# Churchfields' Weekly Newsletter

Friday 09 October 2020

### HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent/Carer,

Firstly, a massive thank you for your support so far for our Mathletics fund! We have been overwhelmed by your generosity and understanding. Many of you have donated substantially more than the £3.80 we were requesting per child, for which we are immensely grateful. We are now significantly closer to our goal to save Mathletics for our pupils. If you have yet to contribute and wish to do so, it is not too late. Payments can be made by Parent Pay for any amount until the end of this week.

Ensuring the safety of our school community around COVID-19 remains a top priority for us at Churchfields. However we appreciate the importance of parents/carers being able to connect with teachers in order to discuss their children's progress. To this end, term two parent/teacher meetings this year will be held remotely using the commonly-used platform 'Microsoft Teams'. Parents/carers that do not have access to this free software may dial in to meetings instead from any telephone. Further details, including how to book slots, will follow in due course. If you have any auestions for your child's classteacher in the meantime, please remember you can email them via admin@churchfields.wilts.sch.uk and this will be passed on.

We are currently in the process of setting up a learning platform in response to the new requirements around remote (home) learning. This will support pupils who need to isolate due to COVID-19 or in the event of another partial or full lockdown/school closure. As you can imagine, it takes some time for the learning platform's IT support to carry out the required set-up for the whole school, and we are within a very long queue as schools across the nation work to respond to the new guidance. In the meantime, pupils that are well but unable to physically attend will be provided with work by their classteacher closely aligned to what they would normally be doing in school. Any communication with classteachers is likely to be outside of the school day whilst their in-school teaching commitments remain. If you haven't already done so. I would be arateful if you could complete the online questionnaire on Remote Learning which can be found here, to enable us to support you once the learning platform rolls out in the near future. Please complete one for each of your children that attends Churchfields by Monday 12th October. Thank you.

Kind regards,

Simon Futcher.

# Individual Photo orders Reminder

The deadline for all on-line orders is Sunday 11 October

If you want to place your order via school please make sure you have the forms and monies into school by the end of Monday 12 October

Thank you



Lots of children are continuing to work really hard on their mathletics, and some Reception children have

reached silver level already! Well done everyone.

SILVER: Felicity, Maddox, Henry H, Tomas, George R

BRONZE: Oscar, Daisy B, Alex C, Oliver CJ, Olivia, Florence, Felicity, Rupert, Elliot, Ethan, Josiah, Alexis, Maddox, Henry H, Rufus H, Oliver H, Evalyn, Lauren, Tomas, Emily, Tomas K, Ted L, Vinnie, Eloise, Eleanor, Emily M, Joseph P, George P, George R, Freddie S, Martha S, Henry V, Eugene



#### Harvest Festival

We are obviously very disappointed that we cannot hold our normal Harvest celebration in the church this year, but our classes will be celebrating in their bubbles and we

would like to continue our tradition of collecting tin goods and dried items to send to the foodbank. The foodbank are grateful for all donations, but this year there are a few items we know they would particularly be interested in receiving, these are:

- tinned rice pudding
- long life fruit juices
- 'treat' items such as biscuits, chocolate and sweets.

If you are able to help with a donation, your child can bring it into school from Friday 16 October until the last day of term on Tuesday 20 October.

With thanks at Harvest time.





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### **Kestrel Engineers**

Kestrels enjoyed making model aqueducts after researching these great feats of Roman engineering. A great opportunity to showcase teamwork and develop DT skills.













## Kingfisher Class

Well, what another exciting week in Kingfisher class. We have been testing materials to see which make the best waterproof roof for a big top, we have been engineers and have designed and made bridges for Mr Benn as well as exploring how Circuses have changed over the years, we have even enjoyed circus yoga! It has been another busy and productive week in the class however, it would appear that we have also been really busy experimenting and making at home too! Check these photos out. You really do impress me Kingfishers!!!





















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#### 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



