

TRIPS TO BATH CHILDREN'S LITERATURE FESTIVAL

Wednesday 03 October KS2

KS2 had a fantastic trip to Bath on Wednesday to take part in the Children's Literature Festival. Authors Alex Frith, Alice James and Jerome Martin managed to squeeze in a huge number of fascinating facts about our planet and the universe, all from their book *100 Things to Know About Space*. The children came back buzzing about all they had learnt and were impeccably behaved throughout the morning. A huge thank you must go to the PTA for their contribution to the cost of the trip, as their support means we can continue to offer these fantastic opportunities to the children. We also want to say a big thank you to all the parents that helped out on the day too.

James M and Bradley – 'our trip'

KS2 went on an amazing trip to Bath Literature Festival on Wednesday; we had lots of fun meeting the authors of 100 things to know about Space. Included in the trip were quiz questions, funny facts and interesting information. Here is what some of the children thought about it:

'There is a cloud in space that tastes like raspberry'
George E

'Space is exciting!' William M

'I want to be an astronaut when I am older' Cas

Thursday 04 October KS1

On Thursday 4th October Ks1 travelled to Bath to see the author Nadia Shireen. She is a children's author and illustrator. She read two of her books *The Bumble Bear* and *Billy and the Beast*. This was really lovely. Nadia then showed us how she illustrates her books by demonstrating how to draw some of her characters. We were also able to join in and have a go at drawing her characters too. At the end of the talk we were able to ask Nadia lots of questions. She took the time to answer them all and was very impressed with our questioning skills! This was a really fun, engaging and practical session that we all thoroughly enjoyed! We are so glad we went. There are a few people that we would like to thank for making the day possible. Firstly a huge thank you to the parent helpers that supported us on our trip. You were amazing. Thank you to the PTA for helping to fund yet another learning experience. You are fantastic! Finally thank you Miss Connelly for organising the session and sorting the day for us. You're a star! Love KS1.

Forest School returns!

On Wednesday 3rd October Kingfisher class had their first Forest school session with Mrs Liddiard. Firstly we were able to explore and climb the trees. This was brilliant. Then we looked for lost toys in the forest school area. It wasn't long before that we realised we knew the toys! In class we have been reading *Toys in space* by Mini Grey and the toys in our outdoor classroom were the same! The Hootopize had visited Atworth! Unfortunately for him though he had forgotten to pick up his friends the Pebzoids and then his spaceship broke down! This meant the Pebzoids were stranded on our school field and had no way of returning home! Fortunately for them the Hootopize is really good friends with our teachers and messaged Mrs Liddiard to ask us to build them a home and take care of them. We used leaves, sticks, twigs, moss, stones and anything we could find to build a fantastic shelter.



Whilst we were doing this we were able to watch and make friends with some lovely cows that came to visit us. They were really interested in what we were doing. They were especially intrigued by our camp fire and the delicious popcorn we made towards the end of the session. Later on we received another message from the Hootopize to say how proud he was of our hard work and great team effort. This meant the Pebzoids could come home with us at the end of the day. We had the best morning and cannot wait until our next Forest school experience! Thank you Mrs Liddiard!!!!

Next Week

Robin – Monday 08 October pm

Nightingale - year 3 Wednesday 10 October am

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.

Mental Maths skills information session for parents (whole school)

A huge thank you to Year 6 pupils Cammy, Romy, Chloe and Tamarah who came to the maths passports parents evening after school on Wednesday and demonstrated maths games with such enthusiasm!

Miss Ottner

Parents Evening

Our first parents' evenings for this academic year are on Thursday 11th and Tuesday 16th 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 are available at both bases. We do encourage all parents to attend. Mr Fitcher will be at the Monkton Farleigh base on Thursday 11th and Atworth base on Tuesday 16th if there is anything you would like to discuss with him.

Teacher Led after school clubs week commencing 08 and 15 October

Please be aware there will be no teacher led after school clubs during the weeks commencing 8th and 15th October due to staff preparing for parents evenings. These clubs are Camera club, Dance Club, KS1 Art club, Construction club, Musicianship club and Green club.

Bikeability For Year 6 children

Both our October and November courses are now full and we are unable to accept any more applications.

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.

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

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

CALLING ALL YEAR 6 PARENTS & CARERS

A reminder that applications for secondary school places must be submitted by **Midnight Wednesday 31st October 2018**

Book Week - 6th - 9th November

We will launch Term 2 with Book Week! Teachers have been busy organising a variety of exciting book themed activities for the children to take part in across the week, based on the theme of Traditional Tales. Here are some activities you should be aware of:

Scholastic Book Sale - running all week

We will be selling brand new books in both school halls before and after school all week, beginning on Tuesday afternoon:

AT - from 8.30am-8.45am and 3.15pm-3.30pm
MF - from 8.15am-8.30am and 3pm-3.15pm

Dress as a Book Character day - Wednesday 7th November

All children are invited to come into school dressed as their favourite book character on Wednesday 7th November! Donations of 50p are welcome which will go towards new books for the school.

