

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are well and managing to stay cool!

Thank you to parents/carers for signing up their children for returning-to-school sessions. Monkton Farleigh pupils began these this week and settled quickly back into school life despite the many differences they encountered. Staff at the Atworth base are very much looking forward to the many children returning next week. I am so impressed with the school community's flexibility and understanding at this time – thank you.

We have received confirmation from the government that although primary schools will not be open during the summer holiday period, they should be able to fully reopen to pupils in the autumn term, from September. As always, this will be confirmed closer to the time when further information becomes available. In the meantime, the Local Authority are in the process of collating information for parents/carers relating to holiday provision across the county. We will forward this onto you as soon as it becomes available.

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards,

Simon Fitcher.

Reading books for homelearning

If you have reading books at home that you have finished with please can you return them to school.

Thank you



New Family members join our Atworth base

On Wednesday we had a new edition to our Churchfield family. Earl the Pekin bantam was the first of our seven eggs to hatch! He is gorgeous and so fluffy!! He has also been joined today by two more hatchlings, and we hope by next week all of our chicks will be here for us to adore. Keep watching our facebook page for updates.

Inset days for next academic year.

We are working hard on plans for September, but thought you would appreciate knowing the planned inset days for all of the forthcoming academic year now rather than waiting until the end of term 6.

Wednesday 21 st October 2020 (End T1)
Monday 4 th January 2021 (Start T3)
Thursday 1 st April 2021 (End T4)
Thursday 22 nd July 2021 (End T6)
Friday 23 rd July 2021 (End T6)



Churchfields family Quiz, a Zoom special on Friday 03 July.

Friday 3rd July at 6pm sees a return of Churchfields family quiz. This is a social event designed to help us feel together in these socially distanced times. The quiz is designed for families - maximum of 6 adults per team. Teams will be organised through zoom breakout rooms so you do not need to physically be together to be able to participate. You can form your own team in advance, or simply turn up and we will assign you a team on the night. All you need is a pen and a piece of paper to record your answers. We will aim to run the quiz for approximately an hour and a half. We will send the link for the quiz out via Parent mail on Thursday 02 July.

Term 6 Inset Day Reminder

Please remember that Wednesday 22 July 2020 is an Inset Day and the whole school is closed to pupils. Term 6 ends on Tuesday 21st July
Thank you



Send My Friend to School

The current situation has made us think about how much we value or education and how lucky we are to have the opportunity to go to school and learn. But some children will not be returning. UNICEF estimates roughly 1 in 5 school-aged children do not attend school.

The Send My Friend to School campaign works on raising awareness of this problem. In 2020 the focus is on the harmful effects of the climate crisis on education. Having read about this, Kestrels were thinking about what they could do to make a difference. They have sent a campaign message to their MP, written to other important people, to local newspapers and are also trying to raise awareness in schools, by talking to younger classes and writing this message for parents and children :

Kestrels class have been finding out about the climate crisis and the work of Greta Thunberg. We've been inspired by both Greta and Malala to think about what we can do to make a difference to our generation's future.

This is a significant year to take action, as the UK is hosting this year's climate summit. It is important that we lead the way to carbon net zero emissions.

Due to extreme weather, many children are missing out on a quality education. Some of these drastic occasions include strong winds that damage schools; drought that causes hunger, meaning children can't concentrate and heavy rain can cause malaria to be prevalent.

People can only obtain a good job if they have a quality education.

The climate crisis affects everyone, meaning many children miss school. It is our generation that have to step up. Children must be taught about the problems of global warming. We need to make a change.

This is the list of things that we as a school can do to solve the climate change problem:

- cycle or walk to school more often to reduce our carbon emissions
- learn more about the climate problems
- grow more plants to help trap greenhouse gases
- make sure you use reusable or recyclable plastic when you pack your lunch

Madelyn and Sam

SCIENCE FUN AT HOME

We have seen some fantastic photos of brilliant science activities carried out at home. Many of you are following Maddie and Greg's Let's Go Live! on YouTube. The Primary Science Teaching Trust have also developed some Fun Science at home sheets that are full of great ideas for all your budding scientists and engineers. They can be viewed and downloaded here. Some of the activities may look familiar as we have already integrated a few into our fortnightly 'Pick and Mix' grids.

