

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent/Carer,

As confirmed Coronavirus cases are increasing across the country, we continue to monitor the effectiveness of our procedures in school. These are working well although we feel the safety of the Atworth school community could be increased by tweaking our drop-off procedures for our Reception and Key Stage One pupils at the beginning of the day.

Therefore **from Monday 21st September** until further notice, we kindly request that **parents of Atworth pupils in Reception, Years One and Two drop their children at the school entrance**. The entrance will be manned by a member of staff from 8:20am as will the playground to supervise children before the bell. Parents will no longer be permitted to enter the playground at this time. This will alleviate the current morning congestion of adults and children on the playground and so reduce the opportunity for possible virus transmission in the future. It should also have the added benefit of relieving some of the reported traffic congestion along Bradford Road. Please do not arrive at the school entrance before 8:20am. As collection at the end of the day is a relatively swift process with little congestion, these procedures will remain as they currently are. Please collect your children and leave the site as soon as possible for maximum safety.

As children in Key Stage Two at the Atworth base go straight into their classrooms, there is no need for any changes to me made to this arrangement. Monkton Farleigh arrangements will also not change.

At both bases, whilst on the playground, adults should practice social distancing and **remain two metres apart** from others where possible.

I would like to reassure you that Churchfields has no reported cases of Coronavirus infection at the present time, and thank you for remaining vigilant and supportive of our work. I will inform you if any further key changes are required to our procedures in order to maintain the safety of our school community.

I am pleased to report that pupil attendance is high at Churchfields thanks to your support. I would kindly ask that if you need to report your child's absence through illness by leaving a telephone message, you include the specific details of the illness. This is to allow us to accurately meet our current obligations of reporting the nature of ill-health absences to the local authority.

Kind regards,

Simon Fletcher.



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



We have received some wonderful books from our PTA with great stories illustrating equality and diversity to share at school. Among the many titles we have been given are 'Ish' by Peter H Reynolds about Ramon who loves to draw especially when he learns that he doesn't have to worry about getting "just right"; the story of Katherine Johnson the extraordinary mathematician who calculated the flight path for NASA's first Apollo moon landing and the brilliant 'Little Leaders' that features forty trailblazing black women in the worlds history. We hope our children enjoy the wonderful collection. Thank you PTA!





KS2 MOVIE NIGHT - SAVE THE DATE

For our topic of Romans, KS2 will be hosting a movie night on **Monday 28th September**. We will be watching the Horrible

Histories Rotten Romans movie. This will take place within our bubbles straight after school at MF and in the evening at Atworth. Popcorn provided. Togas optional. More details to follow.

Mathletics

We have been wowed again this week by the efforts of our keen mathematicians. Well done to all our children that have earned certificates this

week and a big shout out for Ethan F who struck gold. Keep up the super work you are all amazing.

Gold : Ethan F

Silver : Ethan, Asahi, Niamh W

Bronze : Oscar, Theo, Alex C, Oliver CJ, Olivia, Florence, Felicity, Rupert, Ethan, Josiah, Alexis, Maddox, Oliver H, Lillie, Lauren, Tomas, Emily J, William J, Leighton, Eloise, Asahi, George R, Kaan, Niamh W

CLASS NEWS



I was delighted to receive these beautiful photographs of Finlay in Reception making use of natural materials to create his own clown faces. Aren't they just gorgeous! What a lovely way of spending an evening in the sunshine using all that nature has to give. Well done Finlay these really made my day. Love Mrs G X X X

Kestrels DT

For this term's DT project, Kestrels need cardboard boxes and cardboard tubes. If you have any spare, please could you send them our way.

KESTREL CLASS

Our School is Like

Our school is like a rainbow
Lighting up the sky
When you're here, you feel safe
And you feel like you can fly

Our school is like a family
So when it's dark at night
They'll always be by your side
To lead you to the light

Our school is like the bright sunshine
Lighting up the sky
Giving warmth to all the people
Slowly passing by

Our school is like a flock of birds
Soaring up so high
Exploring brand new places
As the days go by

Our school is like a beehive
Amazing and unique
Everyone has a part to play
And everyone's at their peak

Our school is like a whiteboard
As the years go by
Each rubbing off a new beginning
As they go, the teachers sigh

