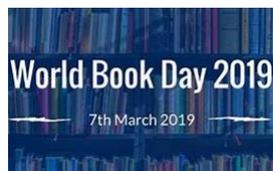


This week Kingfisher class have welcomed back an ex pupil of the school. Sophie Bailey a former pupil has returned to Churchfields and will be working in the class twice a week until the end of this academic year. Sophie would love to work with children and has taken up a placement at our school to support her in her studies. She has already proven herself to be an invaluable help and support within the classroom and the children were thrilled to be working alongside her. Welcome back Sophie!

## Year 5/6 Percussion Workshop

On Wednesday morning the professional percussionists Adriano Adewale and David Garcia led an inspiring workshop for year 5/6. Starting off with a warm up clapping game, we swiftly got into the swing (a technical term meaning feeling the beat). Just after we had found the rhythm of the music, we moved onto learning how to use samba instruments. Each group had their own responsibility to contribute to the samba rhythm. This was essential preparation, as we are going to be performing at the Wiltshire Music Centre on May 24. Adriano explained that we will be joining with three other schools to create our own piece. We then began to brainstorm the lyrics for our part of the song. The composition is based on transition and moving on to a secondary school. We can't wait to hear the final piece and perform with the other schools.



## World Book Day

The theme of this year's Book Day is 'share a story' and we are warmly welcoming parents in to both sites on Thursday to

share stories with the children in the school hall. At Atworth, please join us after 2.15pm and at Monkton Farleigh, you are welcome to stay after the morning drop off at 8.30am-9am. Please feel free to bring your own favourite stories or borrow some from our collection.

Don't forget that children are welcome to come into school dressed as their favourite book character on Thursday 07 March.

## Bake off for Wellboring



We are really proud to tell you that the fundraiser Annabel, Laura and Henry organised is featured in the latest edition of The Bath & Wiltshire Parent magazine.

You can read the full article at <http://thebathandwiltshireparent.co.uk/2019/02/churchfields-school-bake-off-raises-170-for-wellboring-charity/>

Thank you Miss Ottner for putting this fantastic article together!

## British Science Week 2019



## Science Week 12-16 March

We are all busily researching and preparing for our annual Science week, which this year will be themed around Space and the 50th Anniversary of the first moon landing. As ever, the week will be packed with activities and visitors, generously subsidised by our wonderful PTA. This year we will be joined by Sirius Astronomy, who will provide workshops across the whole school, as well as welcoming back the very popular Education Group for some fun science activities too.

The teachers all put a lot into preparing and planning this exciting week and especially the day of practical workshops on the Wednesday. As you are aware from communications earlier in the year from Mr Fitcher and our Chair of Governors, our school budget is not stretching as far as it used to in these pressured financial times, so we would like to ask for a voluntary contribution towards resourcing the week's activities. **A donation of £2 is suggested and cash should be sent in a labelled envelope to the office by 15 March please.**

I do hope you agree with us that Science week is a great memorable learning experience for all the children, and that you can support us in helping make this year's week just as special.

Many Thanks,

Andrea Liddiard  
Science Lead



## Parents Evening

Parents' evenings will take place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

Tuesday 19 March

3:15 – 5:45pm – Monkton Farleigh

3:30 – 6:00pm – Atworth

Thursday 28 March

3:15 – 7:15pm – Monkton Farleigh

3:30 – 7:30pm – 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 Atworth base on Tuesday 19 March and Monkton Farleigh base on Thursday 28 March if there is anything you would like to discuss with him.



## World Down Syndrome Day Thursday 21 March 2019

On the 21st March it is World Down Syndrome Day, the theme is 'lots of socks'. We are inviting all children to bring in a new pair of plain socks that will be decorated and made unique, highlighting the fact that a child with Down Syndrome is the same and just has an extra special chromosome.

Children in KS2 will be designing the socks as part of their fashion topic ensuring they highlight this extra chromosome.

## Forest School returns Monday 18 March



Forest School sessions will start again this term. Please check and make a note of the dates for your child's class or year group. If for any reason we have to change any of the session's dates we will let you know via Parent Mail.

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.

