

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent/Carer.

I hope you are well and that you have been able to enjoy some of the sunshine that has come our way in the last couple of weeks.

We hope the first week of the summer term has run relatively smoothly for you and that you are enjoying the learning packs that were distributed last Sunday afternoon. Resources to complement these are available on our website under 'School Closure Resources'. I would like to thank staff for the preparation of these materials. Our continued aim is to provide learning materials for parents/carers to be able to use and adapt according to their own personal circumstances. This week, Wiltshire Local Authority contacted schools to present feedback from the Wiltshire Parent Carer Council which confirmed that many parents/carers in the county were being overburdened with school work and this was having a detrimental effect on both their own, and their children's, well-being. This is something Churchfields has tried to avoid from the outset as it was made clear from the Department for Education that normal schooling is not possible at the current time and the normal curriculum had been suspended. Parents and carers should not attempt to maintain the quality of education pupils would have received in school - this is not possible nor expected. Instead, there should be a clear focus on maintaining pupils' and parents' well-being at this challenging time with a range of activities to choose from that can be adapted to fit their personal circumstances. Employers of working parents and carers also have a moral and social obligation to be mindful of their individual circumstances during the Covid-19 crisis to help maintain the mental health of the nation. As a school, we continue to welcome constructive feedback on our home learning provision keeping in mind this guidance and we will be asking parents and carers to complete a short online survey within the next couple of weeks to gain more formal feedback. This will help staff plan further home learning whilst schools remain closed.

Thank you to parents/carers who have already shared some of their children's home learning with their child's class teacher via their class email account. Some of this amazing work has been included in this newsletter. We encourage families to use this email account at least weekly to communicate with their child's class teacher. Not all children will be contacted by telephone now this system is underway although parents/carers may request a call to either speak with the teacher themselves for support or for their child to receive a call. Do remember that although the school itself is closed, the staff and I are still here to help!

Kind regards,

Simon Fletcher.

### Calling all Nightingales and Kestrels!

We love Wednesday afternoons when Mrs King comes in to read with us. I know it would mean a lot to her to receive something from us at the moment and wondered if you could all help! If you would like to write a little message to her, telling her what you've been doing at home or something you're enjoying doing, or just that you're thinking of her, I know she would love to read them.

If you email

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with your message, or send me a photo of a picture you've drawn, or anything else you think she would like, I will put them altogether in an email and send it to her.

Thank you!

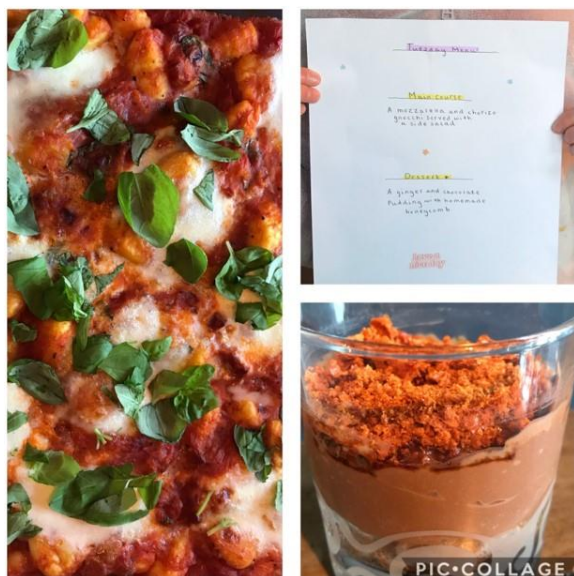
Miss Connelly ☺

### Thank you Ed!

It has been a massive task sourcing and vetting all of the resources that we have uploaded to our new Home Learning page and we hope you agree it has been a successful one. However, this would not have been possible without the help from our Chair of Governors, Mr Ed Latimer-Sayer. The staff cannot thank him enough for his support, help and care throughout this process. He has answered all of our questions, answered an awful lot of emails, worked over his weekend and I suspect the evenings too. This was all to help and support the staff, yourselves and your children.

From all of the staff, thank you Ed! During this terribly uncertain time your support has been truly appreciated and valued. A massive Team Churchfields high five from us x x x

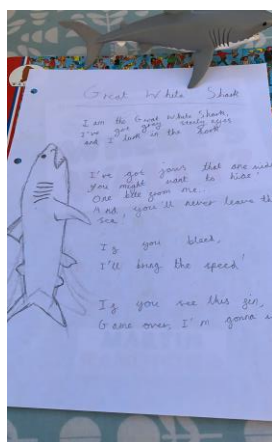
Looking for ideas for something fun and creative for all the family? Annabel might just have the answer!