Our school is like a funfair
Lots of games and fun
You spend the day enjoying yourself
Despite the rain or sun

Our school is like a beehive
Where everyone has a part
And after all that hard work
Everyone gets smart

Our school is like a party
Colourful and bright
Everyone is having fun
It's a joyful sight

Our school is like a night light
It will lead you to the light
It will keep you happy
When you're scared at night

School Activities at a glance Monday 21 September – Friday 25 September	
Wednesday 23 September	KS1 WOW Day
Thursday 24 September	Tempest Photography Individual photos

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

ONLINE CONTENT

10 tips to keep your children safe online

The internet has transformed the ability to access content. Many apps that children use are dependent on user-generated content which can encourage freedom of expression, imagination and creativity. However, due to the sheer volume uploaded every day, it can be difficult for platforms to regulate and moderate everything, which means that disturbing or distressing images, videos or audio clips can slip through the net. That's why we've created this guide to provide parents and carers with some useful tips on keeping children safe online.



1 MONITOR VIEWING HABITS

Whilst most apps have moderation tools, inappropriate content can still slip through the net.



2 CHECK ONLINE CONTENT

Understand what's being shared or what seems to be 'trending' at the moment.



3 CHECK AGE-RATINGS

Make sure they are old enough to use the app and meet the recommended age-limit.



4 CHANGE PRIVACY SETTINGS

Make accounts private and set content filters and parental controls where possible.



5 SPEND TIME ON THE APP

Get used to how apps work, what content is available and what your child likes to watch.



6 LET CHILDREN KNOW YOU'RE THERE

Ensure they know that there is support and advice available to them if they need it.



7 ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING

Talk about what people might post online and why some posts could cause distress.



8 LEARN HOW TO REPORT & BLOCK

Always make sure that children know how to use the reporting tools on social media apps.



9 KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE

If a child sees distressing material online; listen to their concerns, empathise and offer reassurance.



10 SEEK FURTHER SUPPORT

If a child has been affected by something they've seen online, seek support from your school's safeguarding lead.

NOS National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday





An open letter about how you can help us protect children from the threat of county lines

Alert message sent 15/09/2020 11:46:00

*Information sent on behalf of **Wiltshire Police***

Dear parents/guardians,

I'm writing to you on the subject of county lines. This term is widely used in the media today. But what does it mean? County lines refers to gangs and organised crime networks based in large cities who groom and exploit young or vulnerable people to sell drugs for them. Often these young people will live in smaller towns in rural areas such as Wiltshire, and will be forced to travel across the country to deliver these drugs, using dedicated mobile phone lines to organise the supply chain.

It might seem like something that would never happen to your child, but any child can be exploited, regardless of their background. We continue to see young people getting caught up in county lines and the associated violence, and often, their parents will have no idea about what is going on.

That is why it is crucial that we are all alive to the signs that our children are being criminally exploited so that action can be taken before it's too late.

There are a number of signs that county lines drugs gangs are criminally exploiting your child, or another child you're aware of. These can include:

- Returning home late, staying out all night or going missing
- Being found in areas away from home that they are unfamiliar with
- Increasing drug use, or being found to have large amounts of drugs on them
- Being secretive about who they are talking to and where they are going
- Unexplained absences from school, college, training or work
- Large amounts of money, or new phone(s), clothes or jewellery that they cannot account for
- Asking for money, or acquiring money through crime, which may be to pay off drug debts
- Increasingly disruptive, aggressive or violent behaviour
- Hanging around with older children, or groups of peers not known through their usual social network
- Using sexual, drug-related or violent language you wouldn't expect them to know
- Coming home with injuries, being assaulted, or looking particularly dishevelled
- Having hotel cards or keys to unknown places.

This week, and ongoing, we'll be visiting schools and colleges around the county alongside PCSOs to raise awareness amongst young people themselves about the dangers of county lines and criminal exploitation, but we need your help to spot the signs and report your concerns to us.

If you have concerns that a young person may be being criminally exploited or may be in danger, please call 999 in an emergency or 101. Alternatively, call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

It's also really important for you to speak to your children about this - there are a number of support sites online for parents / guardians and young people, such as NSPCC, Childline, and Fearless.

Thank you,

Sonja Leith

Head of Improvement and Change

Message sent by

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