

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you to parents that have signed up for a parent-teacher meeting which begin next week. It's not too late to book if you haven't already. Bookings for next week's meetings (24th) close this Friday at 6pm, and bookings for the following week's meetings (3rd) close the following Friday at 6pm. Bookings for the additional Kestrel meetings, to be held on the afternoon of 26th, also close this Friday at 6pm.

The booking system ensures your safety by avoiding you having to congregate around or handle a sign-up sheet, and also serves as the video meeting platform on the evening itself. This is a new system for all of us so thank you for your patience whilst we iron out any initial teething problems. We have spent a great deal of time in school ensuring the system will work flawlessly when the meetings commence next week, and we will do our best to rectify any issues if they arise but appreciate your understanding if everything does not work exactly to plan! The guidance I have included in this newsletter will help ensure everything runs smoothly.

Kind regards,

Simon Futcher.

Wet Weather!

As colder and wetter weather becomes the norm, we need your help please!

To maintain social distancing between bubbles at Atworth, we must keep using the field for outdoor playtimes and lunchtimes as much as possible. To avoid children getting wet and muddy, we ask that they come into school every day with a coat and separate labelled bag containing jogging bottoms and trainers/wellies to wear outside. These can be hung on their pegs for easily access when needed.

Thank you for your support.

School Activities at a glance

Monday 23 November – Friday 27 November

Tuesday 24 November	KS2 WOW Day
Tuesday 24 November	Virtual Parents Evening 3:30pm to 7:30pm
Thursday 26 November	Additional Kestrel Virtual Parent meetings 1pm to 3pm



Two more gold certificates to add to our fantastic total this year. Well

done Alexis and Lauren. It's also fantastic to see some children earning their first mathletics certificates - welcome to the mathletes club!

Gold : Alexis, Lauren

Silver : Alexis, Samuel H, Lauren

Bronze : Oscar, Denley, Ezra, Oliver CJ, Olivia, Florence, Felicity, Rupert, Teddy E, Ethan, Josiah, Alexis, Maddox, Dexter, Samuel H, Rufus, Oliver H, Isla, Lauren, Thomas, Emily J, Thomas K, Violet, Eloise, Emily M, Joseph P, George R, Finley R, Alex S, Kaan, Freddie S, Henry V, Alice, Niamh W

Don't forget our Mathletics challenge this week! Remember it is the average number of points scored by everyone in the whole school. Some people have been working really hard to try to earn goodies for the whole school. We have a couple of children on 2000+ points so far and Oscar has scored over 5000, whilst Henry H over 7000 this week already! Congratulations boys! I wonder if anyone can earn as much as these amazing mathletes. You have until Sunday to rack those points up!



Parents' Evening Guidance

- If you haven't already, please book an appointment at <https://parents-booking.co.uk/churchfieldsvillage> Contact the school office on admin@churchfields.wilts.sch.uk or 01225 703026 if you encounter any problems. You will need to be able to access your account on the night itself to join the meeting so please let us know if we can help.
- Before your meeting is due to start, log on to your account to check everything is ready to go. We have found that it is best to use Google Chrome web browser for this if using your PC/laptop. Internet Explorer did not work for us.
- Ensure your webcam (and speaker/microphone or headset) is set up and you have given your web browser access permission if required (often found under 'privacy' settings).
- Several minutes before your meeting, a blue 'JOIN VIDEO APPOINTMENT' button will appear. Click this then wait for the teacher to finish their previous meeting. You will then be connected automatically.
- If you are unable to connect with your child's classteacher during the time of your appointment due to technical issues, this will be logged by them and you will be contacted by the school office the following day to rebook. Please do not telephone the school at the time.
- Appointments are ten minutes in length. In order to prevent you from having to wait at your computer, etc. for your meeting to start, the system will end every appointment on time. A timer will be shown during your video call to inform you how much time you have left. All teachers are very willing to continue any important discussions if necessary outside of your designated slot.

The use of this new system has been necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic. We will do our best to ensure it works as smoothly as possible for all concerned and thank you for your patience.

With Black Friday coming up and for all your lockdown online purchases, if you use amazon please choose Churchfields The Village School PTA as your chosen charity. Shop via AmazonSmile and Amazon will donate to our PTA at no cost to you

School News Round- up

Nightingale Food Engineers



What a tasty Tuesday Nightingale Class had this week. The children have been so interested and enthusiastic about our Roman Britain topic that Mrs Liddiard could not resist sharing a lovely activity with them. Edible Roman road building! It proved to be a great activity for reading instructions carefully, following food hygiene rules and above all collaboration. Mrs Liddiard was so impressed with Nightingale pupils' teamwork and sharing. Well done everyone! Special thanks to Mrs Artus for doing all our washing up afterwards too!



Robins had a lovely afternoon on Thursday baking Biscuit Bears! We have been reading Biscuit Bear, the story of a bear who makes a circus for his biscuit friends. They all tasted delicious!



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 01 December	Flu Immunisation whole school
Thursday 03 December	Virtual Parents' Evening until 6:00pm
Tuesday 10 December	EYFS & KS1 Film Night 5pm to 6:45 pm
Friday 11 December	YR 5 & 6 Kllve Court trip deposits payment due by today
11 December	Christmas Dinner

Local COVID-19 contact tracing is now taking place



If you receive a call from **0300 456 0100** please be sure to pick up

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Christmas Dinner Menu

At Atworth and Monkton Farleigh

Friday 11 December 2020

Main Course

Roast turkey with pigs in blankets & stuffing balls OR

Roast Quorn fillet (V)

Served with

Roast potatoes, Fresh seasonal vegetables

Gravy

Dessert

Christmas pudding OR

Strawberry ice cream sundae OR

Yoghurt, fresh fruit OR

Dairy free ice cream

*** Dietary requirements catered for**

If your child/children would like a Christmas dinner please complete their choice of main course on 'parent pay' by Friday 27 November.

School dinners cost £2.40 and parents can also pay by parentpay

<https://www.parentpay.com/>

REMEMBER: school dinners are free for Reception, Yrs. 1 & 2