

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for your understanding around the requirement to postpone this week's parents' evenings. Unfortunately, there are many families where the whole household is unwell with COVID-19 so would be unable to attend, in person or virtually. I have rebooked these for Tuesday 3rd and Thursday 5th May with timings to match this week's. However, I appreciate parents will not necessarily have the same availability just because they are on the same days of the week so we will be providing sign-up sheets again from 5th April. With the Easter break in the middle, this date will still allow parents two weeks to sign up.

Following the recent cancelling of Monkton Farleigh to Atworth visits due to COVID-19, I have been carefully risk assessing the upcoming Key Stage Two trip to Langford Lakes on 29th March. I am pleased to confirm that it can go ahead with clear safety measures in place. This is because all Kestrel pupils have now had the virus which appears to be the same variant across all classes according to symptoms; the number of cases in Falcon class has not increased in two days; and the vast majority of pupils who are currently absent as a result of the virus should have returned to school. Of course, this is not an exact science but delaying the trip to a future available date would not guarantee the school being in a different position. Considering all these factors, amongst others, I feel it is the right decision overall. The safety measures to be put in place will include separate coaches for the Atworth and Monkton Farleigh pupils; Nightingale pupils to be socially distanced on the coach as much as in their classroom; and outdoor workgroups at the venue organised to prevent Falcon and Nightingale pupils mixing. I will let parents know if plans change beforehand.

Finally, I would like to thank the school community for their resilience over the previous few weeks. Churchfields had been commended on a number of occasions during the pandemic for keeping virus transmission low and the school community safe through the measures we had in place. Unfortunately, the national lifting of restrictions had the inevitable consequence of the virus spreading uncontrollably through the population, our school included. We are pleased to have been able to offer as close to a normal provision as possible thanks to staff covering for absent colleagues, but are conscious there may come a time where we need to close the school, in whole or in part, similarly to other schools in the locality. I can assure parents that this decision will only be taken for the safety of the school community, and when all other options have been exhausted.

Kind regards,

Simon Fletcher.

Mathletics

Churchfields mathletes, you continue to exceed my expectations. I was amazed and delighted to find

another gold certificate this morning! Well done to Joseph who has worked really hard to get to this pinnacle of achievement. Great to see some new names on the list too - well done everyone!

Gold : Joseph

Silver : Ethan, Samuel H, Isla, Asahi, Joseph, George R

Bronze : Sophie Jo, Benjamin, Oliver CJ, Olivia, Ethan, Josiah, Alexis, Maddox, Hector G, Samuel H, Hannah, Oliver H, Isla, Lauren, Tomas, Leighton, Livinia, Ted L, Vinnie, Violet, Eloise, Asahi, Ryley, Joseph, George P, George R, Isabella, Scarlett, Martha Sm, Francesca,

Falcon class news



Ruben's Hair Donation

I am donating my hair and fundraising for Little Princess Trust because I'd like to help children who have lost their hair I've been growing my hair for 2 years, and it's very long. I heard about a charity that makes wigs for children who have lost their hair so I decided to donate my hair and raise some money for them to make a wig with it.

Here is some information from the Little Princess Trust Charity:

When a child loses their hair to cancer or another condition, we'll be there with a free, real hair wig to help restore their confidence and identity. We won't stop until the research that we fund ends childhood cancer forever. Promise.

If you would like to support Ruben please use the link <https://bit.ly/35SyJeX>

Traffic around school entrance

We have been notified by parents that the increase in traffic outside the school is concerning. Vehicles have been seen mounting the already narrow pavement therefore we ask that you are very vigilant when bringing your children into school and when leaving at the end of the day. We will endeavour to work with our council and neighbouring communities.

Year 5 Tag Rugby

Year 5s had a morning of Tag Rugby fun at Trowbridge RFC. They played lots of exciting games and are looking forward to playing in the tournament in a few weeks' time. Fingers crossed we are winners!



Swainswick's Easter Adventures

Explorer Days

Biking Days

NEW Playground Hopping Days in the Land Rover

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Explorer Days Mon 11 - Thur 14 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Active• Out in nature• Meet new friends• Fresh air• Games• New skills• Fun
Biking Days Mon 11 + Wed 13 April	
Playground Hopping Tue 12 + Thur 14 April	

10am - 4pm Everyday
Bookable 9am early care available for Explorer Days only

£45 per day (free and discounted places available)

To book or for more info visit our website
Contact: info@swainswickexplorers.co.uk



Support for Ukraine

We are still collecting donations to support the Ukraine, if you would like to donate please do so via parent pay.



Churchfields' Weekly Newsletter

Friday 25 March 2022

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

Term 4	
Tuesday 29 March	KS2 Langford Lakes trip
Thursday 31 March	Kestrel Class Swimming Melksham Blue Pool
Friday 01 April	KS1 Wow! Day at Atworth
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

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