

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent/Carer,

This has been another positive week in and out of school! The staff and I have been amazed with the quality of work children are producing through remote learning and in school. A huge thank you to parents for supporting our remote learning strategy, it is very much appreciated. We are confident that it will continue to evolve over time to meet the requirements of all users, pupils, parents and staff alike. Please do keep providing us with feedback so we incorporate new ideas as we work together on this over the coming weeks. One of the issues we have found at this stage is ensuring we balance the workload for pupils and staff across the week. We understand that many parents are still getting to grips with the uploading of work and hope you find this to be a quicker process once it becomes more familiar. Staff would also like to provide feedback to pupils in a timely manner to allow it to be as meaningful as possible. We therefore kindly request that work is uploaded regularly (ideally daily) rather than all at once although we appreciate this is not always possible. This will also help staff to balance their marking and feedback workload across the week. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

The Department for Education recently issued further guidance regarding children of critical workers and the taking up of school places nationally. Parents are encouraged to keep their children at home if at all possible and only send their children in to school if essential. This is to limit the number of pupils in school across the country to further limit the possibility of COVID-19 transmission. We ask that you further consider this advice before continuing to send your child to school and let us know if you subsequently decide to keep them home. Thank you.

Due to the current COVID-19 situation, schools have been instructed to remain closed to all but the children of critical workers and vulnerable pupils until further notice. The education secretary has promised that schools will be given two weeks' notice of reopening to aid the transition back from remote to in-school learning. I will keep you updated on any further information in this regard as it arises. We can confirm that Churchfields will be closed to all pupils over the half term holiday and remote learning will not be provided during this time to allow pupils to have a rest from learning and start term four refreshed.

I can confirm that there are no plans for primary aged pupils to undergo COVID-19 testing in school at the current time. If this changes in the future, parents will be informed as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

Simon Fletcher.

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Mathletics

Congratulations to our intrepid mathletes, working away tirelessly at home.

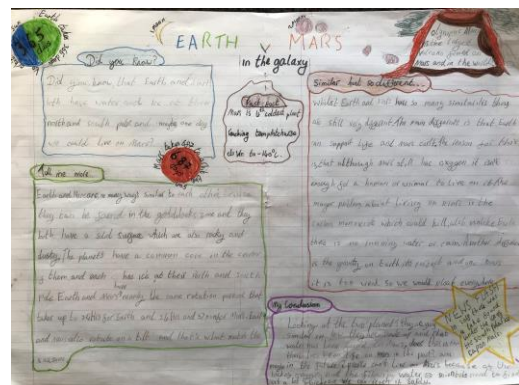
SILVER : Oscar, Ethan, Josiah

BRONZE : Oscar, Emily C, Alex C, Leah, Oliver C.J, Florence, Ethan, Josiah, Lila, Alexis, Maddox, Edie, Rufus, Oliver H, Lauren, Tomas, Emily J, William J, Violet, Eloise, Asahi, Joseph P, George R, Kaan, Scarlett, Niamh, Francesca

News from around the School. Each Week we will bring you a selection of news from our classes.

Nightingales

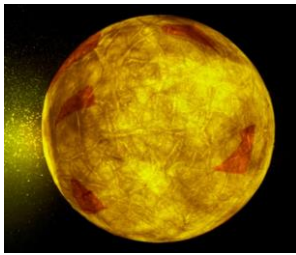
Well, week three has brought some fabulous fact finding and great astronaut art. I have loved hearing about what the children would include in their 'Astronaut Personal Preference Kits' and their goals for 2021. It's great to see everyone in the video chats and I've loved our quizzes and 'Generation Game'. It's so pleasing to see the children keeping up with their regular reading, spelling, handwriting and times tables learning too. Have a relaxing weekend everyone! You deserve it! Love Mrs L x



Robin class

The Robins have been busy this week, that's for sure! I've seen lots of delicious, tasty edible learning this week which is always a good thing. Solar systems made of fruits and squirty cream, space cakes and biscuits, picnics for eating on the moon ... wow! It's great to see how you are all linking your maths, English and topic learning together just like we do at school. Keep up the excellent work.

Kestrel Class



This week Kestrels have been finding out about living in space and written job adverts for astronauts and then replied! They even designed a uniform for successful candidates. They've also been exploring shape in maths and working on different styles of lettering. I'm so impressed with all the work I'm seeing and how dedicated the children are to their learning. You make me really proud Kestrels!
Miss Ottner



facebook

Don't forget to visit our Facebook page which is full of fantastic information and posts celebrating everything that happens at Churchfields. Just search Churchfields The Village School. We are really proud of our children and their achievement's and would like your help to promote our wonderful school; it would be great for as many likes and shares as possible.

Wiltshire Children's Centres
Keeping in Touch
January 2021



New Year Resolutions



Getting on top of your finances with support from the Children's Centres

The Wiltshire Children's Centres can offer one off support to families with children aged 0 - 5 years. We can help you to use a budget planner and budget calculator to understand how your money is being spent and where you can reduce your outgoings.

If your debt is unmanageable, we can refer you to the appropriate debt advice service for further support. We can also support you if you are feeling worried about making phone calls or filling in forms.

Taking this first step and talking to us can help you start to feel more in control.



Thinking about returning to work?

Time to up-skill yourself

More free courses have been added to

<https://theskillstoolkit.campaign.gov.uk/> including getting the most out of Microsoft Outlook, introductions to finance and bookkeeping and understanding how computer networks operate.

The online learning platform is available to everyone and provides easy access to a selection of high-quality digital and numeracy courses, which can help people build up their skills, progress in work and boost their job prospects. Finally, check out:

Family Learning courses
<https://workwiltshire.co.uk/family-learning/>

Volunteering

Volunteering offers a route back to work. There are lots of different ways to volunteer and during lockdown we can offer volunteering roles on-line. Contact us for more information.

Did you know that you could be eligible to claim for:

Warm Home Discount Scheme
More information can be found on the Gov.uk site.

New Parent?

You may be eligible for the Surestart Maternity Grant £500
<https://www.gov.uk/sure-start-maternity-grant/eligibility>

Better 2gether funding is the Wiltshire branding for early years funding for 2yr old child care. Contact the Children's Centres for support with this.

Grants are available to help pay off your energy debts, although charitable trusts prefer you to have taken debt advice first. Speak to the Citizens Advice Bureau for more information

