

# Churchfields' Weekly Newsletter

Friday 14 February 2020

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you managed to weather Storm Ciara at the beginning of the week. Thankfully the school came through the unwelcome event unscathed.

I would like thank so many of you for taking the time to visit our Facebook page. If you have yet to visit, we encourage you to do so. Photos are uploaded regularly and it really helps our school when our posts are liked and shared.

Churchfields would actually benefit from further professional-looking photos to add to our website and promotional materials for our Open Days in May. We are sending a plea to the school community by asking whether there is anyone who can work with us to capture images at both bases. Just an hour at one base would be sufficient or a morning to cover both. We can supply the camera if needed. If you can assist or to find out more, please contact Helen Forsyth at [Helen@findacreativepro.com](mailto:Helen@findacreativepro.com) You don't need to be a professional photographer, just nifty with a lens!

It was lovely to see how much our pupils enjoyed listening to the talents of Thursday's visiting musicians. We hope it will inspire more children to consider learning how to play an instrument in the near future. Thanks to Miss Ottner for organising this worthwhile event.

We were delighted to receive a letter from the Director of Education this week, praising our performance. A copy of the letter is included with this newsletter. Well done and thank you to the whole school community for facilitating this impressive achievement!

I hope you have an enjoyable half term week whatever you have planned. We look forward to seeing children returning to school on Monday 24th February.

Kind regards,

Simon Fitcher.



## World Book Day 2020

Churchfields will be celebrating World Book Day this year on **Thursday 5th March**. We are doing things a little differently this year and inviting children to choose their favourite quote from their chosen book, written on a piece of paper, card or a piece of material and wear this attached to the back of their school jumper. Children are welcome to reveal the story they choose alongside their quote or allow their friends to guess throughout the day.

We can't wait to read lines from everyone's favourite stories!

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### School Activities at a glance

**Monday 17 to Friday 21 February Half Term**

**Term 4 begins Monday 24 February**

Monday 24 February	Term 4 Begins
Wednesday 26 February	Hockey Tournament Kestrel class (selected pupils)

## Change to Parents Evenings in Term 4

Please be aware that there has been a change to the previously advertised dates and times. Parent evenings will now be Thursday 19 March until 6pm and Wednesday 25 March until 7:30pm

We will let you know when sign-up sheets will be available.

## Dance Festival Bath Forum Wednesday 12 February



I was extremely proud of Dance Club as they opened the dance festival at The Forum on Wednesday evening and set such a high standard for the others to follow! They danced their hearts out with huge smiles on their faces and their behaviour during the evening

was impeccable which was commented on by the organiser of the event. Thank you girls- I am looking forward to next year already!

Love Mrs Pugh x

## Lost Property

Please can you check uniform and PE kits over the holiday for any items that might have come home by mistake. Can we also ask that you ensure all belongings that come into school are named so if they do get muddled we can get them back to whom they belong.

Thank you.



**YEAR 5 KESTRELS** enjoyed a creative writing session inspired by the microscopes on loan from the RMS.

**WHEN** I look through a microscope,  
Black peppercorns transform to dragons' eggs with  
golden bold printings on the shell,  
Herbs become a messy pigeon's nest,  
Flour changes into millions of crystals in a diamond  
mine,  
And sand becomes hailstones in a windy storm.

**Martha**

**WHEN** I look through the microscopes  
I see sand that became rock hard marbles scattered  
from the seashore  
Herbs tuned into rock solid leaves from the crispy  
cold winter  
Sugar turned into dried up translucent silver from the  
crystal cave  
Chilli turned into colourful bark

**Castiel**

## THE SPECIMEN

When I look down the microscope,  
Sand became crystals scattered across a cave.  
Herbs became bark on an old oak tree.  
Chilli became bacon on the grill.  
Sugar became ice cubes in the frosty winter.  
Flour became mist on the hilltops.  
A pencil sharpening became silver feathers from a  
passing dove.  
Finally cloves became a beating bat in baseball.

**Simon**

**KESTRELS** have really enjoyed having Mr Kiely in to teach gymnastics this term. We have developed our skills, covering different rolls, headstands and using apparatus.



## Crescendo Concerts



On Thursday 13th of February we had some very special visitors. In the morning we were lucky enough to have Crescendo Concerts come in and tell us all about music. They were amazing. There were four people who played from wind, percussion, brass and string families. They were extremely funny, there were plenty of opportunities to interact, and Mike (the brass specialist) even played a trumpet out of a hose pipe!

We liked all of the instruments that the people played. Everybody liked the snare drum and the bang was satisfying. We learned about lots of new instruments. My favourite is the marimba - a massive xylophone! As a class our favourite song was Under the Sea on the marimba.

They played a range of pieces: Niobe, In the Hall of the Mountain King, Bolero, New World Symphone, Liebertango and Hungarian Dance. We also did a "one buttock bassline" to the tune of Bolero!

We learnt about the physics and the science behind instruments. We absolutely loved having them in our school and want to learn lots more about all the instruments.

by Kestrels



## Pen Recycling Collection.



In an effort to reduce, reuse and recycle we will have a pen recycling collection point at each base after half term. Any plastic pens can be recycled and Mrs Liddiard will be coordinating delivery to a collection point. The pens are then up-cycled by Terracycle into plastic pellets which are then made into planters, picnic tables, benches, watering cans etc.

Look out for the collection boxes in the reception areas at each base after half term.

