

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you are aware, the month of April means further national restrictions lifting. At the time of writing, the information schools received yesterday from the government is incomplete but we have been promised the rest today. If there are any relevant elements to share with the school community, we will communicate these to you. In the meantime, the guidance we sent out yesterday for your attention is copied below:

- Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend
- adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days
- adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature

The KS1 Wow! Day and KS2 trip to Langford Lakes were a great success this week so we are pleased to have taken the decision for them to go ahead. Thank you to staff who organised and participated in these events, and the children for their enthusiasm. We received positive comments from Langford Lakes' staff, as well as members of the public for our pupils' behaviour and passion for learning which is always gratefully received.

I am pleased to report that we no longer have an outbreak of COVID-19 within school so all restrictions will be lifted from Monday. This means no limitations on trips, visitors, volunteers, assemblies, dinner arrangements or playground zoning which have been in place for the past several weeks to mitigate the spread of the virus. We are therefore thrilled to be able to invite you to our Easter service at St. Michael's Church at Atworth at 1:15pm on Thursday 7th April. The service will last about an hour then children will return to school to be collected at the normal time. As Monkton Farleigh pupils need to travel by coach back to school, any Monkton Farleigh parents in attendance may collect their children at the end of the service.

A reminder that parents' evening sign-up sheets will be available from Tuesday of next week for the rescheduled meetings on Tuesday 3rd and Thursday 5th May. Now we are over our 'outbreak', I do not anticipate these dates will need to be altered again.

Finally, as the national Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) are resuming for the end of Key Stages One and Two this year in May, teachers of years two and six will be holding information sessions for parents for an hour after school. Please look out for the dates for these in our newsletters. They will be held early next term.

Kind regards,

Simon Fatcher.



Well done to our amazing mathletes, working as hard as ever. You are all superstars!

Silver : Oliver H, Vinnie, Violet, Isabella R

Bronze : Theo, Alex C, Ava, Ethan, Josiah, Alexis, Maddox, Hector G, Hannah, Oliver H, Isla, Leighton, Livinia, Ted L, Vinnie, Violet, George R, Isabella R, Scarlett, Heidi

Support Your Child's learning with This Free Maths App!

White Rose, whose maths scheme we use across the school, have released a free app to help children practise core maths skills.

This first version of the app is aimed at children in years one and two. It has a selection of tasks focusing on adding and subtracting – and on 'subitising', which is the skill of instantly recognising the number of items in a group without counting.

More information and a link to download the app can be found [here](#).

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KS2 had an excellent trip to Langford Lakes on Tuesday to support their geography learning about rivers. We were able to look at different features of rivers and spot interesting wildlife along the banks on a river walk and then get inside a river to investigate the creatures who live underwater. We used an identification key to find out about their names and surprised our group leaders with the number of fish we found! We also carried out different measurements including the flow rate of rivers. We'd like to say a huge thank you to all the adults who came with us for making the trip possible.



On Friday, Kestrels organised a bake sale to raise money for two charities: Ukraine and Cancer Research. They planned and organised everything themselves raising an incredible £150 and would like to say thank you to everyone who came and supported. Some people have asked if they can still donate - and they are very welcome to do so! Well done Kestrels - you've done a fantastic job and I know you're very proud of your achievements.



Key Stage Two SATs Information Sessions for Year Six Parents

SATs will resume in May for pupils in year two and six. Please come along to one of the following meetings to learn what they entail and how we can all support your children. The meetings will last between half an hour and an hour. Parents/carers may attend either meeting immaterial of the child's class.

Kestrel - Wednesday 27th April 3:15pm @ Atworth

Falcon - Thursday 28th April 4pm @ Monkton Farleigh

THANK YOU very much from Mrs Artus to our lunch time helpers who have supported us for 3 years. Superstars!



Homes for Ukraine

Many people are offering to provide homes for refugees under the government Homes for Ukraine scheme which opened for visa applications on Friday 18 March.

Members of the school community that have eligible refugees staying with them under the 'Homes for Ukraine' scheme should contact the school office for further information on how to apply for a school place for primary school aged children.

There will also be other Ukrainian refugees who have family here who are already starting to settle in the UK. Wiltshire Council will be notified of those applying for the Homes for Ukraine scheme so they can provide support, but for those coming to stay with family there is currently no official alert to Wiltshire Council of their arrival. Therefore Wiltshire Council are encouraging people to let them know if they are welcoming family members so they can provide support and work with them.

Wiltshire Family and Community Learning

<https://workwiltshire.co.uk/family-learning/>

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Online
Helping My Child Courses April - May 2022

April		Time
Monday 4	Discover Spectacular Science Help develop confidence in using and explaining scientific terms. Get creative as a family and develop a sense of awe and wonder to promote enthusiasm for learning.	10:00-12:00 1 session
Wednesday 6	Helping My Child with Reading This course will help you make reading fun and discover ways to encourage children to develop a love of learning and reading.	10:00-12:00 1 session
Wednesday 20	Helping My Child to Learn English 1 This course will help you evaluate and improve your own reading skills, and to give you the language, experience, and confidence to support your children with their reading.	10:00-12:00 5 weekly sessions
May	Courses	Time
Monday 9	Helping My Child with Anxiety and Worry Explore anxiety and worry, and how they affect the body, behaviour, emotions and thought. Discover ways that children's mental health can be supported through calming activities at home. Develop an awareness of how anxiety and worry cause the stress response and how this can affect learning.	10:00-12:00 1 Session

Please check <https://workwiltshire.co.uk/family-learning> for details about courses. Courses are funded by the Education and Skills Funding Agency. Courses are no cost to you if you are 19+, have been a resident in UK/EU for 3+years, have less than 5 GCSEs grades A-C, in receipt of benefits, a service family or you may have other issues that joining a course could help you with. You might be stuck in a rut or going through a challenging time? We want to hear from people who are unsure about if they can join, we are always happy to talk things through.

Please call us 01225 770478, leave a message or send the team an email to familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk and we will get back to you.



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Future Inset Days
Friday 08 April Monday 06 June Friday 22 July

Term 4	
Tuesday 5 April	Broughton Gifford Cricket Club Taster sessions Atworth AM & Monkton Farleigh PM
Wednesday 06 April	Year 5 TAG Rugby Festival Trowbridge RFC
Thursday 07 April	Whole School Easter Service 1:15pm St Michaels Church Atworth
Friday 08 April	INSET DAY/End of Term 4
Term 5	
Monday 25 April	Term 5 Begins
Tuesday 03 May	Parents' evening until 7:30pm
Thursday 05 May	Parents' evening until 6pm
Monday 09 – Friday 13 May	SATS Week
Friday 27 May	Tempest class photographs

