him might like to think of Dunny and his great zest for all sporting activities whilst carrying out their own challenges.

Your child will be coming home with a simple sponsorship form and we have a set up a JustGiving page :- <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Churchfields-The-Village-School> .

We're asking each child to get as many sponsors as they can, each pledging as little or as much as they like to support their skipping. We hope you will help them get their sponsorship off to a great start in our mission to stop heart disease in its tracks. Also, we will get to keep 20% of offline funds to invest in vital equipment to benefit all our young people.

Jump Rope for Heart is an exciting event and by fundraising for the BHF, the children will not only learn about the benefits of working together to help save lives but they will also have the opportunity to be active and learn new skills.

For more information about the BHF Jump Rope for Heart please visit: [www.bhf.org/jumprope](http://www.bhf.org/jumprope)

Thank you for supporting us to support the BHF and their fight for every heartbeat.

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## Thank you to Alexis' Dad (Kingfisher class)

On 18 August 2018 Alexis' Dad successfully undertook a sponsored 10 mile tough mudder in Gloucester. There were many obstacles and tons of mud! He has very generously donated the £215.00 sponsorship he received for the event to our school pool fund and also donated some books. We would like to say a very big thank you to Alexis's Dad and very well done!

## Kestrel Class – WOW day write-up

After last week's exciting wow day, Kestrel class wrote about what they had discovered about the Baka people from the Cameroonian rainforest.

Key Stage 2 had the privilege of learning about the Baka people who live in Africa, in the rainforests of Cameroon. They learnt about their music, their dancing, their environment and their lifestyle. Cameroon is a rainforest country, where the trees are the skyscrapers and the animals are the cars and buses, walking along an overgrown path. You can find lots of animals there like pangolins, elephants and wild dogs. Not all of the animals are nice - you can find venom-packed snakes and jaw-snapping hippos. There are so many insects that not all of them have a name.

The Baka people are hunter-gatherers because they are successful hunters and gather lots of natural objects and use them to make whatever they need at the moment. They use a special type of plant stem for a thin mattress, find a hollow wood and put strings on it for a guitar and cut down bamboo sticks for a bridge with a hand rail on. With their fantastic knowledge of nature, they don't stay at an area for long and in a few weeks they move to a different place. Their house structures are very simple so it is easy for them to move around a lot. They put giant waterproof leaves over the top of their mongulu houses.

The Baka are very famous for their music. They use different materials: bottles, old cooking pots, twigs and wines and water - catching air bubbles. They make music to attract animals for hunting and they use beautiful songs for happiness. They naturally are good at dancing and make different and unique albums that are sold all over the world.

Charlotte, Madelyn, Willow, James M, Aino

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**The following piece is the culmination of Kestrel class writing on the Big Five and it contains a sentence from every child in the class**

## Amazing African Animals: the Big Five

Have you ever wanted to observe a fluffy ring-tailed lemur cuddling its baby or a herd of black buffalo stampeding across the dry plains of Africa? For someone who loves animals, an African safari is the most breath-taking experience, never to be forgotten. As the world's second biggest continent, Africa's habitats range from humid rainforest to bone-dry deserts. Therefore, Africa has a wonderful array of animals: lions, tiger and cheetahs all in the wild.

The Big Five (lion, rhino, elephant, leopard and buffalo) are featured at the top of many people's wish list. Everyone agrees that the Big Five are the

hardest animals to hunt, but now luckily tourists only want to observe the Big Five not kill them.

One of the most loved animals of the Big Five is the elephant with its extraordinary size and intelligence. With its multi-functional trunk, enormous ears and fearsome tusks (which are similar to our teeth) the elephant is easily recognisable. The remarkable thing about elephants is they have an amazing memory so they can remember where their nearest waterhole and food source is.

One of the most extraordinary animals in the world is the elephant which is included in the Big Five. With its flexible, useful trunk, enormous ears and fearsome tusks, the elephant is really recognisable. African elephants either live in the desert or the jungle (forest and savannah elephants). Elephants are being killed for their tusks (which are made out of ivory) because they are valuable. Elephants have a superb memory of water and food sources that means they can survive in extreme circumstances.

