

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to start by thanking the school community for working with us to implement the new parent-teacher meeting system. Overall the system was mostly successful although we did have a few technical glitches so thank you for bearing with us. Our next set of such meetings will be scheduled for March 2021. As that time approaches, we will decide whether to continue with this way of working or return to traditional in-person meetings in response to the national picture.

You may also be aware that central government announced changes to the 2021 schools' assessment and accountability system yesterday as the pandemic continues. We are working through this guidance alongside the Local Authority and will share poignant information with you when we are fully clear how this will affect our pupils. I can reassure you at this point you that the changes only relate to how pupils will be assessed by the national tests and how this information will be published. Pupils' overall education will not be affected.

As we enter the winter months, I would like to remind you of Churchfields' policy relating to adverse weather, a copy of which can be found [here](#). We will always keep the school open if it is safe to do so. Sometimes it may not be safe due to access, heating, catering or staffing issues specific to our school or individual base. If we are fully or partially closed as a result of bad weather, we will announce this on [BBC Radio Wiltshire](#) and [Heart Wiltshire Radio](#) as well as through our parent contact email system. In the past, one or more of these systems has become overwhelmed with the amount of schools trying to access their services but please rest assured we will do our best to communicate with you as early in the day as possible. Please note that we will not unnecessarily clog these systems by confirming a 'business as usual' scenario. To support us with this, please ensure you update any changes of contact details with the [school office](#) as they occur.

Kind regards,

Simon Fitcher.

School Activities at a glance	
Monday 30 November – Friday 04 December	
Tuesday 10 December	EYFS & KS1 Film Night 5pm to 6:45 pm
Friday 11 December	YR 5 & 6 Killve Court trip deposits payment due by today
11 December	Christmas Dinner

### Reminder about Christmas Cards

As published in our Newsletter dated 13 November, please remember that due to the current COVID19 restrictions we are asking that children do not bring in cards for their friends via school in the run up to Christmas.

Whilst it is sad that we cannot facilitate this activity this year, we will have a card making activity taking place in all our classes before our Christmas break.

Please also be aware that we cannot have Christmas Crackers this year because of the restrictions. Please **do not** send your child in with one on Friday as they will not be able to use it.



**Friday 11 December**

**Christmas Dinner and activities day**

**Next Friday is our Christmas dinner and activity day.**

**To help us really get into the spirit of the day we would like everyone to come to school in party clothes or their favourite Christmas jumper.**

**We are really looking forward to a lovely day!**

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## School News Round- up

### Mathletics

What amazing work Churchfields. You always impress me with your consistency. I am amazed by how many gold certificates have been earned this year - well done to Olivia who is the latest member of this rather exclusive mathletics club!

Gold : Olivia

Silver : Olivia, Ethan, Josiah, Joseph

Bronze : Oscar, Daisy B, Holly, Alex C, Ezra, Oliver C.J, Olivia, Florence, Felicity, Rupert, Ethan, Josiah, Gracie, Alexis, Rufus, Oliver H, Isla, Lauren, Tomas, Leighton, Thomas K, Ted L, Eloise, Eleanor, Joseph, George R, Kaan, Scarlett, Henry V, Alice

Buddy the Elf has come back to spend time with Kingfisher class this Christmas. So far he has treated us to oodles of Lego cards, been caught spying on us by hiding on top of our projector and has even set up a Science investigation for us. He seems much better behaved than last year! Fingers crossed this continues. We need to keep an eye on him Kingfishers! Love Mrs G X X X



We also say goodbye to Felicity and Rupert today. We wish them all the best during their time away and do hope they keep in contact with us all. You will both be greatly missed. Lots of love Mrs G and Mrs Pugh X X X

### Disgusting Digestion! Nightingale Nutritionists!

This week Nightingale Class well and truly got stuck into learning all about the digestive system in their science lessons. They learned all about how our food travels through the body by modelling the process using household items to represent the different organs. Tights, plastic bags, mashers, vinegar and water, amongst other equipment, represented the large and small intestines, the stomach, teeth, stomach acid and saliva. The children have been using all the correct scientific vocabulary to describe the whole process!



Did you know it took 4 year 5 Falcons and 20cm to reach the same height as Hadrian's Wall?



We're learning lots of facts and completing our catapults. Pictures to follow of them completed next week.

**ROCK GUITAR SCHOOL** are looking forward to restarting face to face guitar lessons at Churchfields School in the New Year, and there will be space for new starters who would like to join in the fun.

To see the current guitar pupils in action, who have been practicing this term via Zoom, please visit [facebook.com/rockguitarschoolcorsham](https://www.facebook.com/rockguitarschoolcorsham) to watch their Virtual Christmas Concert video, which will premiere soon!

Please register your interest by Monday 21st December to help with timetabling and planning of a Covid safe operation, and to ensure your place.

Please contact Anthony for all enquiries and prices at [anthonyrockguitar@gmail.com](mailto:anthonyrockguitar@gmail.com) or on 07804 129348



Check out the information sent out with this week's newsletter about competitions being run by Wiltshire Council. The Deadline for entries has been extended until 12 noon on 7 December

