

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent/Carer,

A huge thank you to all members of the school community who supported our Christmas fairs on Sunday! The PTA worked tirelessly with staff to secure a festive, fun atmosphere, and a significant amount of money was raised thanks to your generosity. Please see further notices from the PTA for the final figure. These events are becoming more crucial in the current climate of financial pressures on schools so we appreciate every effort made and penny raised!

Kind regards,

Simon Fletcher.

Parking Atworth Base

At the beginning of the month we reminded parents/carers of our guidelines regarding sensible parking at drop off and pick-up times. Sadly, since then we have received a number of complaints from our neighbours regarding inconsiderate parking.

Please can everyone ensure they are not parking across driveways or on any part of the road marked as prohibited.

To try and reduce the amount of vehicles in the area during the start and end of the school day; we would like to propose re-starting a walking bus. To be able to do this we will need volunteer parent/carers to act as escorts, as well as an idea on numbers.

If you can help with or would like your child to be part of the walking bus please email admin@churchfields.wilts.sch.uk with the subject heading 'Walking Bus Atworth'.

Thank you

Mathletics

Well done to everyone who took part in last week's Mathletics Challenge. We finished 145th out of 400 schools, with an average score of 721 points per pupil. 42 children earned certificates with some children achieving extremely high scores. A special well done to Henry H (3080), Henry M (4670), Belle (4133) and Tamarah (5010).

Forest School

Year 3 and 4's Festive Forest School

Nightingale class had a fantastic time in Forest School this week, despite the heavy rain and gale force winds! The children used Ivy and Elder, along with other natural materials, and some seasonal sparkle to create lovely Christmas star decorations that can be enjoyed for many years to come. This activity really tested and improved their knot tying skills

A big thank you to Mrs Liddiard for making Forest School such an enjoyable experience this week.

Next week's sessions

For a change, Forest School sessions next week for Kestrel class will be cross year group. The children are aware of which day they should be bringing in Forest School clothes.

Tuesday 04th December – Kestrel class morning session

Wednesday 05th December – Kestrel Class morning session

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.

Once Upon a Times

Kestrel class have been studying journalistic writing this term and have combined this with our fairy-tale inspiration from Book Week to produce a report on a recent crime spree undertaken by a young girl.

Wednesday 29th November 2018 Once upon a Times £1.00

Goldy locked up for good!

Bullied Bears left bawling after house turned into catastrophic crime scene!

After sunrise on Tuesday morning, the reckless criminal, who we believe to be Goldilocks, stupidly forced into the three bears humble home. Because of the fact that Goldilocks is very disrespectful (and never listens to her mother), this crime could not be Goldilocks' first crime scene.

This teenage terror could be on your doorstep tomorrow; specialised forces have been searching the neighbourhood, looking for the DNA of this crazy criminal. The specialised forces are still concerned whether she is working alone or part of a city gang.

Did you check your biscuit tin last night? Do you have CCTV cameras outside your door? Do you hear footsteps when you are in your upstairs bathroom? Discovered any missing tins of beans?

Incredible Interviews

Mummy Bear, age 36 and currently unemployed, explained what effect this is having on her husband and child. "Daddy Bear ain't fixin' no chairs, 'is paws' 're too big for a job like 'at. Baby Bear keeps on cryin' and cryin' and now we're broke."

The seriousness of the crime was described by PC Bobby Badger. "When I arrived at the house it instantly occurred to me that there had been several criminal acts. I realised that a crime had happened, not just any crime, a huge crime including porridge stains, a broken chair and crumpled duvets."

Satisfying stats

Since the end of January, crimes committed by people without an official woodland passport has been increased by 97%. These terrible incidents include: poaching precious birds; burglary of fox and badger holes and shoplifting from the local woodland store. This awful series of actions has sadly occurred that the official rating of the Fairy-tale Woods has dropped from 100% to 10% but we believe we can fix it.

We strongly recommend that you lock you doors (if you can) until the violent villain has been caught. If you have any relevant information on this crime please call 246369.

Just yesterday the Special Forces told us that they are launching new ideas to catch this criminal:

- Education programmes in local schools
- Increased CCTV/ Wise Owls
- DNA samples for forensic purposes

After the huge increase in crimes (97%) this means that the Wise owls and the Special Forces have teamed up- becoming known as the Woodland Warrior fighters- to make the best SWAT team in the world.

