

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to thank you for your support with Churchfields' alternative Christmas play this year. Producing a filmed version was a totally different affair with many challenges for the pupils and staff. They tackled these brilliantly and I know you are in for a treat when you settle down to watch it as a family. We are particularly grateful to Miss Connelly's partner who used his technical know-how to edit and finalise the play so we can bring it to you in electronic form. As you can imagine, this way of working incurred a number of costs for the school so we have started a Just Giving page. If you would like to contribute, we would be most grateful. Please click [here](#). The link to access the play is to the right of this message. Enjoy!

I can now confirm changes to the national tests for pupils who are in years two and six this academic year. The Department for Education has recognised that due to COVID-19 affecting pupil bubbles across the country to differing extents, all statutory Key Stage One papers and the Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Key Stage Two paper have been cancelled for 2021. Teachers in Key Stage One will instead use past papers in order to support their assessments of pupils at the end of year two. Year four will also not be required to undertake the multiplication tables check due for roll-out this year. The year one Phonics Screening Check and other Key Stage Two papers for year six (reading and maths) will be carried out as normal as will all teacher assessments for every year group. In addition, primary school performance tables will not include 2021 pupil outcomes but will instead include attendance information.

Please can I remind you to report any confirmed COVID-19 cases of your children that attend Churchfields to me in line with the '**COVID-19 Reporting to School**' guidance in this newsletter. This will support us greatly in keeping the school community safe. Thank you.

Finally, on behalf of all the staff at Churchfields, I would like to wish all our families a very merry Christmas and a healthy, peaceful New Year. We look forward to pupils returning to us on Tuesday 5th January.

Kind regards,

Simon Fletcher.



THE MAGICAL JIGSAW

You can access the play by clicking [here](#) to download. The file is quite large and may take a few minutes to download.

If you have trouble accessing the play using the link above please cut and paste this link directly into the address search bar. <https://tinyurl.com/y7va4s35>

COVID-19 Reporting to School

Please report to us as soon as possible using the email address head@churchfields.wilts.sch.uk if:

Your child is a pupil of Churchfields and...

1) Is confirmed positive for COVID-19 and began showing symptoms within 48 hours of being in school.

OR

2) Is confirmed positive for COVID-19 within 48 hours of being in school but did not show any symptoms.

If neither of the above apply, you do not need to inform the school of any positive result until the start of term three. From Christmas Day onwards, any COVID-19 confirmed cases should be dealt with through the NHS Test and Trace service as normal.

Please refer to the accompanying information poster "Has your child tested positive for COVID-19?" and include all the information required in your email to us.

Telephone lines to the school will not be monitored during this period so please only use the above email address if the two criteria apply.

The school will then contact all relevant members of the school community to inform them of how to proceed after gaining advice from Public Health England. We will use the Parent Mail system for this so please continue to check for any communications from us up to and including Christmas Eve.



School News Round- up

We had a great time at our Christmas dinner last week, and want to say a big thank you to the staff in the kitchens for making such an amazing dinner.



Our Tree at St Peter's Church Monkton Farleigh

We were sent this photo from Valerie along with this lovely message.



Here is the photo of the children's tree, it looks lovely. I hope that some of the children have already visited the festival and remembered to take home a nativity figure from the tree

There are 12 trees for them to see

Please thank the children for their super snowflakes and a Happy Christmas to everyone

Mathletics

WELL DONE to all mathletes, keeping up the good work!

Silver : Felicity, Samuel D, Oliver H, Tomas, George R, Niamh W

Bronze : Oscar, Daisy B, Holly, Oliver CJ, Felicity, Samuel D, Edward E, Ethan, Josiah, Alexis, Maddox, Rufus, Oliver H, Isla, Lauren, Tomas, Leighton, Eleanor, Emily M, Joseph, George P, George R, Arthur S, Amelie, Isabella, Alice, Niamh W, Freya-Rose



KS2 at Atworth were delighted to be able to visit the church again for our annual Christmas service. Although it was a shame not to share with the whole school and with parents, the Year 5 children read their words beautifully and everyone

commented on how beautiful the singing was. We were very lucky to have Kenneth playing the organ for us and he even treated us to a short science lesson first to explain how the instrument works. Many thanks to all at St Michael's for allowing us to maintain this tradition.



