

Churchfields' Weekly Newsletter

Friday 10 January 2020

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy New Year! I hope you had an enjoyable Christmas and 2020 has started well.

Children have returned to school full of excitement from the festive period but have settled well into the new term. They particularly enjoyed their Wow! days earlier in the week which provided great experiences to begin their topics. We look forward to hearing where their learning takes them over the next few weeks.

I would like to remind you that we have two staff training days on Thursday 30th and Friday 31st January so the school will be closed to pupils on these days. It is unusual for us to plan these for the middle of a term but was necessary to fit in with both an external trainer and another school we will be working with. I hope you are not too inconvenienced as a result.

Kind regards,

Simon Fletcher



Grammar for parents
Wednesday 15 January
5:30pm

Miss Ottner is offering a grammar session for parents who would like to understand what is in the curriculum for Y6 SATs, covering the terminology from colons to conjunctions, and looking at how knowledge is tested. This session is open to anyone, not just Y6 parents, who would like to know what children are expected to understand by the end of their time at school

Ukulele lessons Atworth and Monkton Farleigh terms 3 & 4

The information about ukulele lessons and YR6 ukulele club sent out at the end of last term was incorrect. We have now updated our website and you can see the amended information by clicking on this link.

<https://churchfields.wilts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/New-School-Clubs-Time-table-Terms-3-4-2019-20V2-2.pdf>

We apologise for any confusion caused.

School Activities at a glance	
Monday 13 January – Friday 17 January	
Wednesday 15 January	YR6 SATs Grammar for Parents/Carers 5:30p.m.
Thursday 16 January	FISH 'N' CHIP THURSDAY
Friday 17 January	Tiger Martial Arts Belt & Award presentation GEM learner Atworth



FISH 'N' CHIP THURSDAY

Thursday 16 January

Throughout the school year we have census days. These are very important dates in the school calendar as they determine our future government funding, and the number of children having school dinners is one of the key factors taken into account.

Thursday 16 January is census day and we would like to encourage as many children as possible to join us for school dinners. There will also be a vegetarian option of veggie nuggets and jacket potato with the usual fillings will be available too. Both main courses will be followed by a choice of shortbread or fresh fruit pot or yoghurt. School dinners are £2.40 but don't forget, children in Reception and KS1 are free!

We look forward to seeing as many children as possible for school dinners on 16 January and, as always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

PS, Friday's dinner will be Roast Chicken or omelette with the usual choice of Jacket potatoes and there will be ice cream for pud!



KS2 - Chocolate

Please can you bring in chocolate bar wrappers please over the next couple of weeks? Any kind/type is ok. It's for a marketing project planned as part of our topic.

Thank you





In an attempt to produce less paper and help with reducing printing costs for yourselves and the school we will be trialling electronic permissions and payments through 'Parent Pay'.

We will continue to notify you of events through parent mail which will state that a new item has been uploaded to parent pay requiring permission or payment or both. We hope this will make life easier for you and the school office.

We would really welcome your feedback as we take this forward. If you are not currently using parent pay please contact the school office who can issue your username and password.

If you have registered but have forgotten your details you are able to contact parent pay through the 'forgotten password' process. Here are some FAQ's to get you started

<https://www.parentpay.com/parent-account-faqs/>



KS2 WOW Day Wednesday 08 January

WOW WOW ! Key Stage Two had an amazing Wow day on Wednesday. We tasted chocolate to think about what ingredients we would include in a bar that we could create;

there were some great product names too! With help from the Scrapstore, we made Charlie and the Chocolate Factory scenes and brought parts of the book to life and we collaborated lots with Miss Otter through games and team activities.



KS1 WOW Day Thursday 09 January



On Thursday 9th January KS1 were incredibly lucky to be visited by the Aesop's Theatre Group. The children were delighted to meet some of the characters from these well-known fables and were totally amazed by the acting and sets used throughout the performance. We all

thoroughly enjoyed The boy who cried wolf, The hare and the tortoise and many, many others. This will now be used to support our story telling, drama and writing within the classrooms. Thank you so much to all of those that contributed towards the cost of the day. Your very kind and generous donations mean we can plan for exciting learning opportunities just like this! Thank you so much!



Drama workshop first



Then exercises to warm up before we perform



We enjoyed acting out our favourite fables and getting the audience to guess the story



What a great time playing with and reading our story sacks.



Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our ongoing provision for reading at Churchfields the Village School, we have restructured the way we monitor and challenge children who are Free Readers. As you may be aware, as children progress past the coloured sticker book system already in place, they are currently entitled to choose from the wide selection of Free Reader books we have at school or bring their own books in from home.

