

## Nightingale Class - Visit from Michelle Donelan, MP

Nightingale class took part in an environmental workshop today to discuss the problem of plastic pollution with Michelle Donelan, MP for Chippenham. It was very interesting to hear everything the government are doing to protect the environment, such as introducing new laws for businesses to limit the amount of single use plastic in products sold to consumers, as well as discussing what we can do at home as individuals.

I was particularly impressed by the thoughtful questions Year 3 and 4 raised and the suggestions they put forward which will now be taken back to Parliament. Well done Nightingale class!

Miss Connelly

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## Forest School

Nightingale Year 3s had an amazing time on Wednesday in Forest School. Taking advantage of all the beautiful autumn leaves falling, the children designed a camouflaged mask using a selection of leaves and bark found from the forest floor which were then used in a game of hide and seek.

"My friend found a shield bug and it was camouflaged in the grass." Lennon.

"I really enjoyed it because we could find hidden pictures of clever, camouflaged animals." George

"What I love about Forest School is we get to make so many things and we make s 'mores!"

"It's very fun seeing the autumn leaves falling and to see the autumn coloured leaves. That was awesome! It's not good: it's great!" Ethan.

## Next Week

Falcon – Monday 15 October am

Woodpecker - Wednesday 17 October pm

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.

## School Open Days

We held our annual school open days on Tuesday and Friday this week and it was lovely to be able to show our visitors what our school has to offer. All were extremely complimentary about our school and children. Well done team Churchfields!

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## Teacher Led after school clubs week commencing 15 October

Please be aware there will be no teacher led after school clubs during the week commencing 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.

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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/Carers of pupils from Monkton Farleigh who are attending the service will be able to take their children straight afterwards if they so wish. Please ensure you inform your child's classteacher at the time so they can make a note.

Children from Monkton Farleigh who do not have parents/carers attending the service 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.

## Book Week - 6th - 9th November

**Scholastic Book Sale - running all week –  
parent/Carer Volunteers needed**

Last week we published details for our upcoming book week. We will be selling brand new books in both school halls before and after school all week, beginning on Tuesday afternoon and we would really appreciate your help to run the book sale at both sites. If you can help please contact the office.

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

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## CALLING ALL YEAR 6 PARENTS & CARERS

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

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## 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.

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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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## DIARY DATES TERM 1 & 2

<b>TERM 1</b>	
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

<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 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 <b>No Gem Learner</b>
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