

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you continue to be well as we end another week in lockdown.

I would like to start by thanking you for all your efforts over the previous weeks. Balancing all your commitments with school work in the mix at a time of social isolation is incredibly stressful. It is important that we recognise the negative impact this can have over time on ourselves and our families as the lockdown continues. Key workers are also under great strain as they venture out of the safety of their homes on a daily basis. It can undoubtedly become a default position to be critical of ourselves as individuals and how we are coping with the current crisis. We may begin to consider that perhaps we should be stronger emotionally or achieving more. With every passing day, these thoughts can accumulate and erode our sense of well-being. By focussing on the small things we can feel grateful for and congratulating ourselves for minor achievements, even just getting through the day on some occasions, we can hope to emerge from this crisis mentally intact ready to rebuild our lives to something resembling what they once were.

As we have progressed through the lockdown, Churchfields has endeavoured to support our school community in numerous ways. We appreciate every kind word of gratitude we have received from parents/carers as the weeks have progressed and our own stresses and strains have reared their heads!

Today the governors and I request that parents/carers provide more formal feedback on the school's recent work so we can take stock of what is working well and how we might support you and your child(ren) further. The more parents/carers that complete the anonymous online questionnaire, the more accurate the information we receive as a school. Therefore I would be most grateful if you could take the ten minutes it should take to share your views with us by the end of Monday 11th May. Many thanks in advance for your time.

[Home Learning Parent/Carer Questionnaire](#)

Stay safe and well.

Simon Futcher.



Lots of you have been using the white rose maths videos and worksheets on the home learning part of their website. These are really good, and we do recommend them. Unfortunately they have just advised that they are going to start charging for the worksheets. We do have school membership and will

therefore be putting the resources on the school website as soon as we can. Please do not pay for membership yourself! EYFS resources are not affected, and can be accessed via the White Rose website as before.

<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/>.

The Great Science Share 2020!

Over 100,000 young people are involved so far.
Will you be involved this year?

Each year a group of Churchfields children participate in the Great Science Share, a national science sharing initiative which we join in with at Melksham Oak, with our cluster primary schools. This year we can't all gather together to share, so the Great Science Share has gone online.

We have seen so many fabulous science activities going on in your homes we hope that you will share some of these further afield and get involved with the Great Science Share 2020!

A link to more details and lots of extra science home learning ideas can be found below please consider joining in and make this year's Science Share just as big an event as always.

<https://www.greatscienceshare.org/#about-1>

4 ways to get involved:

- 1) **Weekly Themes will go live from Monday 4th May 2020 for you to explore.** You can choose to follow these or do your own thing.
- 2) **Great Science Groove-along** is a creative way to share science. Out for release 4th May, you have until 4th June to create a short film of yourself, your family, friends and colleagues sharing science through movement and song.
- 3) **Extra resources** provide great ways to investigate and explore the weekly themes a bit more. It's up to you how much you do!
- 4) **16th June 2020 Great Science Share** – a great day for young people to **share science they love** – it can be something they've done before in school or at home, something they've watched or something new they do on the day!

Share **your** science - your favourite questions and any investigations to feature on the 2020 Great Science Share gallery, using the GSS Upload, Twitter @GreatSciShare or Facebook @GreatSciShare4School

Mavern House – Let's make bunting!



A lovely photo of a happy memory when Mavern House staff and residents came for a visit, to watch the KS1 nativity and talk to KS2 about Christmas memories. As you are aware we were planning further links over Easter which unfortunately couldn't take place. It was

fantastic to have so many children interested in visiting Mavern House and wanting to keep connected during this difficult time.

We would like to start by bringing some creative, colourful bunting to Mavern House. If you would like to take part in this activity the template to decorate is included with the Newsletter email (or you can make your own). Completed bunting can then be posted through the school letter box, at both MF and Atworth. This will need to be completed by Friday the 15th of May so we can gather up your beautiful art work and deliver to Mavern House. Thank you for your continued support and care for others in the community.

Just a school?