Kingfisher Class



It's been an amazing term. Busy, fun, exciting and inspiring. I couldn't be any prouder than I am of Kingfisher class. From exploding Lemons, fireworks in a jar to understanding place value, writing instructions and making snowmen to name but a few. The youngest members of our school family have excelled. We have thoroughly enjoyed working with our Woodpecker class buddies too, and this will continue throughout the year. We have loads of fun phonics year ones as well as many other exciting adventures to look forward to. Mrs G and Mrs Pugh have lots of exciting plans up their sleeves. Watch this space! Have a very merry Christmas, look after each other and stay safe. I cannot wait to see you all in January. Lots of love Mrs G X X X

Stories for Christmas

Please find attached Christmas Open The Book video links below that you might like to share with your families over Christmas along with a story and poem from the Benefice of Atworth with Shaw and Whitley.

Joseph's Story <https://youtu.be/cBc1FyuMEs0>

Shepherd's story <https://youtu.be/waPnAfmF4mQ>

The Wise men's story <https://youtu.be/2N8agn-aYag>

Jesus' Christmas party and a Christmas story poem from the Rhyming Bible for older children.

<https://we.tl/t-2wuOQINdBR>

Nightingales



This week Nightingales joined the Roman army! Using the Roman shields we had designed and made we went out onto the playground to see if we could perform some of the marching and formations that the Roman army were famously good at. We tried the **TESTUDO** formation which was especially hard to

maintain. It was a good test of our teamwork skills and our knowledge of turning through right angles.



CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES AT ST. PETERS CHURCH, MONKTON FARLEIGH

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL, 9-25TH DECEMBER

The church will be open every day between 10.00 am and 4.30 pm

THE NATIVITY STORY

12 pictures telling the story of the Nativity will be around the churchyard for the children to find

CHRISTMAS EVE

Do join us for a lantern walk at 4 p.m. starting from the village hall carpark, processing to the church where there will be a small gift for each child. Shepherds, kings and angels will all be welcome and Father Christmas has promised to lend us one of his reindeers, if he can, to lead the procession!

And finally...let's light up Monkton Farleigh this Christmas. It would be wonderful to have lots of lights around our village for added festive cheer

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Benefice of Atworth with Shaw and Whitley

Would like to invite you to a Crib Service on Christmas Eve 3pm which will be in Shaw School grounds. All children are encouraged to come dressed as nativity characters. It will be about 30 minutes outdoors. Also on Christmas day 10am there will be a family service in St Michaels Atworth.

The benefice have a Facebook page where you can find all their current news and activities [Benefice of Atworth with Shaw and Whitley - Home | Facebook](#)

WHAT HAPPENS IF YOUR CHILD HAS COVID OVER THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

16 Dec 17 Dec 18 Dec

DAY	Last day of school	Last day of school	Last day of school
16 Dec	Last day of school 16 Dec		
17 Dec		Last day of school 17 Dec	
18 Dec			Last day of school 18 Dec
19 Dec			
20 Dec			
21 Dec	If your child tests positive for Covid AND had symptoms OR was tested during the dates shown by the green boxes above you must email the school. Select your child's last date at school to find the green box that applies to you		
22 Dec			
23 Dec			
24 Dec			
25 Dec	If your child gets symptoms and tests positive after these dates you do not need to tell the school		
26 Dec			
27 Dec			
28 Dec			
29 Dec	If a member of your household tests positive for COVID-19 the whole household must self-isolate		
30 Dec			
31 Dec			
01 Jan			
02 Jan			
03 Jan			
04 Jan			

At the start of term in January if you child is positive, self-isolating or showing Covid symptoms you must tell the school
People may be able to pass on COVID-19 without any symptoms

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Don't give COVID-19 for Christmas – keep playing your part

- Please stay within your Christmas bubble
- Catch up with your friends online or on your phone – **please don't be tempted to meet in person**
- Remember to keep socially distancing, wash hands regularly, wear masks where required

Hopefully next year we can all have a merrier Christmas!

HIGH ALERT TIER



Wash hands regularly



Wear face coverings



Make space

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Has your child tested positive for COVID-19?

If **YES** you need to inform the school as soon as possible

The school will need the following information to carry out a risk assessment of who may be a close contact:

- ☒ **Date of onset of COVID-19 symptoms** (including what symptoms they had)
- ☒ **Date of the test**
- ☒ **Date of the result** (and evidence of the result/ID number)
- ☒ **Date your child was last in school**
- ☒ **How do they get to school?**
E.g. walk, cycle, car, public transport, school transport, taxi
- ☒ **If by car** – do you car share with anyone else?
- ☒ **If walking** – do they walk in with anyone else?
- ☒ **If public transport/school transport** – do they know who they sat near?

Please provide any additional information you may have as to pupils or staff your child may have been in contact with during this period.