**Kestrel Yr.5 Monday 18 March am**

**Kingfisher Tuesday 19 March**

**Kestrel Yr.6 Monday 25 March am**

**Falcon Tuesday 26 March am**

**Robin Tuesday 26 March pm**

**Nightingale Yr.4 Monday 01 April am**

**Nightingale Yr.3 Wednesday 03 April am**

**Woodpecker Thursday 04 April pm**



## Easter Concert Tuesday 02 April Atworth Base

Our Easter concert will take place after school at the Atworth base on Tuesday 02 April. We are looking forward to performances from our ukulele groups,

performing arts club, guitar players, pianists and singers who have lessons in school. We know that there are also many talented musicians who have lessons outside school. If you have a piece that will be ready to perform at the concert at the end of term, please let Miss Ottner know so that she can put the programme together.

Everyone is welcome to attend. As this is the same day as our Easter Service, children from Monkton Farleigh who would like to perform or to watch can remain at Atworth at the end of the day and parents will then need to collect them from our Atworth base at 4:30pm. Please let Mrs Croker or Miss Davis know if your child is going to stay for the concert.

## Monkton Farleigh Clean Up

The annual village litter pick will take place on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March. All volunteers will meet at the Village Hall at 09:30 and progress from there. All villagers are welcome. Equipment will be provided.

Please tell your neighbours.

Matt Midlane (Chair of MF Parish Council)

01225859666

## Petition to increase funding for schools

Our school like many others is having to make increasingly difficult choices on how to spend our limited funding because income has not kept pace with the rise in costs since 2010. You may have seen articles on fairer funding and as part of the group campaigning for this, Wiltshire Council have asked us to share the following link to a petition to increase funding for schools

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/232220>

The good news is that the petition already has over 100,000 signatories which means it is now to be debated next Monday 04 March in the House of Commons. It would be really great to add more signatures before the debate begins and we would really appreciate it if you could take the time to sign. The debate will be available to watch online at [parliamentlive.tv](http://parliamentlive.tv)

## The Hub@BA15

Some of you may know that for the past three years, The Hub@BA15 has provided over 1000 food parcels to those in need. We know that this has been a welcome help to many families during school holidays when free school lunches are not available.

We want to let everyone know that we always welcome those in need. Your details can be provided to the school; alternatively you can contact the Hub directly. We also want you to know that we are able to provide parcels during non-school holidays for the entire family. Your child's school is in possession of vouchers which they can sign and you can fill out. Bringing this voucher to the Hub on Church Street in Bradford on Avon allows you to receive a food parcel tailored to your family.

The Hub is open Monday through Friday from 10 to 1. Our phone number is 01225 920148 and email is [boacommunityhub@gmail.com](mailto:boacommunityhub@gmail.com) should you need any information. We are also able to help with debt advice and some welfare benefit enquiries. We have a phone and computers with printing facilities which are available for use.

Coffee and a chat is always available but the coffee morning on 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in the month offers cake as well!



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### 3D Model

Come and see a 3D model of the planned science extension and hear how you can help.



### Special Guest

Professor Carole Mundell, Professor of Extragalactic Astronomy and Head of Physics at the University of Bath and Chief Scientific Advisor at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.



### Hear from Students

Presentation by former and current students working in and studying STEM.

Cash and card payments can be accepted on the evening.

RSVP: 01225 309500 or [admin@st-laurence.com](mailto:admin@st-laurence.com)

## Melksham Oak Community School

### Year 5 'Working Together' Evening Thursday 7 March 2019

(Science, History, Music and ICT)

Refreshments will be available from 5:40pm onwards.  
Workshops run from 6:00pm to 7:30pm.

If you would like to attend this evening, please email Jane Furnivall, Assistant Principal at [furnivallj@melkshamoak.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:furnivallj@melkshamoak.wilts.sch.uk) to reserve a place.

If your child was previously offered a place at the evening in January that was cancelled you will automatically be offered a place for this event.

## Momo challenge:

Please find attached details regarding the 'Momo' Challenge which has had a lot of press coverage in recent days. We take online safety very seriously in school and want to keep children safe whilst they are away from school as well. Hopefully the advice will help you to discuss this 'challenge' should your child come across it.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/momo-online-safety-guide-for-parents>

It's important to note that new challenges are arising on the internet all the time. We have created to this guide to raise awareness of the issue and offer advice on helping parents to talk to their children about making safer decisions online. See also our 7 conversation starters' guide for more tips on better communication with your child.