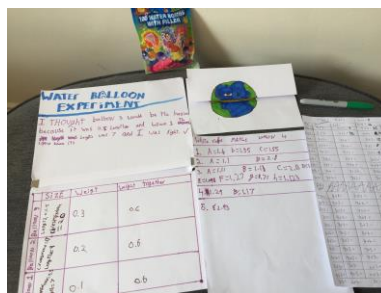
This week we have done a family 'Come dine with me!' When it's your night, you have to organise the entertainment for the family, come up with a menu and cook your main course and a pudding. I made mozzarella and chorizo gnocchi and for dessert I made ginger and chocolate mousse with homemade honeycomb on top. We are finding it very fun!! I have attached a picture below of my night's food and menu. I did a spoon bending magic trick for my entertainment.

Brilliant idea Annabel and we thought the food looked yummy.

We join Mr Fitcher in saying a massive thank you to all of the parents and children for keeping us up to speed with how all of our children are doing in terms of their learning but more importantly sharing with us how they are coping emotionally during these unusual times. It is lovely to know that all of the children are fit and well and are being so good for their parents. We have been really pleased to get such lovely emails and pictures from you and have been sharing lots of your news on our Facebook page. For those families that don't use Facebook here is a selection of some of the wonderful things you have shared with us.



Juneau and Oliver drew and wrote some great poems about sea creatures.



Alex picked a lovely sunny day for a science experiment with water balloons.

## In the rapids

When I slowly entered the warm, misty pool full of people,  
My eyes were quickly drawn to the gushing and fast-flowing rapids.

I could hear other children screaming with excitement  
And rushing water flowing through, pulling people into the effusive pools.

When I reached a slope the water was cascading down,  
As people vanished into the forcing bubbles - I had no hesitation;

To slide down and reach the busy, bubbly, and chaotic landing pool.

I brought my head up from underwater,  
Wiped my eyes to clear them from the chlorine,  
And I sighed in amazement; I had reached the end!  
By Annabel G



By Maisy

Henry V has been busy re-writing Greek myths and has painted this fantastic Medusa head!





Imi has been creative in the garden using paints and masking tape to design her own initial art.



George has been creating a massive water slide to enjoy the sunshine and keep active!



Oscar has been a busy boy following challenges set by grandma and grandad in Canada. They have challenged him to some bird watching tasks and to find out about the birds he sees in his garden as well as theirs! He has also been busy completing his spellings, planting, going on adventures and writing letters to his friends.



Alex has also been a terribly busy little boy. He is having a great time doing lots of Mathletics and playing on his trampoline. He has also been busy writing letters to his friends. We really do have a terribly kind bunch of Kingfishers!

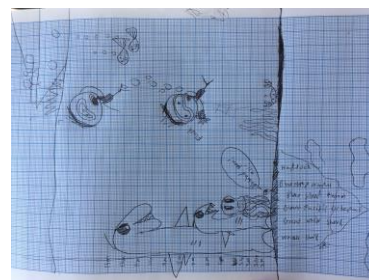


It is so lovely to see and hear about lots of you writing letters to your class buddies. Olivia looks as though she cannot wait for her friends and family to receive their letters. I wonder who the lucky recipients will be. Whoever they are, I am sure they will be in for a lovely treat! x



Elsa made this lovely rainbow poster for the teachers as a welcome back...Thank you!

Harry has been using facts about sea creatures to create graphs, some of these are scarily large!



It's been great to see all the fabulous activities going on at home from our Woodpeckers. From daily spelling and Big Maths to thinking about our feelings and how lucky we are. The under the sea theme has really captured some imaginations with some fantastic alphabets, art and modelling. Please keep sending in your feedback and photos!



## And last but not least.....

This week the teachers met (virtually) to discuss our next steps forward and how else we can support the children in our care. It was a very productive meeting and so lovely to see each other as not only do we miss the children but we miss the company of our friends as well. Not all members of staff could make this meeting but we know that everyone is fit and well. We are already looking forward to our next Zoom session, where fingers crossed more will be able to join us.

