

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent/Carer,

Now that we are approaching the end of term six, pupils' reports are being finalised so we are looking forward to sharing these with you at the end of week. Included with reports will be children's outcomes for the core subjects and national tests if applicable. As I write, the results of the national tests remain un-validated for all schools whilst we all check external marking accuracy. I am therefore unable to share these details with you at the current time although can confidently say that I am extremely impressed and proud of the achievements of the whole school after such a challenging few years. I will share further details with you when I am able.

We are delighted to share Mrs Cass' wonderful news regarding her securing a new post with the Wiltshire SEND service from September. Mrs Cass has played a key role in supporting children's learning across both bases for a number of years and will be missed greatly. I am sure you will wish to join me in thanking Mrs Cass for her hard work, and wish her every success in the next step of her career. Recruitment for a teaching assistant is already underway.

I am pleased to announce we have officially achieved Eco-Schools accreditation. Well done to the school community for allowing this to happen, and Mrs Norris for successfully taking the school through the process.

Thank you to parents/carers who took the time to complete the recent parent questionnaire sent out by the governing body. We felt humbled by the positivity expressed about the school and have noted all the many strengths. Governors are busy preparing their response to share with you. In the meantime, I have been looking closely at the suggestions for improvement that were recorded with the senior leadership team, and want to confirm that we will be acting on these to make our school even better. Areas identified as needing a boost included our sports provision, support for SEND pupils, further information on pupil progress across the year and after school clubs.

Sport & PE

Regarding sport and PE, we had already started to re-join cluster and wider-Wiltshire events once COVID-19 restrictions had lifted. In the last few weeks, Many children have taken the opportunity to attend external events such as orienteering – where we came first and have been put through to the county-wide final; we took part in the recent Wiltshire dance festival; and cricket at Winsley cricket ground. I have confirmed with our PE cluster lead – Shane Kiely, that his role will change from the autumn so he can focus on preparing our children for any competitive sporting events they may be attending, as well as teaching across both bases additional areas of PE not covered by the National Curriculum. We will also be training teachers in a brand new PE scheme that has a greater focus on sport, not just learning the relevant skills.

We are confident these changes will improve our provision, and pupils' enjoyment and engagement swiftly. We will be closely monitoring its effectiveness and make any necessary changes along the way.

SEND

As noted in the questionnaire responses, Mrs Liddiard continues to do an effective job as our SENDCo (Special Educational Needs & Disabilities Coordinator). However, we recognise the support SEND pupils need now more than ever as a result of the negative impact the fallout from the pandemic has had on their learning. This is the driving force behind us focussing heavily on SEND provision on our school development plan for 22/23. Being one of three key areas of focus for the next academic year will mean a greater focus on staff training, resourcing and parental involvement to ensure our SEND provision becomes even better.

Pupil Progress Information

Since the questionnaire, I have been looking into how we can share further academic progress information progress with parents/carers. We will roll out a new system from term one with this aim. Parents' evenings will still run as normal, as will the end of year reports.

After School Clubs

At Churchfields, we endeavour to provide a wide ranging provision for our pupils despite our small number of staff. To this end, all teaching staff continue to run clubs for a large proportion of the year alongside several external providers. They do this out of goodwill for our pupils, and have never received any payment. Providers run these as a business so require a threshold of children to attend in order to make ends meet and indeed make a profit. Unfortunately this is the key reason that we are unable to provide a greater number of clubs. Nonetheless, we have canvassed all children across the school to ask what new clubs they may like to see from the autumn. The two that came up three times or more were 'maths' and 'tag rugby'. In response, Mrs Croker will be leading a maths club at Monkton Farleigh, and Miss Davis at Atworth; and we have asked PH Sport to run a tag rugby club at both bases from September. Please remember that all children are welcome to attend the clubs held at the Atworth base, and end of day timings are staggered to accommodate this if parents can arrange travel. 'The Lookout' at our Monkton Farleigh base also runs after school provision for both bases until well into the evening, with an after-school collection from Atworth.

We have taken on board all other key comments made via the questionnaire in addition to those detailed above.

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards,

Simon Fletcher.



Orienteering Tuesday 05 July



Well done to our amazing orienteers, they were so speedy and didn't get lost once!! Again they were great representatives of our school and made us very proud. Well done guys. Mrs Pugh

Mathletics

Huge apologies for missing last week's mathletes in the newsletter. We have lots of Mathletics superstars with four

children gaining gold!