Momo is a sinister 'challenge' that has been around for some time. It has recently resurfaced and once again has come to the attention of schools and children across the country. Dubbed the 'suicide killer game', Momo has been heavily linked with apps such as Facebook, WhatsApp, YouTube, and most recently (and most worryingly)... YouTube Kids. The scary doll-like figure reportedly sends graphic violent images, and asks users to partake in dangerous challenges like waking up at random hours and has even been associated with self-harm. It has been reported that the 'Momo' figure was originally created as a sculpture and featured in an art gallery in Tokyo and unrelated to the 'Momo' challenge we are hearing about in the media.

What parents need to know about

# MOMO

## CHILDREN'S VIDEOS BEING 'HIJACKED'

There have been recent reports that some seemingly innocent videos on YouTube and YouTube Kids (such as 'surprise eggs', unboxing videos and Minecraft videos) have been edited by unknown sources to include violence provoking and/or other inappropriate content. Even though YouTube monitor and remove videos that include inappropriate content, clips can be uploaded and viewed thousands of times before they get reported and removed. As a parent, it's difficult to spot these videos as the harmful content doesn't appear until partway through the video.

## DISTRESSING FOR CHILDREN

Popular YouTubers and other accounts have been uploading reaction videos, showing their experience of the MOMO challenge. Some of the videos include a disclosure message warning that the content may be "inappropriate or offensive to some audiences" and that "viewer discretion is advised" but these videos are still easily accessed by clicking 'I understand and wish to proceed'. The image of the 'Momo' character can be deeply distressing to children and young people and it's important to note that it may slip through parental settings and filters.

## SUGGESTED VIDEOS ON YOUTUBE

Video apps such as YouTube include an 'up next' feature which automatically starts playing another video based on the video just watched. Due to YouTube's algorithm, users are shown 'suggested videos' that they may be interested in. The thumbnails used on suggested videos are purposefully created in a way to encourage viewers to click them. During our research, we found that when watching one Momo related video, we were shown countless other Momo themed videos and other scary content which would be age-inappropriate for children under 18.



**National  
Online  
Safety**

## Top Tips for Parents

### TELL THEM IT'S NOT REAL

Just like any urban legend or horror story, the concept can be quite frightening and distressing for young people. Whilst this may seem obvious, it's important for you to reiterate to your child that Momo is not a real person and cannot directly harm them! Also, tell your child to not go openly searching for this content online as it may only cause more distress.

### BE PRESENT

It's important for you, as a parent or carer, to be present while your children are online. This will give you a greater understanding of what they are doing on their devices, as well as providing you with the opportunity to discuss, support and stop certain activities that your child may be involved in. As the nature of each task become progressively worse it's also important to recognise any changes in your child's behaviour.

### TALK REGULARLY WITH YOUR CHILD

As well as monitoring your child's activity, it's important for you to discuss it with them too. Not only will this give you an understanding of their online actions, but those honest and frequent conversations will encourage your child to feel confident to discuss issues and concerns they may have related to the online world.

### DEVICE SETTINGS & PARENTAL CONTROLS

Ensure that you set up parental controls for your devices at home. This will help to restrict the types of content that your child can view, as well as help you to monitor their activity. In addition to this, it's vital that you are aware of your device and account settings to ensure your child's utmost safety. For example, on YouTube you can turn off 'suggested auto-play' on videos to stop your child from viewing content that they have not directly selected.

### PEER PRESSURE

Trends and viral challenges can be tempting for children to take part in; no matter how dangerous or scary they seem. Make sure you talk to your child about how they shouldn't succumb to peer pressure and do anything they are not comfortable with, online or offline. If they are unsure, encourage them to talk to you or another trusted adult.

### REAL OR HOAX?

As a parent it is natural to feel worried about certain things you see online that may be harmful to your child. However, not everything you see online is true. Check the validity of the source and be mindful of what you share as it may only cause more worry.

### REPORT & BLOCK

You can't always rely on parental controls to block distressing or harmful material. People find ways around a platform's algorithm in order to share and promote this type of material. Due to this, we advise that you flag and report any material you deem to be inappropriate or harmful as soon as you come across it. You should also block the account/content to prevent your child from viewing it. Also encourage your child to record/screenshot any content they feel could be malicious to provide evidence in order to escalate the issue to the appropriate channels.

### FURTHER SUPPORT

Speak to the safeguarding lead within your child's school should you have any concerns regarding your child's online activity or malicious content that could affect them.