Just as elephants have got their beautiful and valuable tusks, rhinos have got their precious horns. To find their food, rhinos use their horns for digging up anything grassy: bulbs, roots, leaves, bark and more. They appear harmless herbivores, but are actually ferocious fighters, with thick, tough skin and those two powerful horns. Despite their size, they can run at an amazing 20 kilometres per hour.

A lion is way faster than a rhino, however it spends its time mostly sitting or sleeping. The lion (who has a very long mane) is a carnivore. The female lions (also known as lionesses) don't have manes. Lions have very big teeth and they have significant roars.

Yet another big cat, the leopard is one of the two cats in the Big Five. With its distinctive black spots, you cannot miss it. As a matter of fact, this ferocious feline's legs are purely made of muscle. This advantage creates speeds of around 36mph. They are extraordinary creatures that hunt in pairs (of male and female) and climb up trees so that scavengers (like hyenas) don't steal their prey.

Last but not least is the big, bulky buffalo. With its incredible figure of 200 attacks on humans a year, the buffalo sure is strong. In fact the buffalo is 3.4m tall and 1000kg heavy. As a result, they have to consume 34 litres of water a day and they stay within 20km of a water source. When they are drinking from the river, birds land on the buffaloes and remove the ticks.

The jaw dropping Big Five is a truly gloriously gorgeous group of animals. However Africa has more than just the Big Five from a tiny snake to a massive powerful hippo. Africa is a magnificent place to visit because of its super awesome animals and the amazing views.

By Kestrel class



**CHARITY  
RACE NIGHT**  
**@ The White Hart**  
**FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> OCT**  
**From 7pm**  
**£2.50 ENTRY**  
**£1 PER BET!**  
**8 RACES IN TOTAL**  
**YOU CAN SPONSOR A RACE AT £5 PER RACE, YOU CAN THEN CHOOSE THE NAME OF THE RACE**  
**ALL PROFITS GO TO**  
**CHURCHFIELDS PTA**

## DIARY DATES TERM 1 & 2

<b>TERM 1</b>	
Wednesday 03 October	Kingfisher Forest School session (am)
Wednesday 03 October	KS2 100 Things to know about space Bath Children's Literacy Festival
Thursday 04 October	KS1 Billy and the Beast Bath Children's Literacy Festival
Monday 08 October	Robin Forest School Session (pm)
Tuesday 09 October	Atworth Open Day (10am-2pm)
Wednesday 10 October	Nightingale Year 3 Forest School Session (am)
Thursday 11 October	Parents' Evening until 7:30pm
Friday 12 October	Monkton Farleigh Open Day (10am – 2pm)
Monday 15 October	Falcon Forest School Session (am)
Tuesday 16 October	Harvest Festival Atworth Church (1:20pm)
Tuesday 16 October	Parents' evening until 6pm
Wednesday 17 October	Woodpecker Forest School Session (pm)
Monday 22 October	Robin Forest School Session (am)
Wednesday 24 October	Kestrel Year 5 Forest School Session (am)
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 06 November	Woodpecker Forest School Session (pm)
Tuesday 05 – Friday 08 November	Book Week
Wednesday 07 November	Kingfisher Forest School Session (pm)
Monday 19 November	Nightingale Year 4 Forest School Session (am)
Wednesday 21 November	WOW Day
Wednesday 14 November	Falcon Forest School Session (am)
Monday 12 – Friday 16 November	E-Safety (Anti-Bullying week)
Friday 16 November	Children in Need
Tuesday 20 November	Kestrel Year 6 Forest School Session (am)
Monday 26 November	Nightingale Year 4 Forest School Session (am)
Wednesday 28 November	Nightingale Year 3 Forest School Session (am)
Tuesday 04 December	Kestrel Year 6 Forest School Session (am)
Wednesday 05 December	Kestrel Year 5 Forest School Session (am)
Tuesday 11 December	KS2 Production (details to follow)
Wednesday 12 December	Fdn/KS1 Production (details to follow)
Friday 14 December	Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 18 December	Carol Service Atworth Church 1:15pm

Term 2 Cont'd	
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