We want to ensure that all children are reading appropriately challenging books that will support independent reading but will also expose readers to a wider range of vocabulary, sentence structure and more detailed plot and character development. The new system of Free Reader books now contains three levels, each level getting progressively more challenging. The new levels are as follows:

Level	Guidelines
Free reader yellow	Shorter chapter books, typically less than 120 pages, with content suitable for 7-8 year olds.
Free reader blue	Longer chapter books, typically 150 to 180 pages, with content more suited to 8-10 year olds. Content will include more challenging vocabulary.
Free reader pink	Considerably longer chapter books, dealing with age appropriate content aimed at 10-12 year olds and typically 250+ pages. Vocabulary will be sufficiently challenging.

From Term 3, all children who are currently on Free Reader will be placed within one of these Free Reader levels by their class teacher. Children will work towards the next level and this will be regularly assessed throughout the academic year.

We greatly appreciate the support parents and carers provide at home with reading and if you have any queries regarding this change to the Free Reader system, please speak to myself or your child's class teacher.

King regards,

Louise Connelly – English subject leader

Free hosting with a French family & day trips

Visit Sully-sur-Loire with French Twinning May 26th-31st 2020 (Half-Term)

To find out more email Joy Robertson by 18th January 2020 (joylizkezia@gmail.com)



Only pay for Bradford to Sully

ACTIVE ARTS

Performing Arts Club Thursdays 5-6PM @ The John of Gaunt School

Do you enjoy singing, dancing and acting? If YES then our Performing Arts club is the one for you! Come along and develop your confidence, creativity and movement skills whilst having fun and meeting new friends in our performance focused sessions. For children aged 6 - 14 years old.

First session FREE

Discover TROWBRIDGE

GIRLS SOCCER STARS

£3.50 A SESSION

MONDAY | 5-6PM

At the John of Gaunt School

For more info visit: www.activetrowbridge.co.uk /CHILDRENSACTIVITIES

NETBALL

THURSDAY 5-6PM AT THE JOHN OF GAUNT SCHOOL

FOR AGES 7 - 14 £3.50 A SESSION

These sessions are fun and inclusive development classes to help enhance skills along with small matches

FOR MORE INFO VISIT: www.activetrowbridge.co.uk /CHILDRENSACTIVITIES

MULTI SPORTS CLUB

A fun packed weekly sports club, providing a wide variety of sports.

FOR CHILDREN AGED 4-11 AT JOHN OF GAUNT SCHOOL

FOR MORE INFO VISIT: www.activetrowbridge.co.uk /CHILDRENSACTIVITIES

£3.50 A SESSION

MONDAY 5-6PM

SOCCER SCHOOLS DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

MONDAY 5-6PM

At the John of Gaunt School

£3.50 a session

For more info visit: www.trowbridge.co.uk/childrensactivities

@DANCE

5-5:45 PM TUESDAY

£3.50 A SESSION

At the John of Gaunt School

There are 2 groups: One for 4-8 year olds One for 9-16 year olds

DIARY DATES TERM 1 & 2:

Term 3	
Wednesday 15 January	YR6 SATs Grammar for Parents/Carers 5:30 p.m.
Thursday 16 January	FISH 'N' CHIP THURSDAY
Friday 17 January	Tiger Martial Arts Belt & Award presentation GEM learner Atworth
Friday 24 January	Tiger Martial Arts Belt & Award presentation GEM learner Monkton Farleigh
Thursday 30 January	INSET Day School closed to pupils
Friday 31 January	INSET Day School closed to pupils
Monday 03 February – Friday 07 February	Mental Health Week
Monday 10 February – Friday 14 February	No Teacher led after school clubs this week
Tuesday 11 February	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 11 – Thursday 13 February	Cluster Music Project Wiltshire Music Centre Visit to School date to be notified
Wednesday 12 February	West Wilts Dance Festival at The Forum Bath
Friday 14 February	End of Term 3
Term 4	
Monday 24 February	Term 4 Begins
Thursday 05 March	World Book Day
Monday 09 March – Friday 13 March	STEM Week (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths)

Term 4 Cont'd	
Monday 16 March – Friday 20 March	No teacher led after school clubs this week
Tuesday 17 March	Parents' evening until 6pm
Thursday 19 March	Parents' evening until 7:30pm
Wednesday 25 March	WOW Day
Wednesday 01 April	Easter Service Atworth Church 1:15pm
Wednesday 01 April	Easter Concert Atworth Hall 3:30-5pm
Friday 03 April	Nightingale Class and Years 3 & 4 Falcon class Swimming Melksham Blue Pool
Friday 03 April	End of Term 4

Future INSET days for Academic Year 2019/2020:

Monday 01 June 2020

Wednesday 22 July 2020

Term Dates 2020

Term 3: 06 January 2020 – 14 February 2020

Term 4: 24 February 2020 – 03 April 2020

Term 5: 20 April 2020 – 22 May 2020*

Term 6: 01 June 2020 – 22 July 2020

*Early May Bank Holiday is Friday 08 May 2020