If your child sees something distressing, it is important that they know where to go to seek help and who their trusted adults are. They could also contact Childline where a trained counsellor will listen to anything that's worrying them.

The Childline phone number is 0800 1111.

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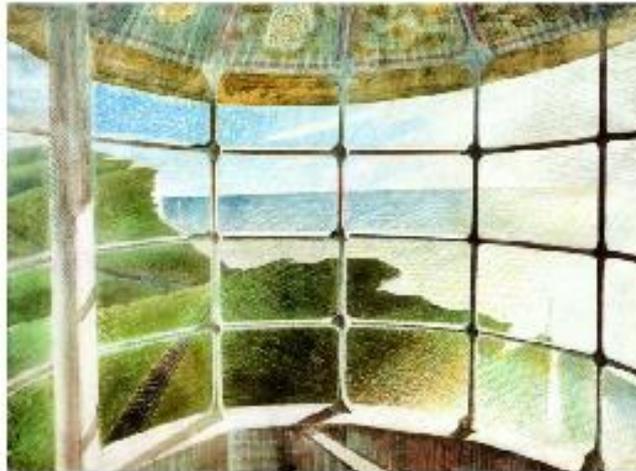




**Saturday 30th September -  
Sunday 8th October 2017**

CORSHAM, LACOCK, BOX, YATTON KEYNE, MARTFIELD, COLENS, CHIPPENHAM, FOLEY SURROUNDING VILLAGES

## **Youth Art Competition 2019—'Draw What You See From Your Window'**



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Entries for 'Draw What You See From Your Window' can be in any medium, including:

*Painting, Ceramics, Printmaking, Drawing, Textiles, Mixed Media, Mosaics, Sculpture and Digital Art/Photography.*

The competition is open to everyone 18 and under and will be judged, and the winners notified, by the end of the summer term.

Winners will be chosen from the following age groups:

6 years and under

7-10 years

11-14 years

15-18 years

The winning pictures will be exhibited at the Town Hall during the Peacock Arts Trail .

Contact—[sleigh@corsham.gov.uk](mailto:sleigh@corsham.gov.uk) or 01249 702130 with any questions.

Corsham Town Council, Town Hall, High Street, Corsham, Wiltshire SN13 0EZ

All participants are asked to post their artwork, if flat, or email it, if 3 dimensional for judging to [sleigh@corsham.gov.uk](mailto:sleigh@corsham.gov.uk).

The closing date for the competition is Friday 12 July 2019.

## Diary Dates Term 4

Term 4	
Thursday 07 March	World Book Day
Thursday 07 March	Share a Story Monkton Farleigh 08:30 -9am Atworth 2:15 pm
Monday 11 March – Friday 15 March	STEM Week (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths)
Wednesday 13 March	STEM day whole school Atworth Base
Friday 15 March	Red Nose Day (Comic Relief)
<b>Monday 18 March – Friday 22 March</b>	<b>No teacher led after school clubs this week</b>
Monday 18 March am	Kestrel Year 5 Forest School morning
Tuesday 19 March pm	Kingfisher Class Forest School afternoon
Tuesday 19 March	Parents' evening until 6pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	'Lots of Socks' World Down Syndrome Day
<b>Monday 25 March – Friday 29 March</b>	<b>No teacher led after school clubs this week</b>
Monday 25 March am	Kestrel Year 6 Forest School Morning
Tuesday 26 March am	Falcon Class Forest School Morning
Tuesday 26 March pm	Robin Class Forest School afternoon
Wednesday 27 March	WOW Day
Thursday 28 March	Parents' evening until 7:30pm
Monday 01 April am	Nightingale Yr. 4 Forest School morning
Tuesday 02 April	Easter Service Atworth Church 1:15pm

Term 4 Cont'd	
Tuesday 02 April	Easter Concert Atworth Hall 2:30 – 4:30
Wednesday 03 April am	Nightingale Year 3 Forest School morning
Thursday 04 April pm	Woodpecker Forest School afternoon
<b>Friday 05 April</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Friday 05 April	End of Term 4
<b>Monday 22 April</b>	<b>Easter Monday Bank Holiday</b>
Tuesday 23 April	Start of Term 5

Future INSET days for Academic Year 2018/2019:  
Monday 3rd June & Thursday 25th July