<https://psitt.org.uk/resources/curriculum-materials/Science-Fun-at-Home>

Class News Roundup

Working in bubbles has given us a new class for term 6. Whilst we haven't shared their news until now they have been very busy!

Starling Class

Starlings have been playing and working hard over the last few weeks. This past week we have had PE and dance with Mr Kiely; on the crafty side we have been colouring, drawing and making sea monster art. Maths has seen us measuring the school grounds and objects. This week we started writing stories about mermaids and Krakens. We have also been catching up with friends.



A super star that has been sent my way this week. Thomas blew Mrs Cass away with his work and focus. She was so impressed by Thomas's learning all about fractions. I can see why she asked him to explain and share his learning with me. Great stuff Thomas.

Someone else that should feel really proud of their achievements. Love Mrs Genner x x x

Kingfisher Class

This week Kingfisher class have thoroughly enjoyed learning about mythical creatures and creating their own. I was so impressed by all that the children have achieved especially, their use of water colours to complete them. Yet again Kingfishers you have amazed me and I have had another marvellous week with you. Love Mrs Genner x x x



Falcon Class

Falcons have been looking at Sea creatures. We designed our own based on the drawing idea on the learning grid.

Some children decided they liked the one from the instructions others made their own version.

There are some very cute and some scary ones!



Woodpecker Class



After writing instructions on how to become a mermaid/merman Woodies were astonished to find out they actually worked!!! Mrs Pugh had to explain to parents that their children had been replaced!!

Well, the new arrivals have been a little bit of a distraction this week, but a very welcome one full of opportunities to discuss life cycles and the needs of living things! When we are quiet in class we can hear them chirping away outside the office!

It has been a week full of mermaid craft and writing activities as well as further research into the legend of the Loch Ness Monster. We are continuing to keep up our key skills with Big Maths Beat That and weekly spellings as well as plenty of reading. In school we are really enjoying reading The Owl Who was Afraid of the Dark together. We have seen some lovely reports from home and terrific mermaid art too. Well done everyone! Don't forget - READ! READ! READ!



Mrs Liddiard was so impressed by the detail used in Eugene's representation of a flower and all of its parts she just couldn't resist sending him over to wow me. From a sensible distance I could see exactly what she meant. Such creative use of plasticine and tools to create something so realistic.

Fantastic Science learning Eugene. You should be super proud. Love Mrs Genner x x x

Kestrel Class

Not only have Miss Ottner's class been enjoying the sunshine and working incredibly hard, they have also had the opportunity to play. Revisiting their early years, Mrs Genner thought perhaps the oldest children in the school would also like something to play with, we would be so disappointed if they weren't being active! We think they really enjoyed it, especially the opportunity to wash all of the equipment down on a very, very hot day!



You may already have seen that that due to COVID-19 this year's Summer Reading Challenge (SRC) 2020 has gone online.

The theme for this year's SRC is the Silly Squad, and Wiltshire Libraries will still be promoting various fun activities, as well as books to read of course, via our Facebook Pages. You can check out the Melksham Library FB

here: <https://www.facebook.com/MelkshamLibrary>

Families can still join the library whilst the buildings are closed. For information on joining please

see <https://libraries.wiltshire.gov.uk/web/arena/join-the-library>

Once joined, members of the library have free access to thousands of eBooks, eAudiobooks and eMagazines - all of which can count towards the Summer Reading

Challenge! <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries-ebooks>

School Home Zone now live!

The Reading Agency now have a new 'zone' on the Challenge website, aimed at parents/carers. The [Home Zone](#) will host information about the Summer Reading Challenge and a selection of Silly Squad resources, as well as blogs and news articles posted through the summer.

