

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have had another busy week in school! We are pleased to have been able to run Bikeability for some of our older pupils again this week. Children from both bases had their training socially distanced from one another to keep them safe in line with the regulations. We always receive such positive feedback from the instructors who are used to working with many different Wiltshire schools. They always commend our pupils for their manners, behaviour and conscientious approach to their learning. Undoubtedly this will be echoed with the current group judging by the impressive work I saw them carrying out today.

As I am sure you will understand, we are required to prevent items coming from home that are not required for children's education. Unfortunately this means we will be unable to allow the swapping of Christmas cards in school again this year. We appreciate this is disappointing for the children so each class will be creating their own Christmas cards to send home, to prevent children missing out on this festive activity whilst keeping them safe.

Finally, the progressively colder weather means that any rainfall we have is soaking into the fields at both bases making children's shoes wet and muddy as a result. We try to avoid spoiling children's fun by allowing them to use the field when it is safe to do so and when it won't cause too much damage to the grass. This means that children are getting muddy shoes - frustrating for our parents, and the corridors are getting muddy carpets - frustrating for our cleaners! I would be grateful if we could therefore return to the practice of children bringing in Wellington boots or similar for outside play, to leave in school during the winter months. These should be in a labelled bag for each child to hang on their peg. Thank you.

Kind regards,

Simon Futcher.

Mathletics

Another week of excellent effort from our mathletes, and a super gold too, which

is always exciting. Well done Violet!

GOLD: Violet

SILVER: Alexis, Oliver H, Violet, Harri

BRONZE : Ezra, Benjamin, Oliver C.J, Florence, Ethan, Josiah, Alexis, Maddox, Samuel H, Oliver H, Isla, Tomas, William J, Emily J, Georgie, Leighton, Livinia, Ted L, Violet, Morgan, Ryley, Joseph, George R, Harri,

GOVERNORS MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carer

Everyone understands that, even though it feels like there have been many changes from the Spring in terms of COVID-19, these are still uncertain times in relation to the pandemic.

We wanted to outline that the staff at the school are doing all they can to make things as safe as possible for everyone in the school community. The school is following the guidance that is outlined and set by the government and is constantly monitoring the situation regarding any developments in protocols or strategy.

The school has no control over the guidance provided. The adherence to the guidance has impacted the school, after school clubs and events which is disappointing to all involved. Even though there may be those who take exception to certain elements of the guidance, the school is acting appropriately.

The governors would encourage all parents to be familiar with the current government guidance. The school provided this on the ParentMail communication sent on 24 November.

The school and the governors are happy to answer any queries or questions that you may have but please be reassured that the school is doing all it can to make sure the children and staff are safe.

Thank you for your continued patience and support during this time.

Message for Falcon and Robin Classes

Filming of your section of the Christmas play is taking place on both Tuesday 30 November and Wednesday 01 December.

Please can you all remember to bring your costumes in on Monday.

Thank you





Thank you for being so 'Spotacular'

Thank you so much for your generosity last Friday; Team Churchfields raised a fantastic

£175.30



Shop on line with Amazon Smile and easyfundraising and they will donate to Churchfields PTA

It's Black Friday and for all your online purchases, if you use amazon please choose Churchfields The Village School PTA as your chosen charity. Shop via [Amazon Smile](#) and Amazon will donate to our PTA at no cost to you.

You can also shop via easyfundraising it's easy to join just click [here](#) to get started.

Thank you

Churchfields PTA Christmas Raffle

In lieu of our Christmas Fayre 2021 being cancelled, we will now be focusing on our raffle. Every year, local businesses and people are extremely generous in gifting raffle prizes for us, so we thought - why not go ahead with this to bring some vital funding to Churchfields.

What do we need, we hear you ask! In the next week, we will be sending home **10 raffle tickets with each child**. Each ticket is £1.

Please could all of you lovely parents/guardians try and sell as many as you can to your friends, family and neighbours. We would be so grateful for this effort. **Following the sale of these, please hand one part of the ticket to the buyer and return the other with their name & phone number written on the back, with the cash in the envelopes provided.**

Please return all money and tickets sold by Monday 13th December.

The draw will be made on Wednesday 15th December and the prizes will be delivered to school by the end of the week. Please now take a look at the list of our fabulous prizes in order to promote our raffle!

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Many thanks

Churchfields PTA



Term 2 Key Dates	
Friday 10 December	Christmas Dinner
Friday 17 December	Non-uniform day
Friday 17 December	End of Term 2

INSET DAYS 2021/2022 Tuesday 04 January Friday 08 April Monday 06 June Friday 22 July

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All 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 staying safe during Black Friday, which we believe trusted adults will find useful. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, more real tips for sale etc.

10 Tips for Safe Shopping Online on BLACK FRIDAY

One of the many notable side-effects of the pandemic has been the surge in online shopping, as people stay home for longer periods. These sales figures are set to experience a particularly pronounced spike on Black Friday, as eager shoppers take to the internet in search of a bargain (or ten). Delight at securing those must-have items can quickly be overshadowed, however, by falling foul of the retail risks that can await unwary buyers.

Here's National Online Safety's top ten tips for protecting yourself and your family while hunting for the deals this Black Friday weekend ...

- ### 1. TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS

It's safest to stick with well-known, reputable retailers. If a site doesn't look professional, or has weird pop-up ads, it's best to steer clear – no matter how tempting their prices. If something seems too good to be true, it probably is!
- ### 2. WATCH OUT FOR PHISHING ATTACKS

Email inboxes are flooded on Black Friday by retailers telling everyone about their deals. Hackers often try to use the traffic as cover/forgo; look out for emails with poor grammar, suspicious email addresses and phishing lingo – these are all common signs you've been targeted.
- ### 3. MAKE SURE THE SITE'S SECURE

When you're buying online, look for a padlock icon near the address bar – or check if the URL includes "https" or "http". The extra 's' or the padlock mean you can rest easy; you're sending your card details and personal info via a secure channel.
- ### 4. PLAN YOUR SHOPPING

Before you go online, make a list of what you're looking for – and stick to it. With enticing deals everywhere you look, it's so easy to get immersed in bargain hunting and end up with a massive overspend by the time you log off!
- ### 5. LOOK OUT FOR LOOT BOX SALES

Video gaming companies also offer Black Friday deals, with as much as 90% off loot boxes in some titles. Children can also buy reduced-price games through their accounts. So if your child comes across the online store or makes in-game purchases on their device, it'll be wise to talk to them in advance.
- ### 6. READ THE REVIEWS

We've all bought something which sounded amazing online, only for it to be far less impressive when it actually arrived. Take time to read other buyers' views on an item – and think twice about anything that only has a small number of comments about it.
- ### 7. CREATE SECURE PASSWORDS

On Black Friday, there's a higher likelihood of you setting up accounts on sites you've never bought from before. Choose a different password for each the longer, the better. It's best practice to use a mix of upper- and lower-case letters, symbols and numbers.
- ### 8. CHECK THE SMALL PRINT

Make sure you check out details like a retailer's return policy. It's so easy to shop impulsively on Black Friday and then be stuck with things you don't want because of a very small window for returning goods.
- ### 9. IGNORE INFLUENCER PRESSURE

Influencers can be great for finding out where the best deals are. But don't forget that sometimes they're being paid by retailers, and they can often cause people to feel under pressure to buy something – anything – just because it's Black Friday.
- ### 10. CHECK IT'S A REAL "DEAL"

Some Black Friday "bargains" you'll find were actually on sale at the same price (or cheaper) in the previous six months. Look at other retailers or price comparison sites to see if an item really does have money off.

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