

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you remain safe and well.

I would like to start by thanking our year six pupils for sending staff a video of their own creation to show us how much they are missing everyone. It was lovely to see the children looking so well and how eager they are to return to school!

On that note, I can inform parents that we are continuing to plan and prepare for a possible 1<sup>st</sup> June start for children of key workers that have requested a place alongside our reception, year one and year six pupils. Thank you for completing the recent survey to inform us of your intentions in this regard. As I am sure you will appreciate, there are a multitude of factors to consider, many outside of our control. I am determined to plan thoroughly and consult widely to secure the wellbeing and safety of our pupils and staff once they return to school. It is my intention to share these plans with parents in the early part of next week.

Thank you to parents/carers who took the time to complete the online home learning survey recently. The governors and I were delighted that the vast majority of respondents felt our strategy has supported them and their children's learning and well-being in the many varying situations they have found themselves in throughout the lockdown period. We were pleased that many parents took up the offer for their children to receive further regular telephone calls with their teacher and that these have been enjoyed. We noted that several parents suggested their children would appreciate class Zoom meetings so children can see their classmates and teacher socially. To this end, the teaching staff began planning how this could be integrated into the week to suit all families. However, should school reopen from 1<sup>st</sup> June, all available staff will be required to be working with groups in school to maintain reduced class sizes and social distancing. This will unfortunately significantly impact how much time staff are able to allocate to supporting home learning although we will continue to ensure home learning materials are updated and distributed regularly. We will keep you updated on this.

Finally, many parents will be aware that Miss Davis, Robin Classteacher at Monkton Farleigh, will be beginning her maternity leave from today. We would like to send her every good wish and look forward to hearing some wonderful news before too long! We look forward to seeing Miss Davis and Baby soon....

Kind regards,

Simon Fitcher.

## Record Breakers!



Well done to all the world record breakers who joined in Rob Biddulph's online art lesson yesterday. Some fantastic artwork produced!



As we are unable to all be together at the moment I thought I would share my goodbyes on the newsletter. I would just like to say a huge thank you to everyone in the Churchfields community for all of your well wishes and care. All of the children and parents have been so kind and I still remember the excitable faces of Robin class when I shared the scan photo! Furthermore I am very fortunate to work with the most amazing, supportive people. I miss you all already but am looking forward to that first visit into a busy, noisy, happy school! Take Care Miss Davis :)



## The Great Science Share 2020!

Many of you will have read about the Great Science Share in previous newsletters. Each week there is a theme to explore and this coming week fits perfectly with our plastic ocean pollution home learning grid. Take a look at the links on the website: <https://www.greatscienceshare.org>



***Our world's resources are precious so we should rethink our waste as a resource that's just waiting to be made into something useful! Find out about how our food and household items are produced. Think about what happens to your waste and what we can do to reduce it, reuse it or repurpose it.***

Share your questions about waste and making the most of our resources.

### **Things children may wonder about...**

How many miles has my lunch travelled to reach me?  
How long does it take for my empty bottle of water to be reused?  
Which everyday materials are recyclable?

All of the resources will be live on the [website](#) from today.

## Teachers Pet Competition

Along with the newsletter this week we have attached a sheet containing pictures of our pets for you to try and match with their owners. Miss Ottner has written this poem that might help you work them out.

