

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent/Carer,

There is much to celebrate again this week! Children have settled down into a routine and we are proud of how they are handling the changes implemented in school to keep everyone safe. I can confirm that no major changes have been necessary since I wrote to you last week.

In lieu of weekly Gem Learner assemblies, we have been celebrating children's achievements in their own classrooms. Weekly photographs of children selected to receive their Gem Learner and Pupil of the Week certificates can be viewed on our website so please do check there regularly.

As always, please do contact the school office or speak to me on the playground at the beginning or end of the day if you have any questions or concerns about anything at all.

Kind regards,

Simon Fitcher.



Individual School Photographs Thursday 24 September

We have booked Tempest Photography for Thursday 24 September to come and take individual school Photos. The photographer will be at Atworth base following morning registration and will then go to Monkton Farleigh base. Social distancing and appropriate hygiene routines will be observed by the visiting photographer and this may mean that getting all of our pupils photographed will take more time this year. Should the photographer need to they will return on Friday 25 September to complete all photos.

We are sorry but we cannot invite siblings of pre-school age in this year due to COVID19 restriction, but siblings who are attending Churchfields' as pupils can have their photos taken together.



Books

We have had a couple of lovely book donations at the beginning of term. With some very eager readers in our classes, these will be enjoyed by lots of children. Thank you very much to Freya and Penny. If you do have any books that your children have grown out of that you feel would be suitable for school, they would be very welcome addition to our bookcases.

Mathletics

Wow! You can tell how much Churchfields children love Mathletics! Within the very first week of school they've been busy earning certificates. An amazing four Reception children have earned their very first certificate : a special well done to Felicity, Maddox, Tomas and Emily. It's great to see how keen you are!

Silver : Oscar, Alexis, Lauren

Bronze : Oscar, Oliver CJ, Florence, Felicity, Rupert, Alexis, Maddox, Lauren, Tomas, Emily J, Ted L, Vinnie, Violet, George R, Henry V

CLASS NEWS

Falcon Class



As you can see, Falcons have been busy creating their own legion for our class display.

We will be building up on this over the term

KINGFISHER CLASS



Kingfishers have had an amazing week getting to know each other and getting used to lots of new routines. We have had treasure hunts, learned dough disco routines, played in the big top and been in the forest school area. I'm so impressed with the children's focus, resilience and skills at

making friendships. We continue to enjoy the story The Colour monster. This has made us really think about how we feel and how we can manage our feelings with help from each other. I am one lucky teacher to have such a fabulous class. Well done kingfishers! Have a lovely weekend and a rest love Mrs G X X X

School Health Support Worker (SHSW) delivery of School Nursing Service

SHSW were unable to complete the Year R hearing and vision screening as a result of Covid-19. As of yet, SHSW have not had confirmation from Public Health England (PHE) regarding the plans to review this cohort. If your child is currently in year 1 and you have any concerns regarding your child's vision or hearing please let us know so we can give you details of how to make contact with the Duty School Nurse. It is recommended by SHSW that all children should have an annual optician check with a local optician and if there are any concerns about their child's hearing, then to visit their GP.

Wiltshire Council

Passenger Transport Communities & Neighbourhood

School transport and face coverings

Where your son / daughter can, they should wear a face covering if they are over 11 years old whilst on school transport. There is no requirement for primary aged pupils or children who are exempt to wear one, although it is strongly recommended. If travelling by public bus a face covering must be worn if your son / daughter is over 11 years old.

It is the responsibility of the parents and students to make sure they wear a face covering. Drivers are not responsible for enforcing face coverings, neither are we encouraging them to challenge students.

Please have a closer look at the FAQs on our website for more detail regarding home to school transport.

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/transport-covid19>

You can also read our recent press release on this: <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/news/back-to-school-transport-advice-for-families>

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