

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent/Carer,

Another exciting week is nearly behind us. Thank you to all children and parents for supporting World Book Day yesterday. Anything that encourages children to read is definitely worthwhile. Children with well-developed reading skills find it easier to access the rest of the curriculum and make well-rounded progress in school so we hope the day further inspired children to explore an even wider variety of texts in the future. Thanks to Miss Connelly for organising the day.

We are proud of the many achievements all our pupils accomplish every single day at Churchfields. We were particularly pleased to hear that Henry in year six has managed to secure a scholarship to attend King Edward's School Bath, alongside a Headmaster's award for his sporting ability and academic potential. A huge well done to Henry! We wish him all the best with his new venture from September.

Thank you to members of the school community who supported the online petition to request a debate on school funding in the House of Commons. Signatories exceeded the required number and the issue was debated this week. A transcript of the debate can be read at <https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2019-03-04/debates/2EB33517-190D-4882-8682-4953D09C5CB0/SchoolFunding> alternatively, it can be watched at <https://parliamentlive.tv/Event/Index/198bdfcd-f451-4891-a8b5-c8a888c4c2a0>

As always, thank you for your support which is greatly appreciated.

Kind regards,

Simon Fletcher.



World Book Day

Churchfields, once again you have outdone yourselves for World Book Day!

We were all so impressed with the effort everyone had put into their costumes and

would like to say a big thank you to the parents who have helped organise costumes and props, which is no mean feat. We had witches and wizards, mythical creatures, characters from English classics and comic books... We even had a dragon!

As the theme for the day was 'sharing a story', we had a lovely time moving from classroom to classroom listening to and enjoying our favourite stories together, in between book trails and quizzes

and other book-themed activities. We were even privileged enough to listen to a brand new story written by one of our KS1 mums as an extra special treat. Thanks to Chloe, Betsey, Romy and Faythe who have written the article below about this.

A big thank you to those parents who came to read with us this morning at Monkton Farleigh and this afternoon at Atworth as well.

What a super way to celebrate how much our school community love reading!

Flip and Flop

Today we had a very exciting visit by one of the Woodpeckers' parents: Heidi's mum. She shared a story - which she wrote herself - about Flip and Flop, the twin sandals.

The storyline was based on our natural environment and how we can protect our world from pollution. She was inspired by Heidi's habit of litter-picking whenever she can.

She changed it into a story for children to understand and have fun with, but it had a very special lesson to it. "I liked the poetry in the story and thought the flip flops' names were fantastic!" exclaimed Betsey (4 years old).

We would really like her to write another story - or even a whole series - and to come and share it with us!

by Chloe, Betsey, Romy and Faythe

Monkton Farleigh Clean Up Sunday 10 March

The annual village litter pick will take place on Sunday 10th 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.

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Science Week 12-16 March

We are really looking forward to next week! Thank you to everyone that has already donated towards resourcing the week's activities. If you would like to contribute there is still time to do so. A donation of £2 is suggested and cash should be sent in a labelled envelope to the office by 15 March please.



No Gem Learner Assembly Friday 15 March

Gem Learner will not take place on Friday 15 March



Friday 15 March non- uniform day

Friday 15 March is Red Nose Day and we would like all our children to help us support this amazing charity by coming into school wearing something red in return for a small donation for us to pass onto Comic Relief. Red noses are optional but if you want to purchase one they are available at Sainsbury's Argos and Oxfam. If you would like to know more about how the money raised by Comic Relief is used, we have included some information at the end of this Newsletter.

Parents Evening – Reminder

Parents' evenings will take place on Tuesday 19th and Thursday 28th March. We encourage all parents to attend and sign-up sheets are available at the start and end of the school day for you to book your slot.

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

Mr Fitcher 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.

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



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 light coloured pair of plain socks (they don't have to be new) 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.

Save the Date

Monkton Farleigh Village Fete

15 June 2019

Monkton Farleigh Village Fete will take place at the Manor House on the afternoon of Saturday 15 June. Children from Churchfields will be dancing and we will also have a stall. We will let you know more about the fete nearer the date.

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.

HOW YOUR MONEY MAKES A DIFFERENCE



At Comic Relief we have a simple purpose – to create a just world free from poverty. Your amazing fundraising efforts this Red Nose Day will help us to achieve this.

We work with around 850 projects worldwide, from the UK to Uganda, Nigeria to Nepal, spending funds on four things that we care about most.

CHILDREN SURVIVE AND THRIVE

We believe that every child has the right to the best start in life. We want all children to have their needs met and to help parents provide the best care they can.



How your money could help

£5

could help to pay for a medical check-up for a child living on the streets of Uganda.

£80

could help eight disabled children in Kenya go to school for a term.

GLOBAL MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

We believe that every person has the right to high-quality mental health support. We want people with mental health problems to get the support they need and feel free to speak out.



How your money could help

£1

could pay for 40 people in Sierra Leone to attend a session to learn about mental illness and epilepsy.

£50

could provide a group therapy session for eight mums in the UK experiencing low mood, anxiety or isolation.

FIGHTING FOR GENDER JUSTICE

We believe women and girls should have equal power and involvement in decision making. We want to help end gender-based violence and discrimination.

How your money could help

£3

could provide a female farmer in Uganda with training so she can secure agricultural land and provide for her family.

£50

could give vulnerable young girls in South Africa the chance to go on a life-changing trip to reduce their risk of gang-related harm.



A SAFE PLACE TO BE

We believe everyone should have a safe, secure place to call home. We want people on the move to have food, shelter and legal advice and for them to be able to settle safely in new communities.

How your money could help

£8

could cover the cost of school books and stationery for a child living in a Serbian refugee camp.

£50

could provide breakfast for a primary school class in the UK for two weeks, so they start the day with a full stomach.



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Diary Dates Term 4

Term 4	
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) non-uniform day please wear something red
Monday 18 March – Friday 22 March	No teacher led after school clubs this week
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 st March	'Lots of Socks' World Down Syndrome Day
Monday 25 March – Friday 29 March	No teacher led after school clubs this week
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
Tuesday 02 April	Easter Concert Atworth Hall 2:30 – 4:30

Term 4 Cont'd	
Wednesday 03 April am	Nightingale Year 3 Forest School morning
Thursday 04 April pm	Woodpecker Forest School afternoon
Friday 05 April	INSET DAY
Friday 05 April	End of Term 4
Monday 22 April	Easter Monday Bank Holiday
Tuesday 23 April	Start of Term 5

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