

Message from Helen Forsyth, on behalf of the Governing Body

Mr Fatcher has been unfortunate enough to have a severe chest infection which has meant he has been away from school recently. However I am pleased to confirm that he is making a good recovery and we hope that he will be back to work on Monday.

First Term Round up

Well, what an amazing, busy and productive first term we have had! We have welcomed our new starters into the Reception year and all of the children have settled in beautifully. They have very much enjoyed a really exciting autumn term and are now looking forward to a little rest.

We have been incredibly fortunate to have had two fantastic Wow days launching the KS1 and KS2 topics as well as a trip to the Guildhall in Bath to meet authors and illustrators. It's not until we stop and take a moment that we realise just how packed a term we have had and how fortunate we all are.

We would like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful PTA for helping to support these events and allowing us the opportunity to provide such a rich and varied curriculum for all.

The school community was treated to a wonderful Harvest service on the 16th October. We were truly overwhelmed by the children's performances and generosity of the parents. The Bradford on Avon Food Bank were bowled over by the sheer amount we had collected on their behalf.

The children have enjoyed Forest school sessions, we have most definitely made the most of the weather conditions and utilised the beautiful grounds across the school.

Both bases have also had an influx of new parents come to visit us. The Open days at Atworth and Monkton Farleigh were incredibly well attended. The prospective parents said such lovely things about all that they saw and were terribly impressed with the children's learning, their manners and willingness to talk to them about their classrooms and teachers. Since the Open days we have had numerous phone calls asking for more appointments to look around our wonderful school. It was a real privilege showing visitors around. Everyone should be very proud of themselves.

Of course this wouldn't be at all possible without the dedication and hard work that is put in by all of the staff across the school. The teachers, TA's, admin, finance officers, MDSA's, volunteers and cooks. They all ensure the children are nurtured, educated and taken care of daily. For this we are truly thankful and grateful. Well done Team Churchfields!

From all of us, have a marvellous break, you deserve it. We are all looking forward to another busy term and are already preparing lots of fantastic learning opportunities and events. See you all on Tuesday November 6th!

Mrs Genner

Forest School Sessions continue across both bases with resilient, resourceful Falcons making the most of a rainy morning shelter building and Woodpeckers creating wonderful homes for their pebble pets!

Falcons' class had an amazing, although soggy time, on Monday with Mrs Liddiard and Forest school. We hunted for camouflaged worms, made dens- that were needed in the rain!

We were then lucky enough to have a camp fire and the delicious Smores!

Thank you Mrs Liddiard!

Forest School

Next Week

Robin – Monday 22 October am and
Kestrel Year 5 - Wednesday 24 October am

Term 2 – week 1

Woodpecker - Tuesday 06 November pm
Kingfisher – Wednesday 07 November pm

Future dates for term 2 are on the calendar at the end of this newsletter

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.



Engineering Showcase



County Hall Trowbridge

On Tuesday six year three STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Maths) ambassadors from Churchfields travelled to County Hall in Trowbridge. They were there to demonstrate and share primary school science activities to visiting guests and dignitaries. Over 400 children visited the event, along with business leaders, university academics, researchers and local politicians. Businesses such as Dyson and Rolls Royce had demonstrations and there were some fantastic robots and racing cars too. Our six pupils were a credit to Churchfields School and their science learning, confidently explaining their activities to visitors, including Leonardo Da Vinci and a Mr Brunel! It was an honour to be invited as one of only five schools to demonstrate our great, science learning. Jessie was a master of surface tension, Lila and Rosa were brilliant at timing people and their ability to pick up food with different adapted "beaks" and Ethan, Leo and George enjoyed sharing the mysteries of dinosaur poo!

Follow the link to read more about the event and its aims <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/news/articles/all-the-fun-of-the-fair-at-science-and-engineering-event>

British Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart Event Wednesday 24 October

Getting Ready!

The whole school has been getting ready for the challenge and this week pupils at our Atworth base from year 5 helped KS1 practice their skills to get ready for Jump Rope.

Luca and Cammy from Kestrel class had this to say:-

'A few days ago, we taught KS1 how to skip. We showed them lots of skipping games and they had lots of fun. Some of the year 5's showed them lower body stretches and a few of the other year 5 boys did upper body stretches which KS1 enjoyed. Then we moved onto games and then simple steps for skipping. Now they are ready for Jump Rope'.

You can support this event by sponsoring your child 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.

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.

School Lunch Payment balances

Since moving to Parent Pay for school lunches we have received feedback from some parents/carers that it would be helpful to know what has been spent on lunches as this facility is not currently available to us on Parent Pay. We understand it is not always easy to keep track of what is being spent, especially if your child doesn't have a school lunch every day.

To help resolve this matter, we are going to introduce a payment reminder message which will be sent to parents/carers if there is a negative balance recorded for school lunches for your child,

Reminder messages will be sent via e-mail on the Monday of each week during term time starting on Monday 05 November.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this please contact the office.

Many thanks

Book Week - 6th - 9th November

Book week starts the day we return; here is a reminder of the events taking place.

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.

DIARY DATES TERM 1 & 2

TERM 1	
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 06 – 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)

Term 2 cont'd	
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
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