**ACCEPTED WASTE**



### Accepted waste in this programme :

All writing instruments (except for wooden pencils and chalk) are accepted : Any brand of pen, felt tip, highlighter, marker, correction fluid pot, correction tape, mechanical pencil and eraser pen regardless of their composition.

Note that we **do not** accept glue sticks, erasers, rulers or other cutting objects that could disturb the recycling process. Please be careful not to include any of those items.

**Writing Instruments Recycling Programme**

**Accepted waste**

Pens, felt tips, highlighters, markers

Mechanical pencils and correction instruments (tape and fluid pots), fountain pens, ink cartridges

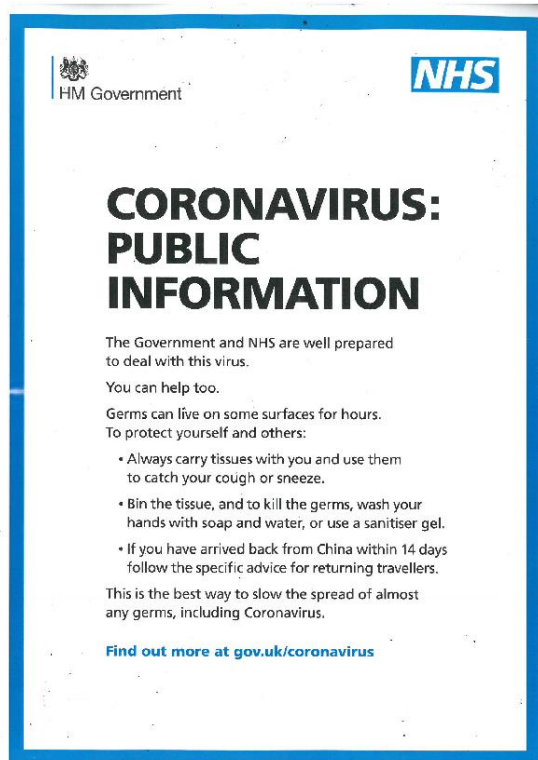
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**Waste not accepted**

Glue sticks, Rubbers, Rulers, Pencils, Sharp objects

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HM Government **NHS**

## CORONAVIRUS: PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Government and NHS are well prepared to deal with this virus.

You can help too.

Germs can live on some surfaces for hours. To protect yourself and others:

- Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.
- Bin the tissue, and to kill the germs, wash your hands with soap and water, or use a sanitiser gel.
- If you have arrived back from China within 14 days follow the specific advice for returning travellers.

This is the best way to slow the spread of almost any germs, including Coronavirus.

[Find out more at gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)



**If you have a cough, or fever, or shortness of breath and have been to any of these places in the last 14 days:**

- China
- Republic of Korea
- Singapore
- Thailand
- Hong Kong
- Malaysia
- Japan
- Taiwan
- Macau

**Stay indoors and call NHS 111**

**If you have been to Wuhan, or Hubei Province, China in the last 14 days ...**

**Stay indoors and contact NHS 111**  
even if you do not have symptoms



Visit [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) for more information

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## Latest information

Updates on Coronavirus:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Travel advice for those travelling and living overseas:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>

Public Health England blog:

<https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/01/23/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-what-you-need-to-know/>

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Dear Mr S Futcher and Mr Latimer-Sayer

#### **Congratulations on your school's performance**

At present, the responsibilities for educational excellence as set out in section 13A of the Education Act 1996, remain with the local authority. That duty states that a local authority must exercise its education functions with a view to promoting high standards. As well as taking swift and effective action when underperformance occurs in a maintained school, local authorities should encourage good and outstanding maintained schools to take responsibility for their own improvement and to support other schools, and enable other schools to access such support.

I would, therefore, like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on the recently validated outcomes achieved by your pupils in 2019, which are amongst the best primary schools in Wiltshire.

We would particularly like to recognise your achievements in the areas listed below:

- At the end of the Early Years Foundation Stage, your school has achieved significantly higher than the national average.
- In the Year 1 Phonics screening check, your school has achieved significantly higher than the national average.

We appreciate that these very good outcomes are due to the sustained commitment, hard work and success of your staff, governors and pupils and recognise that they could not have been achieved without your effective leadership and determination to remain focused on school improvement.

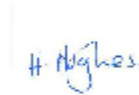
A crucial role for the LA is to ensure that key partnerships are effective in supporting continued success and improvements for schools through our core vision:

**'a strong, self-improving, self-sustaining school-led system to improve the educational outcomes for every child in Wiltshire'**

We would therefore ask you to consider how you could work closely with other schools to effect improvement to ensure the very best education for every pupil in Wiltshire and give each child the opportunity to fulfil their potential. Please contact Steve Wigley, Regional School Improvement and Excellence Lead - North, if you would like to discuss this further.

I would like to offer my thanks to you and all at your school for your pursuit of the highest standards of educational achievement.

Yours sincerely



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c.c. School Improvement Adviser



Term 4	
Monday 24 February	Term 4 Begins
Wednesday 26 February	Hockey Tournament Kestrel class (selected pupils)
Thursday 05 March	World Book Day
Monday 09 March – Friday 13 March	STEM Week (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths)
Friday 13 March	Year 5 & 6 visit to Bath Sports Village
<b>Monday 16 March – Friday 20 March</b>	<b>No teacher led after school clubs this week</b>
Tuesday 17 March	Parents' evening until 7:30pm
Wednesday 25 March	Parents' evening until 6:00pm
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 <b>Swimming Melksham Blue Pool</b>
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 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