GOLD: Alexis, Oliver H, Niamh, Tomas

SILVER: Alexis, Oliver H, Alice, Niamh, Ethan, Maddox, Isla, Tomas

BRONZE: Oscar, Sam D, Ethan, Alexis, Maddox, Hannah, Oliver H, Laurie, Tomas, Leighton, Livinia, Violet, Morgan, George R, Isabella R, Clara, Isabella S, Martha St, Alice, Niamh, Oscar, Benjamin, Oliver C-J, Teddy E, Ethan, Josiah, Alexis, Maddox, Hector G, Oliver H, Isla, Tomas, Emily J, Leighton, Livinia, Vinnie, Violet, Morgan, Eloise, George R, Amelie, Alice, Niamh, Wilfred

KS2 have been learning about bread for our DT this term and the first batch of bakers have been busy kneading, proving and baking under Mrs Cass' expert supervision. They have been really impressed with the results, as Thomas tells us:

The bread was fantastic. It was phenomenal, and the best part was we made it ourselves. It was my favourite type of bread - white bread with some poppy seeds and some little chocolate chips. You have to knead the bread which felt quite odd. When we placed it in the oven it grew colossally. The taste was out of this world, it was really good. I might try making some bread at home but I might need to ask Mrs Cass the ingredients.

Spotlight on Kestrel Class



On Wednesday all the Year 6s from both bases went to Salisbury Cathedral for a leavers' service, produced by RISE Theatre group. We joined in the service by singing the three

songs we'd learnt, waving our birds and making rainforest noises. The cathedral was an impressive building and it was really cool to be there with all the other Year 6s. After the service we were excited to go to McDonalds and order our own food. We were happy to be part of such a big service.



As part of our learning about Vikings, Kestrels were imagining what it would be like to be a monk on Lindisfarne during the first Viking raid in 793AD. They created some super

pieces of writing. This is by Ethan and Lennon.

It was a serene sunny day on Lindisfarne. My brothers and I were going about our daily jobs: praying, writing and worshipping.

When the tide reached its height, I noticed - with curiosity - two rows of ships, each intricately made with a dragon on the front....dragons. There had been fiery dragons in the sky before the famine.

The dragon's eye blazed like fire as the boat sliced through the water like a knife on cheese.

As the boat slid up to the shore, a noise like thunder streamed from a horn, splitting our ears in two. Like a sword, fear stabbed into our souls and we stood, frozen in terror. The man who blew the horn had a beard like fire and a glare as cold as ice.

The raid began.

When few of us remained, they ran for the monastery, screeching at the top of their lungs. They greedily grabbed golden goblets and selfishly stole silver crosses.

Wiltshire Council commission the Wiltshire School Nursing Service and would like feedback from parents and carers of school-aged children to inform the future development of this service.

We would appreciate the support of parents and carers to complete [this brief survey](#) (about 10 minutes) by the end of July.

**Thank you for your support.
[School Nursing Service Parent Survey](#)**



Term 6 school calendar

Term 6	
Monday 11 July	Whole school trip Barry Island
Thursday 14 July	Year 6 pupils 2 nd Induction at St Laurence whole day
Thursday 14 July	School Disco taking place at Atworth Base 6pm – 7:15pm
Friday 15 July	Move up morning
Friday 15 July	YR 6 taster day Hardenhuish School whole day
Friday 15 July	Provisional Sports Day 1pm -3:15pm
Friday 15 July	Pupil Reports go home
Monday 18 July – Thursday 21 July	Sports Week – whole school
Thursday 21 July	Year 6 leavers service 1:15pm St Michaels Church
Friday 22 July	INSET DAY
Friday 22 July	End of Term 6

INSET Dates for 2022/23

Wednesday 19 October 2022

Tuesday 03 January 2023

Friday 31 March 2023

Monday 24 July 2023

Tuesday 25 July 2023





The power of play
SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB
AT NESTON FARM NURSERY, ATWORTH

INHOUSE ARTIST VISITING:
8TH AUGUST - 11TH AUGUST

YOGA TEACHER VISITING:
15TH AUGUST - 18TH AUGUST

FOREST AND FARM SCHOOL EVERY DAY

MUCH MORE FUN AND GAMES PLANNED

RECEPTION - 11 YEARS OLD
MONDAY - THURSDAY
25TH JULY - 25TH AUGUST
8.30AM - 5.30PM
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Two circular inset images. The top one shows a close-up of a pig's face in a straw bed. The bottom one shows two young girls in high-visibility vests holding chickens.

