### HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

### Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to term four! How quickly the school year is passing.

I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks for the messages of support from the school community while I was off with Covid in February. They cheered me up immensely and were very much appreciated.

Now that Covid restrictions have eased nationally, staff have already started planning exciting events, trips and visitors to support the children's learning across the curriculum. These will differ between Key Stages so please look out for any emails about these in the near future. We are still keeping important precautions in place, such as the additional hygiene practices we have been implementing, and the avoidance of large gatherings of pupils and parents. This is for everyone's safety. We will closely monitor the impact of the removal of restrictions over the next few weeks. Further easing will occur in school over time in a considered manner.

The rules of isolation for pupils has changed. Although they are no longer required <u>by law</u> to self-isolate with COVID-19, they are advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people to reduce the chance of transmission.

### Pupils should therefore only stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have any of the main symptoms of COVID-19 or have tested positive.

If they have any of the main symptoms of COVID-19, they should also get a PCR test as soon as possible. The main symptoms of COVID-19 are still identified by the NHS as being:

- a high temperature this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

I appreciate there are a plethora of other symptoms associated with different variants but I am obliged to quote the <u>official symptoms listed by the NHS</u>.

If pupils have COVID-19, they should stay at home while they are infectious to others. This can be for up to **a maximum of 10 days**, unless they are unwell, from when their symptoms start. Many people will no longer be infectious to others after 5 days.

You can use a rapid lateral flow test on your child from 5 days after their symptoms start (or the day they had the test if they do not have symptoms), and another the next day. If both tests are negative and they do not have a high temperature, they are less likely to pass COVID-19 to others and can return to school. If their test result is positive on day 5, you can carry on doing rapid lateral flow tests with them every day until they get 2 negative test results in a row.

The government have indicated that rules will be updated further by 1st April. I will update you further at that time.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

Simon Futcher.





### World Book Day 2022



Wow, what fun we had this week celebrating World Book Day! At Churchfields we like to do things differently and this year we were celebrating the amazing world of WORDS! We were all so impressed with the words you chose to come as for your costumes. They showed amazing creativity and imagination which we all know makes a wonderful book. It prompted lots of discussion all day about how lots of different words could be used to describe your costumes, not just one.

There was so much going on all day. Book scavenger hunts, book tasting sessions, creative writing, writing miniature story books, guess the word, paired reading, wordle, aburdle, and inventing a story maker's dream! Above all else, loads and loads of reading!

All the staff and children would like to say a big thank you to everyone at home for helping, designing, creating and making the costumes!









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### Gem reward:

Falcon and Robin Classes had their Sapphire Gem reward on the afternoon of World Book Day. The children played different games and were working towards earning their new Topaz gem with amazing collaboration and team work.







It's certainly put a smile on Miss Ottners face to come back after the holidays to a gold certificate! Our golden

girl is Laurie - well done for all the hard work and effort you've put into Mathletics over the year. Lots of other hard-working children on this list too - some even earning two certificates. Well done everyone!

#### GOLD: Laurie

**SILVER:** Oliver CJ, Josiah, Laurie, Leighton, Quita, George P

**BRONZE:** Benjamin (x2), Oliver CJ (x2), Florence, Ethan, Josiah, Alexis (x2), Maddox (x2), Hector G (x2), Samuel H (x2), Oliver H, Isla, Laurie, Leighton (x2), Livinia (x2), Quita, Ryley (x2), Joseph (x2), George P (x2), George R, Isabella R, Thea

Well done also to lots of children who have been earning passport certificates recently: Henry F, Ethan, Leo, Lennon, Dylan, Freya, Dexter, Teddy D, Hector N, Evelyn C, Jamie, Henry H, Hannah, and Hector G. We can really see the progress you are making in maths over the year. Don't forget these can be signed off by parents and children in the back of the home-school books





Friday 08 April

Future Inset Days Monday 06 June Friday 22 July

Term 4	
Thursday 10 March	Kestrel Class Swimming Melksham Blue Pool
14 March - 18 March	STEM Week (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths)
Thursday 17 March	Kestrel Class Swimming Melksham Blue Pool
Friday 18 March	Red Nose Day
Monday 21 March – Friday 25 March	No teacher led after school clubs this week
Tuesday 22 March	Parents' evening until 7:30pm
Thursday 24 March	Kestrel Class Swimming Melksham Blue Pool
Thursday 24 March	Parents' evening until 6pm
Tuesday 29 March	KS2 Langford Lakes trip
Thursday 31 March	Kestrel Class Swimming Melksham Blue Pool
Tuesday 5 April	Broughton Gifford Cricket Club Taster sessions Atworth AM & Monkton Farleigh PM
Wednesday 06 April	Open the book at MF amphitheatre
Wednesday 06 April	Whole School Easter Service 1:15pm St Michaels Church Atworth
Friday 08 April	INSET DAY/End of Term 4





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#### Melksham Oak Community School





### YEAR 6 'WORKING TOGETHER' EVENING

(Science, Art, Computer Science & Business Studies)

### THURSDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022



Refreshments will be available from 5.40pm onwards. Workshops run from 6.00pm – 7.30pm.

If you would like to attend this evening, please email Amie Hayden-Smith, Head of Year 7 at smitha@melkshamoak.wilts.sch.uk to reserve a place.

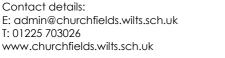
Places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

We look forward to welcoming you to Melksham Oak Community School.



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