## Class pets

As I was talking to the staff,  
I asked them all, just for a laugh:  
If you could have a classroom pet –  
Choose anything – what would you get?  
Mrs L was first to speak,  
"I'd bring in Bess, of course, she's sweet."  
Mrs Pugh would like a squirrel,  
She'd feed him nuts and call him Cyril.  
But Mrs Artus loves her ducks,  
She even cleans up all their muck.  
Let's see if Robins will agree  
(Miss Davis loves her dog Rodney)  
But for the class she thinks a snail,  
Whilst Mrs Norris wants a whale!  
A lion's the choice for Mrs Game,  
She claims that they're easy to tame?  
Mrs Croker wants a monkey,  
A cheeky one with dance moves funky.  
Mrs Cass would like a horse,  
She says she'll feed it chocolate sauce!  
Mrs Burton seconds that,  
Or if not, she'll have a bat!  
A kitten for Miss Connelly,  
They're soft and strokable you see.  
Mrs Dowding chooses a bunny  
She says they're cute and really funny.  
I think we should have a cow -  
Always milk in the staffroom now.  
Mrs Genner's pet would roar,  
She'd get herself a dinosaur!  
We'd have a Churchfields menagerie,  
Let's hope Mr Futcher will agree...  
"I think your ideas are great,  
But, sorry, there's too much red tape."

**ROBINS** With another beautiful sunny week it has been lovely to hear about your long walks, scavenger hunts and gardening skills. I know that lots of you are enjoying the topic and reading some of your favourite books. It is also lovely to see that some of Robin class are making the most of this time by practising their musical talents, well done!

## WOODPECKERS

Well what another great week of learning from Woodpeckers! Thank you for all the lovely pictures and emails updating us on your activities. This week we have seen you all really embracing the plastic pollution theme with gusto. We have had fantastic up-cycling ideas for your plastic bottles. They have been repurposed into mobile phone holders, pencil pots, elephants, ships, watering cans and target games - great design skills there! The Queen will have received a letter this week from one of our crew (well done Florence!) - fingers crossed for a response. We have had the privilege of reading dog walk diaries, seeing your floating and sinking experiments, lots of great pollution posters, kindness rainbows, lots of splashing in paddling pools, spellings, Big Maths Beat That scores have been broken and lots of you are enjoying a variety of the BBC Bitesize lessons too. Plenty of you also joined in with Draw with Rob this week to try to break a world record. It would be lovely to see some of your drawings. Finally, a special shout out this week to Scarlett who was so inspired by the pollution theme she asked to go on a litter pick around the village. And to Oliver who has taken part in every single PE session with Joe Wicks so far and is proudly wearing his T-Shirt



**FALCONS** have been busy making and creating. Well done to all, thank you for the music lesson photo Daisy and your story Elsa, cheers up the day!

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## HOME LEARNING NEWS

**KINGFISHER CLASS** Hello my lovely Kingfishers. I have loved speaking to lots of you this week and catching up with your parents and so has Mrs Burton. It is great to hear about all of your learning and adventures. It is brilliant to know that so many of you have been safely out and about, feeding the ducks and enjoying the sunshine. We have also loved finding out about how kind you are being to your older and younger siblings. I was amazed to discover that some of you have been decorating stones to add to Connie the COVID-19 cobra in a local Nature Reserve, a long snake full of stones decorated by children. What a wonderful thing to do. Its great to know that using the book and video link to 'Somebody swallowed Stanley' has also inspired so many of you to think about recycling and how we can do our bit to protect the environment. I have seen some brilliant posters .What awesome Kingfishers we have!!!!

**NIGHTINGALES** have been really busy again this week. I've really enjoyed hearing about the maths everyone has been doing. We have some times table superstars in Year 3 and 4, working really hard on the difficult 7 and 8 times table and completing Big Maths and Mathletics too. Everyone sounds like they've been enjoying the sunny weather, going on lots of bike rides and walks and keeping up with PE with Joe! Lots of you have been thinking about plastic pollution and choosing activities from the grids, and some of you loved the pirates so much you've carried on! Fantastic work from everyone. Keep sending photos! 😊

## KESTRELS

The end of Term 5 is upon us  
So surely it is now the time  
To discover what Kestrels are doing  
And record it all in rhyme

Millie's enjoying her reading  
Especially the Famous Five  
The kittens are keeping her busy  
She's teaching them all how to jive

Martha is working on English and maths  
And enjoying her time in the sun  
We're thankful for such lovely weather  
To let us get out and have fun

Indie has chosen science  
She got out the paddling pool  
Experimenting with floating and sinking  
A great way for her to stay cool