Who's been Tweeting

@oliveowl_2061 @onceuponatimes Hoot that little girl ain't goin' know were #help #sos

@Nuts4Life_SquillJeff @onceuponatimes

I was in a tree when this happened and that evil girl should be locked up #Bearsarebrilliant #Dontstealporridge

@Owly_Bernard21 @onceuponatimes

After police man PC Bobby told me about it I flew as fast as I could and I saw Goldilocks forcing in #spyongdilocks' house

By James M and Amelia



School Milk

Cool milk have asked us to let you know that from next week our milk will no longer be in poly bottles and will now be packaged in cartons with straws

Christmas production costumes

Children should have received a slip in their book bags to let parents/carers know what is needed for their costume for our Christmas Productions.

Please could all children bring their costumes for the Christmas productions into school by **Wednesday next week (5th December)**. These should be in a named carrier bag.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH & ACTIVITIES

Friday 14th December

Children from Monkton Farleigh will transfer to Atworth by coach in the morning at 9:45am and will be back at Monkton Farleigh for pick up at the end of the day.

We have lots of Christmas activities planned:

- ★ Children can dress in party clothes, Christmas jumpers or something festive!
- ★ To round up the day's activities there will be a show in the church hall

Don't forget to let us know if your child/children want a Christmas lunch – simply complete the form sent home in book bags this week and return it to us by Thursday 6th DECEMBER.



CAROL SERVICE

Tuesday 18th
December, 1:15pm, St
Michael's Church,
Atworth

Everyone is welcome to join us at our Carol Service.

The PTA will be serving tea & mince pies afterwards, in the school hall at Atworth, and we look forward to seeing you there.

A coach is booked after lunch to bring Robin & Falcon classes over to the church and back again to Monkton Farleigh for pick up at the end of the school day.

Parents/Carers of pupils from Monkton Farleigh who are in attendance 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 have to 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.

We look forward to seeing lots of you there.



CAROL SINGING

Everyone is welcome to join in!

You will need to wrap up warm and bring a torch and please note – children need to be accompanied by an adult.

★ **Wednesday 19th December - MF**
Carols on the amphitheatre, 3pm-4pm

★ **Wednesday 19th December – Atworth**

Meeting at 4:30pm in the School Hall before singing around the village

Formal Consultation on Co-ordinated Schemes 2020/21 and Admission Arrangements for VC and C schools 2020/21

The Local Authority are inviting comments on four proposal documents listed below regarding Admission Arrangements in 2020/21. Parents and Carers can e-mail any comments to admissions@wiltshire.gov.uk All responses need be made on or before Monday 14 January 2019.

The results of the consultation will be considered before the Cabinet Members of Wiltshire Council are asked to adopt them as the determined policies. This will be at the meeting prior to 28 February 2019.

1. Proposed Co-ordinated scheme for Primary Admissions 2020/21
2. Proposed Co-ordinated scheme for Secondary Admissions 2020/2021
3. Proposed Admission Arrangements for VC & C primary schools for 2020/21
4. Proposed Admission Arrangements for VC & C secondary schools 2020/21

Full details of the proposals can be found at: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-admissions-consultation

Lost pair of shorts – Atworth Base

One of our children is missing a pair of tailored shorts which are believed to have gone astray after multi-sports on Monday. We are asking all parents/carers who have children that take part in this club if they would please check to see if they came home with their child by mistake.

Thank you.



EASYFUNDRAISING

Goal
£ 6 000



Thanks to everyone that has already signed up to this before doing their on-line shop,

Use easyfundraising when you shop online for your bargains, and you'll be giving #MoreThanAGift this Christmas by raising free donations for Churchfields PTA, Atworth & Monkton Farleigh!

With incredible offers from over 3,000 retailers, you'll find all you need for a merry Christmas and give our fundraising a festive boost! Sign up today:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/churchfieldspta>



Wednesday 5th Dec

5.30 – 7.00pm

Churchfields The Village School

- A Christmas themed disco for all the children
 - £3 per child (£5 for 2)
- Hot dogs and popcorn provided
 - Pay on the evening

Venue – Atworth Base

Diary Dates Term 2

Term 2	
Tuesday 04 December	Kestrel Forest School Session (am)
Wednesday 05 December	Kestrel Forest School Session (am)
Wednesday 05 December	Whole School Christmas Disco Atworth Base 5:30pm – 7:30pm
Thursday 6 December	Christmas Rehearsal (am) MF to AT
Tuesday 11 December	KS2 Production
Wednesday 12 December	Fdn/KS1 Production
Friday 14 December	Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 18 December	Carol Service Atworth Church 1:15pm
Wednesday 19 December	Falcon Forest School Session (am)
Wednesday 19 December	Monkton Farleigh Carols on the Amphitheatre 3pm – 4pm
Wednesday 19 December	Atworth Carol Singing 4:30pm (meet at the school hall)
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