It's a pile of random buildings
With Victorian memories
It's the lingering shouts of
children

As they play amongst the trees
The beginner's skill of swimming
Learnt from first steps in the pool
But it's never, no it's never
No it's never just a school

It's the first day of arrival
Pristine uniform so blue
It's the great anticipation
Moving into Key Stage Two
It's the privilege of Year Six
Helping others with the rules
But it's never, no it's never
Not it's never just a school

It's the simple fascination
Of a playground cloaked in ice
Curiosity and wonder
On a bughunt for woodlice
It's the warmth of endless
summer
Seeking shade from sun so cruel
But it's never, no it's never
No it's never just a school

It's the quiet satisfaction
Of a page of sums correct
It's the communal enthrallment
As a teacher reads a text
It's the dawn of understanding
Of what makes a molecule
But it's never, no it's never
No it's never just a school

It's the everlasting friendships
Forged in chatter and in play
It's knowing that we are a team
Together all the way
It's acceptance from the others
From the footballers – so cool
But it's never, no it's never
No it's never just a school

It's the passport to our future
It's the pride of doing our best
It's resilience to keep on going
Throughout the hardest test
Whatever life can offer
We will always have the tools
See it's never, no it's never
No it's never just a school

Miss Otner

Home learning news

You have all been very busy again this week and it has been fantastic seeing all your amazing work and hearing what you have been up to. Here is a roundup of what you have shared with us, well done team Churchfields, you are all amazing!



FALCONS class have remained busy over the last week, lots of you have been looking at the Man o war Jelly fish, including Ruben, India and Arthur. Lots of lovely pirate bits from Molly, as well as yummy looking biscuits that made Mrs Croker hungry! Please continue to send your work in for me to see, I love being nosey!
From, Mrs Croker

MISS DAVIS AND MRS NORRIS told us that it has been lovely to receive emails from Robin class this week. Children have been finding out some fascinating facts about underwater creatures, creating pirate crafts and baking. It is also great to hear Robin class are exploring the outdoor environment and even making wildlife documentaries.

NEWS FROM THE WOODPECKER CREW!

Ahoy there shipmates! Captain Perfect Pugh, Captain Jolly Arrrrtus and Captain Long-Legs Liddiard have been very impressed with all the activity going on in your home ports this week. We have seen stupendous science, amazing adjectives used in fantastic stories, perfect poems, exciting engineering of floating rafts powered by elastic bands, marvellous maps where 'X' marks the spot, considerate construction of ponds and raised beds, clever crafting of treasure chests, superb spelling scores, magnificent maths, delightful drawings and much more. It's wonderful also to see so many of you reading, reading, reading and making good use of Oxford Owl. Well done me hearties! You all deserve plenty of grog and pieces of eight! We're looking forward to seeing your treasures next week!

KINGFISHER CLASS have been terribly busy all week. I have been so impressed by the creativity and imagination used by all of the children that have emailed and sent me photographs. We have seen treasure chests, maps, telescopes, number blocks, measuring and board games to name but a few. Well done children and well done parents. You are all doing a fantastic job and we cannot praise you all enough for what you are doing.
Love Mrs Genner x x x

MISS CONNELLY has told us that she has been really enjoying hearing and reading about the great learning that's taken place this week at home from the Nightingales. Leaving little troll houses for people to find on their woodland walks, catching fresh water shrimps in the brook, alliterative poems, pirate treasure maps, felt mice, code cracking, mathematical magic squares, bar graphs, and of course, lots and lots of reading. Everyone has been so busy!

A big thank you to all the parents for their support and for emailing photos and messages as they are a joy to read.
Miss Connelly

KESTRELS have been enjoying our sea creatures topic and I have found out lots about turtles, jellyfish, seahorses and sea otters. We've had some fantastic stories written for our Reception buddies, which they have absolutely loved receiving. I've seen a great selection of science experiments and I'm glad to hear that everyone is keeping practising their maths. There's also been lots of fantastic artwork with some rather menacing silhouetted sea creatures and lots of drawing with Rob. Duolingo has been a firm favourite and many people are keeping up their commitment to PE through Joe Wicks, walking, cycling or other sports. Well done everyone!
Miss Ottner

Home learning resources

We hope you have enjoyed the news shared about the different activities our children have been doing. Please keep emailing your teachers with your news and pictures, we really love that you are sharing with us whilst we have to be apart.

You can find resources and activity ideas on our home learning page of our website and new resources are added every weekend. We will continue to email parents and carers fortnightly with the new home learning grid and theme.

We hope you are finding these useful and that these resources are saving you time. There is no need to be searching the internet as we have tried our absolute best to do this for you and ensure you only receive the best resources.

The link for our website is <https://churchfields.wilts.sch.uk/>