Willow was doing some topic  
Created a great pirate map  
If only it had come on the bike ride  
They might have avoided mishap

Morgan experiments with numbers  
Colouring those that are prime  
He knows that sending me maths work  
Will make me smile every time

Rosie loved being a pirate  
With lots of creative work  
Message in a bottle, some weaving  
Her schoolwork she never shirks

Sam has been missing his swimming  
But has been out and about on his bike  
A beautiful project created  
On a topic he really likes

A model of the solar system  
Was Laura's great idea  
She's also keeping healthy  
Workouts hold no fear

Madelyn's loving her science  
Inspired by Maddie Moate  
So many fun experiments  
But the smores one gets my vote

Annabel has an idea  
Downloads filmmaker pro  
The finished video she creates  
Makes all of our hearts glow

James is using White Rose maths  
His reading selection is wide  
He's also helping out on the farm  
Spending lots of time outside

Drew's story for his buddy  
Was a fantastic work of art  
Asahi really loved it  
Especially the Viperfish part

Mathematics is making Cas happy  
He works really hard with his mum  
Algebra, Geometry, times tables too  
And tricky subtraction sums

Jake's always outdoors  
With some maths that he's found  
Or kicking a football  
And running around

Luca kindly contributed  
To Kestrels' Recipe book  
His Bakewell tart looked fantastic  
What a fabulous, talented cook

Simon made treacle sponge pudding  
Mum said it was fab and tasty  
He's also found time for some research  
About sharks who live in the sea

Emily's writing a story  
With dragon ruby red  
How can she keep it a secret  
And keep it safe and well fed?

Spencer's dad sent me an e-mail  
"We're drowning in cakes!" it said  
It's good to know Spencer's happy  
And certainly very well fed!

William's been working so hard on his maths  
He's even run out of worksheets!  
I wonder whether he'll notice  
If Mum throws in some sneaky repeats?

Aino loved Friday the turtle  
The star of her own Turtle Time  
Aino's been studying turtles  
And created a project sublime

Finley loves chatting on Minecraft  
He's always got lots to tell  
He's also spent time in the kitchen  
Cooking up wonderful smells

My favourite work by Maisy  
Involved lots and lots of sweets  
She used up all the wrappers  
On a bowl to hold more treats

The Smithies love Treasure Island  
Embracing the pirate theme  
With music and artwork and lots of DT  
They all make a really good team

They've also been working on science  
An idea Mr Williams inspired  
With lots of colourful beakers  
They discovered how plants transpire

Alex is the king of science  
His experiments are wow  
Investigating everything  
About the why? and how?

Immy has done something different  
She's the Kestrels' grammar star  
With all of the scores she's achieving  
She has set a really high bar

Luke's been doing mathletics  
And using our sea creatures theme  
He's been bouncing so much with his brother  
They might need a new trampoline

Henry's researching the Romans  
He made great soldier's helmet  
His English was noticed by Holly  
Because of the work that she'd set

Belle helped her family remember  
A very important date  
VE day posters and paper chains  
Helped everyone celebrate

So congratulations to Kestrels  
You've done a great job I can tell  
Have a rest in half term, some relaxing  
Above all stay safe and stay well

Miss Ottner x



## 14 Ways to Be Kind Online

The theme for this year's Mental Health Awareness Week is kindness. It's been chosen because of its ability to strengthen relationships, develop a sense of community and deepen solidarity. It seems an appropriate choice given the current times. That's why this week, in support of Mental Health Awareness Week, we wanted to help promote the message of displaying kindness online and to remind people how often, something so small can have such a big influence.

We have included the NOS flyer with the newsletter email for you to read

## Resources

As you are all aware, we have a section on the school website for learning resources and workbooks which we add to regularly. We will be sending out home learning grids for the start of term six and uploading additional resources at the end of the Half Term break and hope that you will find these of benefit.

<https://churchfields.wilts.sch.uk/school-closure-resources/>