

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent/Carer,

Whether your child is beginning in one of our reception classes or returning to another year group, a very warm welcome (back) to Churchfields!

Children have settled extremely well into the new routines of the school year with remarkable ease. I would like to thank you for your support in following the safety measures in place which has contributed to this smooth start. It is expected that as the term progresses, we will need to make changes to these measures to address circumstances that arise. One such change this week has been to address the logistics of lunchtime at the Atworth base. The system established at the start of the week has since been adapted to balance pupil numbers in our two Key Stage Two classes, as well as the staff and space we have available, by condensing these into one bubble from now onwards. This has reduced the number of children eating together in confined spaces each day by moving all children eating hot dinners into the much larger hall on class-based tables, and keeping children with packed lunches in their respective classrooms to eat. I would like to reassure you that any further changes will be as equally well considered, taking into account the many factors needed to ensure the safe running of the school. In this instance, the number of pupils in the whole Key Stage Two bubble is still below those in many primary schools at the present time. I will keep you up to date with any changes weekly through this newsletter or sooner via email if circumstances warrant it.

We were delighted to welcome our new Reception children and their parents/carers this week. The children were all excited about finally being able to start school for their half-day taster sessions in lieu of these being postponed in the summer term. We are delighted that some will be attending full time from next week whilst others ease into the year a little more gently. I am confident they will all find their time in school exhilarating in Kingfisher and Robin classes!

Thank you for your ongoing support. I hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards,

Simon Fletcher.

School Start Times Term 1

We would like to say thank you to all our families for making the return to school run smoothly this week. Our numbers are going to grow again from Monday 07 September as we welcome our reception children full time. We will continue with the same arrival times for both bases; Monkton Farleigh school day for all pupils will be 08:30 to 3PM.

Atworth school day will be 08:30 to 3pm for reception and year's one and two. For years three to six the school day is 08:45 to 3:15.

The school gates will be opened in the morning 10 minutes before the stated start time for each base. Parents should observe social distancing rules when entering the school site and drop their children into the main playground. Parents will then need to leave the school site.

CONTACTING SCHOOL

The school telephone number, for both Monkton Farleigh **AND** Atworth, is 01225 703026. Your call will be answered by a member of the admin team and redirected as necessary.

Monkton Farleigh:

We do not have a receptionist at Monkton Farleigh. If you need to contact the school to notify staff of absences, arrangements for pick-up or you need to contact the school in an emergency you can email: mfreception@churchfields.wilts.sch.uk.

The staff can see this email at all times (including during lessons) and can respond to any messages from parents.

Atworth:

The school office is open until 1:30pm only. If you need to contact the school after this time to notify staff of absences, arrangements for pick-up or you need to contact the school in an emergency you can email: awreception@churchfields.wilts.sch.uk. The staff can see this email at all times (including during lessons) and can respond to any messages from parents.

Contact information for Parents/Carers

It is essential that we are able to reach you during the school day when necessary. If you have recently changed your phone number, address or working patterns – please let us know straight away. You can email the information to admin@churchfields.wilts.sch.uk



School Meals Payments

Please can you ensure that if your child is in KS2 and is required to pay for school dinners that all meals are paid for in advance. The Cost of a meal is £2.40 and should be paid via Parent Pay. If you are not able to make a payment via Parent Pay please let Admin know.

We will continue to issue reminders for arrears on a weekly basis and ask that all payments are made on request. We have to ensure prompt payment to our caterers and we are sure you will appreciate our budget is already extremely stretched with essential expenditure, without having to cover additional costs for meals that have yet to be paid for.

Thank you

CLUBS

Our before school club at Atworth base is now up and running. There is no pre-booking required. We are also running some after school clubs at both bases during term 1. You can find the details on our website. There are no teacher led clubs during term 1.

Kingfisher class

What an awesome week. It has been so lovely teaching the eager and keen year ones. They have all come back ready and willing to face any challenge and task. My gosh I have missed them! I have been super impressed by the group's willingness to write and use super adjectives. I have been blown away by their enthusiasm and skill in Maths. Mostly I have loved how all of the group have welcomed our new entrants into the classroom as well as a new year one. They have done so in such a friendly and loving manner. The new Reception children have also approached this new and exciting time with massive smiles and oodles of energy. Well done Kingfishers you continue to be an absolute delight!!! I cannot wait to see what this term has in store for us all. Lots of love Mrs Genner x x x

Mathletics

Well done to the following keen mathematicians who kept up their work on mathletics during August. It

was amazing to come back to school and find a gold certificate!

Gold - Kaan

Silver - Rupert, George R, Kaan, Amelie, Isabella

Bronze - Oscar, Alex, Oliver C.J, Florence, Rupert (x3), Alexis (x4), Hannah, Henry H, Lauren (x4), George R (x4), Kaan, Amelie, Isabella

Kestrel class collaborated together on a poem

HAPPINESS

Happiness is...

As bright as a disco ball in the middle of a birthday party

As cheerful as a puppy in an open field

As content as a hot chocolate in the cold winter breeze

As lucky as a leprechaun finding a four leaf clover

As excited as a party popper letting out its confetti

As hopeful as a rainbow on a grey, cold day

As graceful as a kestrel's agile gliding through an endless sky



Kestrel class received a letter from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office this week! Jake, Luca and Luke wrote a letter to Boris Johnson last term about their concerns about climate change and its impact on education, as part of the Send My Friend to School campaign. They received a reply from the Minister responsible for education at the Department for International Development (DFID) who agreed with them about the importance of education and explaining the UK government's plans for climate action.

Term Dates 2020-2021

Term 1: 01 September 2020– 21 October 2020

Term 2: 02 November 2020 – 18 December 2020

Term 3: 04 January 2021 – 14 February 2021

Term 4: 22 February 2021 – 01 April 2021

Term 5: 19 April 2021 – 28 May 2021

Term 6: 07 June 2021 – 23 July 2021

Inset Days 2020-2021

Wednesday 21 October 2020

Monday 04 January 2021

Thursday 01 April 2021

Thursday 22 July 2021

Friday 23 July 2021