Please note: The infectious period is 48 hours prior to the onset of symptoms (or date of the test if tested when asymptomatic).

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At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one topic of worry which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

The 12 Online Safety Tips of Christmas

FOR CHILDREN WITH NEW DEVICES

Christmas is almost upon us once again, and soon some lucky children will be excitedly tearing the wrapping off a new mobile phone, tablet or games console. For some of them, it will be the first time they've owned a device that connects them to the online world. Even for older children, a new device means new corners of the digital landscape to explore – and, unfortunately, new risks to be aware of.

We've put together our top tips so that you can guide your young ones in enjoying their new digital gifts safely and responsibly throughout the year to come. Merry Christmas!

- 1. ALWAYS SET A PASSWORD**
If your child's new device has a password protection feature, use it! It'll help to keep their private information safe and will deny others access to their device without permission. Your child's passwords should be something memorable to them – but something which other people can't guess (it's also a good idea for parents to write it down in case it gets forgotten).
- 2. SET UP 'PARENTAL CONTROLS'**
This really is an essential when your child gets a new device, so they're protected from the outset. Most phones, tablets and consoles allow you to customise their settings to determine which games your child can play, how they can communicate (and who with), what content they can access and so on. It will give you peace of mind that they can't inadvertently do something they shouldn't.
- 3. PAY ATTENTION TO AGE RATINGS**
One of the first things children want to do with any new device is play games and explore apps. Before they download anything or install a new console game, check its age rating. Many popular games and apps have content that's not suitable for younger ages. The safest long-term solution is to adjust the device's settings so they can only download and use games and apps appropriate for their age.
- 4. KEEP NUMBERS AND DEVICES PRIVATE**
Make sure your child understands that they should never share their phone number with someone they don't know or accept a friend request from them. They should also appreciate that it's a good idea to really keep their device out of sight, never lend it to a stranger, and never put it down somewhere that other people could steal it or take it to use without asking.
- 5. HAVE 'THE MONEY CONVERSATION'**
Before your children start using their new device in earnest, talk to them about in-app purchases. They might be tempted to buy things they don't need, or worse, they might be swayed through their device. Once they understand, you might want to agree on a spending limit and reassure them that they can come to you if they're uncertain, or if they have made a purchase by accident.
- 6. DISCOURAGE DEVICE DEPENDENCY**
Of course, children who've just got a new device will naturally want to spend as much time on it as possible. But if they're using it all day, every day, switching phones or connecting with friends, it's easy for them to get attached very quickly. Gently remind them that having family time, going outdoors and getting some exercise are still fun, too. And the device will be there when they get back.
- 7. EXPLAIN SECURE WIFI NETWORKS**
Your home WiFi is protected by a password that only your family knows, whereas public networks (like those found in cafes, shops, for example) can be accessed by anyone. It's important that your child grasps this difference because, if they're using a portable device on an unsecured network, then a hacker could access their personal information without them even knowing.
- 8. LIMIT SCREEN TIME**
Using a device for too long, especially just before bed, can interfere with a child's sleep quality and reduce their concentration and overall enthusiasm. It might be helpful to agree on certain times of day when they don't use their device. Most devices' settings let you specify a screen-time limit, helping your child to stay fresh and focused in order to perform well at school.
- 9. ONLY PAIR WITH KNOWN BLUETOOTH DEVICES**
Your child may want to connect to car-free devices via Bluetooth, as they can listen to music wirelessly or share pictures and videos with nearby friends. But if they use Bluetooth to link with a device that they don't know, they're at risk of a stranger being able to use their personal information or having someone transmit a virus onto their device.
- 10. TURN LOCATION SETTINGS OFF**
It's easiest to disable the device's location services (if it's a portable device) as your child doesn't inadvertently make other people aware of where they are. You can usually do this via the device's privacy control settings. Turning location settings off not only means your child's whereabouts can't be tracked by others, it also significantly extends battery life.
- 11. STAY AWARE OF THE SURROUNDINGS**
It's quite common to see adults not looking where they're going while engrossed in their phone. Children are even more easily distracted. In some cases, children have been hit by cars or cyclists because they were staring at their device and lost track of where they were. Remind your child that screens and walking don't mix. If they need to use their device, they should stop in a safe place first.
- 12. BE THERE IF THEY NEED TO TALK**
Even when you've made a device as secure as you can, there's still a possibility of your child seeing something that bothers them, or someone they don't know attempting to contact them. If this happens, listen to their concerns, empathise and reassure them. Once they've explained what happened, you can decide if you should take further action like blocking or reporting another user.

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