

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent/Carer,

It is with sadness that I must announce that Michelle Jackson, cook at our Monkton Farleigh base, will be hanging up her Churchfields' apron for the last time on Friday 21st May. Mrs Jackson's cooking is legendary and she will be sorely missed after an impressive 17 years working at the school! Mrs Jackson is moving away with her family so we wish them every happiness in their new home.

Thank you to parents who have taken the time to carry out the "Big Ask" surveys with their children. You have until 19th May if you have yet to do so. A reminder of the details can be found in this newsletter.

Thank you to parents who have already signed up for the upcoming virtual parents' evenings using our online system. We have included details on how to do this in this newsletter in case you missed these. We encourage all parents to book an appointment to meet virtually with their child's classteacher at one of these evenings.

Kind regards,

Simon Fletcher.

Mathletics

Another mathlete who has achieved the top award! Well done Alex. It's brilliant to see all of you

working away so hard on Mathletics. I know your teachers definitely see its impact in the classroom. Fantastic work everyone!

GOLD: Alex C

SILVER: Alex C, William J, Ted L, Violet

BRONZE: Theo, Alex C, Oliver CJ, Ethan, Josiah, Alexis, Maddox, Edie, Samuel H, Henry H, Rufus, Oliver H, Lillie, Emily J, William J, Leighton, Ted L, Vinnie, Violet, George R, Isabella R,

The Big Ask

The new Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched The Big Ask – the largest ever consultation with children aged 4 to 17 in England. It aims to find out children's concerns and aspirations about the future, so that we can put children at the heart of our country's recovery from the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

Parents and carers are encouraged to complete the [survey with their children](#) then complete their [own short survey](#).

Each only take a few minutes. The results from this survey will help the Children's Commissioner identify the barriers preventing children from reaching their potential, put forward solutions and set ambitious goals for the country to achieve.

Parents' Evening Guidance

- Please book an appointment to see your child's classteacher at <https://parents.booking.co.uk/churchfieldsvillage>. You do not need a password, simply use your child's legal name and date of birth to sign in. 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 in your parents' booking account. 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 start and 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 at another mutually convenient date and time.

Booking Dates:

- The appointment evenings available for are Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th May for all classes.
- Bookings can be made for these evenings using the online system from Monday 3rd to Sunday 16th May for all classes.

School Census Day 20 May

Throughout the school year we have census days. These are very important dates in the school calendar as they determine our future government funding, and the number of children having school dinners is one of the key factors taken into account. **Thursday 20 May** is census day and we would like to encourage as many children as possible to join us for school dinners. Thursday is roast or pizza and there are cookies for pudding. The cost of a school meal is £2.40 but don't forget, children in Reception and KS1 are free!

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News from around the school



On Tuesday 04 May we went on a Braeside course: Super Sleuths Detective Writing. We wrote murder mysteries together. Our

was called Murder at the Masquerade. Braeside is an educational activity centre where children can go on courses to learn more about a certain topic of their choice. We loved developing our knowledge and had fun doing something we love to do.

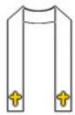
Rosa and Lila

If you would like to find out more about the courses that are on offer, all the information is now online <https://www.braeside-education.co.uk/agt-e-courses/>. Courses are offered from Y2 to Y6 and cover a range of subjects.



On Tuesday 04 May Rev Jane visited Kestrels to talk to us about communion and churches. Communion is a

sacrament in which people gather in churches to celebrate the Last Supper. At this meal Jesus shared out unleavened bread (bread without yeast) and poured the wine into chalices. Rev Jane showed us a small communion set which she brings to people who can't make it to communion.



Rev Jane also told us about the different jobs inside a church and the training that you have to undergo to become them. Such jobs include deacons, priests, bishops and archbishops (although there are only two archbishops in the Church of England). She

showed us her stole (a kind of scarf worn in religious ceremonies). She likes to wear her white one with animals on it, but you can only wear a white one during baptisms and Easter. She explained about the parish council - it is like our school council but it makes decisions for the church.

I think we learnt a lot from Rev Jane and we all hope to see her again soon.

by Henry and Violet



Class Photos Thursday 27 May

Tempest Photography will be visiting each base to take whole class photos on Thursday 27 May



WOW Day Report from KS2 Wednesday 05 May



We all managed to dodge the rain at both bases to have a really interesting trip around our villages. So interesting to spot what is on your doorstep when you can take the time.



Lots of fun activities completed across the bases including quizzes, model villages at MF and art work focussing on a 'birds eye' view at Atworth. Well done to al in Kestrels, Nightingales and Falcons.

A huge thank you to al helpers and staff for making it such good fun.



The PTA were delighted to hold a stall at the Atworth Artisan Market on Sunday 9th May.

A fantastic effort was made by the whole team to produce a wonderful display of delicious homemade cakes, a raffle and a lucky dip.

Altogether we raised a fantastic £315.82 for the school.

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who contributed and came along on the day, without your help it wouldn't have been such a successful event.

Our next fundraising event is a non-uniform day on Friday 28 May, with a suggested donation of £1.

The PTA team



Term 5	
Tuesday 18 May	Virtual parents evening until 7pm
Wednesday 19 May	YR. Reception Vision Screening
Thursday 20 May	Census Day roast dinner
Thursday 20 May	Virtual parents evening until 6pm
Thursday 27 May	Tempest class vista photos
Friday 28 May	Non Uniform Day to raise money for the PTA. Suggested donation of £1.
Friday 28 May	End of Term 5
Term 6	
Monday 07 June	Start of Term 6
Wednesday 09 – Friday 11 June	Kilve Court Year 5 & 6 residential
Wednesday 16 June	music workshops Atworth
Wednesday 16 June	R21 Meet the Teacher 5pm Atworth; 5:30pm MF
Tuesday 22 June	R21 Induction afternoon
Tuesday 29 June	R21 induction afternoon
Tuesday 06 July	R21 induction afternoon
Thursday 08 July	Year 6 pupils Induction at St Laurence whole day
Friday 09 July	Sports afternoon 1pm -3:15pm



Term 6 Continued	
Tuesday 13 July	R21 induction afternoon & Teddy Bear's picnic
Thursday 15 July	Year 5 taster Day St Laurence School whole day
Friday 16 July	Provisional Sports Day
Friday 16 July	Pupil Reports go home
Monday 19 July to Wednesday 21 July	Sports Week
Wednesday 21 July	Last Day Term 6
Thursday 22 July	INSET DAY
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INSET days planned for academic year 2021-2022

Wednesday 01 September 2021

Tuesday 04 January 2022

Friday 08 April 2022

Monday 06 June 2022

Monday 25 July 2022