Bedtime Stories - Wednesday 7th November 5.30-6.30pm (both bases)

All children are invited back to school, wearing their cosiest pyjamas, dressing gowns and slippers to listen to bedtime stories. We are incredibly grateful to the PTA for supporting us and providing hot chocolate for the children to enjoy. Parents are welcome to stay.

Book Swap - Thursday 8th November

Do you have any second hand books that could be enjoyed by other children? Bring in a book on Thursday and swap it with another one.

Teddy Bears' Picnic - Friday 9th November (both bases)

We will be celebrating the end of Book Week with a Teddy Bears' Picnic in the school halls on Friday afternoon. Please send your child in with a healthy snack to enjoy and children are welcome to bring their favourite bear. There will be no Gem Learner and parents/carers should collect their child at the end of the normal school day.

Armistice Service St Peter's Church Sunday 11th November at 10:45

On Sunday 11th November at 10:45, St Peter's Church Monkton Farleigh are holding their Armistice Service. We would really like to see as many children there as possible, a child/family will be asked to lay a wreath on behalf of the school. Please can you let Mrs Croker know if you can attend.



CHARITY RACE NIGHT
@ The White Hart
FRIDAY 12TH 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

Churchfields' Weekly Newsletter

Friday 05 October 2018

Woodland Holiday Club



Playing outdoors and getting muddy
Den building, camp fires, toasting marshmallows, hiking, mud kitchen, team games, nerf battles and so much more.
Boys & girls 3 to 11 years
9am to 3pm, weekday school holidays
Bring packed lunch in a small rucksack
Pre-booking essential

Box Corsham - near Bath & Chippenham

Book online: www.woodlandadventurers.org



SCHOOL HOLIDAY MULTI SPORT CAMPS ARE BACK!

FOR AGES 5 - 12 YEARS



Please bring packed lunches, water bottle & rain coat!

CORSHAM CAMP
Corsham Primary School
Pound Hill Site, Corsham,
Wiltshire SN13 9YW

£17 PER DAY
£3.00 per additional hour
(8am start or 4pm finish)

MELKSHAM CAMP
Rivermead Primary School
Lowbourne, Melksham
SN12 7ED

9AM - 3PM | BOTH CAMPS WILL BE RUNNING FROM:
THURSDAY 25TH OCTOBER - FRIDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

Please see overleaf for information on our brand new sport specific masterclasses!

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Grassroots Sports Academy

Autumn Holiday Club

We at Grassroots Sports Academy are happy to tell you that we are going to be running Multi-Sports Holiday clubs at Stonar School, Atworth, Melksham, SN12 8NU from THURSDAY 25TH OCTOBER – 26TH OCTOBER

SPORT CLUB	CLUB OPEN TO	TIME	DATES	COST PER CHILD	DAY(S) ATTENDING (PLEASE CIRCLE)
MULTI-SPORTS This includes football, Athletics, Cricket, Hockey, Basketball, Badminton Volleyball Games & much more)	All children aged 4-12	9:00am-3:00pm	25th Oct To 26th Oct	Early Bird Booking before 23rd Oct Both days £30 Any Individual days £16 After that date Both days £40 Any Individual Days £20	ALL WEEK, OR MONDAY TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY

To book your child/children onto the Holiday Club or if you have any enquires please contact:
Kevin Hughes 07876688636

Email grassrootsports@btinternet.com or visit our facebook page Grassroots sports academy

Please note: To Secure your Early Bird Booking a %50 Deposit is required by the 23rd Oct you can do this by either contacting Kevin Hughes or By Bank Transfer/ ACC No -06912497 Sort Code 09-01-29

Please bring the form and remaining payment on the 1st day you attend



Booking Form

Name: DOB:

School:

Home Address:

Postcode:

Home Telephone:

Mobile:

Emergency no:

Medical requirements:

*Payment enclosed:

Parent/Guardian name:

Signature: Date:

*Make cheques payable to Grassroots Sports Academy /GSA

DIARY DATES TERM 1 & 2

TERM 1	
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)
Friday 12 October	Bike check for Bikeability YR6
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)
Friday 19 October	Bikeability YR6
Monday 22 October	Robin Forest School Session (am)
Tuesday 23 October	Bikeability YR6
Wednesday 24 October	Kestrel Year 5 Forest School Session (am)
Wednesday 24 October	End of Term 1

Term 2	
Monday 5 November	Inset Day
Tuesday 06 November	Term 2 Begins
Tuesday 06 November	Woodpecker Forest School Session (pm)
Tuesday 05 – Friday 08 November	Book Week Scholastic Book Fair running all week before and after school
Wednesday 07 November	Dress as a Book Character Day
Wednesday 07 November	Bedtime Stories 5:30 -6:30 pm
Wednesday 07 November	Kingfisher Forest School Session (pm)
Wednesday 07 November	Bikeability YR6
Thursday 08 November	Book Swap
Friday 09 November	Teddy Bears' Picnic No Gem Learner
Sunday 11 November	Armistice Service St Peter's Church Monkton Farleigh at 10:45am
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)

Term 2 Cont'd	
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
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