

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent/Carer,

How super it has been seeing everyone coming in to school wearing their festive jumpers today! It is heartening to see that the school community's Christmas spirit cannot be crushed in the face of the continuing challenges brought by the pandemic. The filming of our Christmas Plays has been completed, and the editing well under way. Watch out for further information next week.

Following my message to you yesterday, I wish to reiterate that Churchfields will be open as normal next week, despite the national "Plan B" guidance to stay-at-home. Department for Education guidance released yesterday indicates that "School attendance remains mandatory and all the usual rules continue to apply." As for the start of the spring term in the New Year, although it is impossible to know what is around the corner, the updated Contingency Framework for School states that "The overarching objective is to maximise the number of children and young people in face-to face education or childcare and minimise any disruption, in a way that best manages the COVID-19 risk." Therefore, it is very unlikely (though not impossible) that schools will close their doors to move to remote learning once more. Other restrictions may be put in place however, and I will of course update you if this is the case, before children return on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

Kind regards,

Simon Fletcher.

## Admissions Criteria Consultation

Wiltshire Council is consulting on the proposed admissions criteria and admission arrangements for its Community & Voluntary Controlled Schools for the 2023/24 academic year. It is also consulting on the proposed schemes for co-ordination of admissions to all maintained schools and academies for the 2023/24 academic year.

**The consultation began on Friday 3 December 2021 and it ends on Friday 21 January 2022.**

The consultation documents can be accessed by clicking on the link below.

[www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-admissions-consultation](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-admissions-consultation)

Please email any comments to the Local Authority so that any returns, give an accurate reflection of the views of all school communities.

To respond to this consultation please send your comments by email to [admissions@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@wiltshire.gov.uk) or you can write to:

School Admissions Team  
Wiltshire Council  
Bythesea Road  
Trowbridge  
Wiltshire  
BA14 8JN

## Mathletics

Congratulations to all those mathletes keeping up their training this week. It really

does make a tremendous difference to your maths skills. Super work!

**SILVER:** Ryley

**BRONZE :** Ezra, Ethan, Josiah, Alexis, Maddox, Oliver, Isla, Leighton, Livinia, Ted L, Vinnie, Morgan, Tallulah, Ryley, Joseph, George R, Arthur, Freddie S, Alice



## The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Thank you so much for your generous donations for this appeal. £226.30 was received by The Royal British Legion from Churchfields.





## 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



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

Thank you

**Family and Community Learning**  
Wiltshire Council

**Wellbeing Course 2021**

The online course offers support to families with children who are finding life difficult during these tricky times. Families will learn how to improve communication and problem solving skills and be more able to be more resilient in times of stress.

**Helping My Child with Anxiety and Worry**  
Tuesday 14 December 10:00-12:00 (1 x 2 hr session)

Join this online course where parents/carers learn together and take part in practical group activities, all in a relaxed and friendly environment.

**Who will benefit from attending?**  
This course is for parents/carers who want to support their child/children with their mental wellbeing.

**What will you learn?**  
Explore anxiety and worry, and how they affect the body, behaviour, emotions and thought.

Discover ways that children's mental health can be supported at home. Develop an awareness of how anxiety and worry cause the stress response and how this can affect learning. Find out where to go for further help, advice and support.

**CONTACT DETAILS:**  
EMAIL: FAMILYANDCOMMUNITYLEARNING@WILTSHIRE.GOV.UK  
WEBSITE: WORKWILTSHIRE.CO.UK/FAMILY-LEARNING/  
CALL: 01225 770478

Courses are funded by the Education and Skills Funding Agency. Learners must be 19+, have been resident in the UK/EU for three+ years, a service family member, have a child with SEN, have less than 5 GCSES A-C and/or be in receipt of benefits or be unemployed. If you feel you do not fit within the criteria, we may still be able to help so please call if you have any questions.



Term 2 Key Dates	
Sunday 12 December	<b>Midnight deadline for Nasal flu immunisation online consents</b>
Tuesday 14 December	Nasal Flu immunisation whole school
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

Term 3	
Tuesday 04 January	<b>INSET DAY</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 05 JANUARY</b>	<b>Term 3 Begins</b>
Thursday 13 January	WOW Day
Thursday 20 January	<b>Census</b>
Monday 07 February to Friday 11 February	E - safety week
Tuesday 15 February	West Wilts Dance Festival at The Forum Bath
<b>Friday 18 February</b>	<b>End of Term 3</b>

