

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent/Carer,

The staff are gearing up towards our full reopening to all pupils on Monday 8th March. We are very much looking forward to seeing children who have not had the opportunity to come into school for the last two months. We appreciate that although many pupils will be eager to get back into the swing of school life, some may be anxious about returning to school after such a long time away. Please rest assured that staff are ready to support all children so they have a comfortable transition back into school.

Due to the recent disruption and the fact that all children will be returning to school in just over a week's time, parents' evenings will be delayed until early term five. This will allow time for children to settle back into school and for teachers to gather more meaningful information to share with you. More information will be provided about this nearer the time.

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend now there is definitely a feeling of spring in the air!

Kind regards,

Simon Futcher.

Mathletics

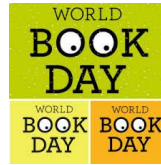
Congratulations to everyone who's been working hard on their mathletics and especially to those who

have been keeping up their commitment over the half term break. It's great to see another two gold certificates achieved - well done boys, that's a lot of hard work and dedication.

Gold : William J, Ethan

Silver : Ezra, Olivia, William, Scarlett, Ethan, Josiah

Bronze : Oscar, Ezra, Oliver CJ, Olivia, Florence, Ethan, Josiah, Alexis, Maddox, Edie, Samuel H, Rufus, Oliver H, Lillie, Quita, Emily J, William J, Emily M, George M, Asahi, Joseph, George R, Scarlett, Iris T, Niamh W, Francesca, Oliver CJ, Ethan, Josiah, Rufus, Tomas, William J, Emily J, Felix, Eloise, George R, Kaan, Scarlett



World Book Day - Thursday 4th March

We can't wait to celebrate World Book Day with you on Thursday. We have lots of great ideas for you to do at home this year which will all be uploaded to Google Classroom.

Bedtime Stories

Perhaps some of the older children in school remember our beloved Bedtime Story sessions we have run in previous years in school. This year will be slightly different, but we wanted to continue with the tradition. On Thursday evening, everyone is invited to get into their pyjamas, grab their favourite teddy, warm up a hot chocolate and log on to Google Meet to share a bedtime story with their friends and teachers.

The times for each class are:

Falcon and Robin - 6.30pm

Kingfisher - 6.30pm

Woodpecker - 7pm

Nightingale and Kestrel - 7.15pm

For those who may not have joined one of the Google Meet sessions before, attached with this newsletter is a guide explaining how to join the meeting through Google Classroom. **Alternatively, login to Google Classroom and look on the 'class stream' where your class teacher may post a link just before the meeting. Simply click on the link and it will take you directly to the meeting.**

We can't wait to see you there!

Wiltshire Parent/Carer Council Survey

As we are now some weeks into the latest lockdown, the WPCC would like to follow up on this survey and ask you to complete their newest [survey](#). They would like to know about how things are going. All responses will be anonymous.

To say thank you for taking the time to complete the survey, they would like to invite you to take part in their **free prize draw** with a **chance of winning a £50 voucher**; simply complete the survey for more details.

The **survey closes at 5pm on Sunday 28 February 2021** and the **lucky winner will be notified by Saturday 6 March 2021**.



Times Tables

A new term brings with it the excitement of new times tables to learn!

At Churchfields we spend a full term concentrating on one times table, allowing children to thoroughly embed their knowledge before moving on. Year 2s this term will look at the x5 tables - a particularly tricky one to learn as children are often very proficient with counting up on their fingers! Year 3s are moving onto their 6s, and Y4s are learning their 9s.

Activities to help with learning times tables can be found in the virtual classroom, but don't forget we also have a school subscription to TTRockstars. Year 2s and above can log on with the first three letters of their first name and the first three letters of their surname using the same password as athletics.

There are a variety of single and multi-player options. Garage mode allows children just to practice the times tables set by their teacher. We ask that Y3/4s start every session with a soundcheck to show their progress.

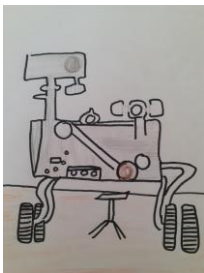
The following children have achieved their highest ever status on TTRockstars in the last month (by playing in the Studio)

Breakthrough artist: Jessie
Support Act: Henry V
Headliner: Cas
Rock Star: Juneau, Ethan, Rosie
Rock Legend: George M, Emily M, Oliver S

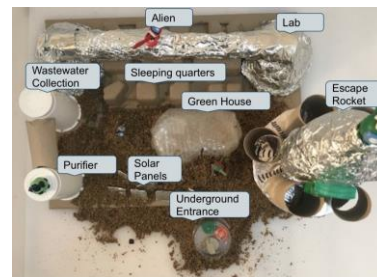
Special congratulations to George who is now the fastest in the school!

News from around the School.

This week Kestrels have been inspired by the Perseverance rover landing on Mars to respond in all sorts of creative ways, from poems to artwork to imovies. They've also had a go at programming a rover, created their own treasure hunt for their families and learnt about their digital wellbeing along with lots of other activities.



Wow Nightingales - well done! You have come back from the half term break full of excitement and raring to go again. We have been especially interested in Perseverance (the Mars Rover), and I have really enjoyed looking at all of your name suggestions and pictures of your own rovers for the future. I just had to share a couple of pictures of the model making (Mars Base) before the break, which was fantastic. You have impressed me no end with your positive attitudes, resilience and stamina over these weeks - well done all of you at home and in school. Mrs Lx



The Department for Education have issued an open letter to parents and guidance information. You can access both of these at the following links.

An Open Letter to Parents from the Secretary of State for Education: https://dfemedia.blog.gov.uk/2021/02/23/an-open-letter-from-education-secretary-gavin-williamson-to-parents-carers-and-guardians/?utm_source=24%20February%202021%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

DfE Guidance for Parents: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-covid-19>

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Term 4	
Monday 22 February	Term 4 Begins
04 March	World Book Day
08 March	School open to all pupils
16 & 17 March	Group 1 Bikeability
19 March	Comic Relief Red nose day
23 & 24 March	Group 2 Bikeability
Thursday 01 April	INSET DAY
Thursday 01 April	End of Term 4

Future INSET days for Academic Year 2020/2021: **Thursday 22 July and Friday 23 July**

