

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been another eventful week at Churchfields!

In news at Atworth, pupils were invited to visit the [Independent Church](#) to sign a book of remembrance for Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II which will become part of the national archive. This formed part of Tuesday's commemoration activities held at both bases following Monday's State Funeral.

In Monkton Farleigh, staff are beginning to prepare for a visit from the Atworth base staff on our upcoming INSET day on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October, the last day of term one. Mrs Croker will be leading a day on 'Using Outdoor Learning across the Curriculum' which is one of our School Development Plan focus areas for 22/23. Please see [here](#) to view this plan alongside our Self-Evaluation Form on our website. We have been delighted to learn that the base has received an amazing £1380 from [Restore Records Management](#) which we will use to support our work in this area. Please see further details in this newsletter. A huge thank you to them on behalf of the school community!

We are looking forward to welcoming parents/carers into school on the evenings of Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October for our upcoming parent/teacher meetings. These "Parents' Evenings" are an opportunity for parents/carers to look at the work their children have undertaken and for teachers to provide details on how children have settled in to their new year group, the progress they are making, their next steps and how they can be supported at home. We encourage all parents/carers to book a ten minute appointment slot with their child(ren)'s classteacher using the sheets available at school from next week. I will also be available for any parents/carers that wish to speak with me on the Tuesday at Atworth, and the Thursday at Monkton Farleigh.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards,

Simon Fletcher

## Mathletics

Wow! I wasn't expecting this! Two gold certificates! Congratulations Churchfields, and well done to Isla and Leighton who have reached the pinnacle of Mathletics achievement! Lots of hard work and dedication there. Well done to everyone who gained a certificate, and particularly to those who are gaining their first award - several Puffins have made it to our hall of fame this week!

**GOLD:** Isla, Leighton

**SILVER:** Oliver H, Isla, Leighton, Isabella S

**BRONZE :** Bodhi C, Benjamin, Oliver CJ, Florence, Alexis G, Maddox, Oliver H, Isla, Lauren, Maddy J, Tomas, Leighton, Quita, Eloise, Harry, Alexis M, George R, Harley, Kaan, Scarlett, Isabella S, Imogen W, Branwen

## Tempest Photos

### Friday 30 September

Tempest Photographers are coming into school on Friday 30 September to take individual photos. They will be at Monkton Farleigh in the morning before heading over to Atworth.

### Ordering on-line

Once the photographs have been taken on Friday parents/carers will receive an email/text with a link to order their child's photo.

Photographs can be delivered to school for collection or to a home address

### Churchfields - Monkton Farleigh, Receives Funding from [Restore Records Management](#)

Our thanks to [Restore Records Management](#) for the **£1380** they raised for the Monkton Farleigh base over the summer!

This money will be used to support our new outdoor learning project which aims to:

- Increase the opportunities for quality outdoor learning across the school
- Create a permanent structure, initially at the Monkton Farleigh base, to enthuse, encourage and support pupils' engagement with outdoor learning
- Improve Churchfields' working practices with the on-site independent Lookout Day Nursery

Watch this space for further information...

*Restore Records Management are a national company with a document storage facility in the old MoD mine network under Monkton Farleigh. [Click here to visit their website](#). They ran a series of six tours over the summer, showing people around the huge network of tunnels originally excavated to supply the distinctive stone to the city of Bath, and later taken over by the military as a weapons store in World War Two. **John Davis**, a local Monkton Farleigh villager and avid cave enthusiast, kindly organised for Churchfields, Monkton Farleigh to receive **donations totalling £690 by visitors** to the site so a massive thank you to him for his support. **Restore Records Management then matched that amount leading to a grand total donation of £1380!** Churchfields is incredibly grateful as this funding will make a real difference to our pupils.*

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## Maths passports

Over the past weeks, you will have noticed your child coming home with their maths passport stuck in their home-school book. This is a system we use at Churchfields to help children progress in their mental maths which can be supported by parents at home. We would like to offer some information sessions for parents, to explain the system and to offer hints and tips about how you can support your children in this. Miss Ottner will run two sessions in Maths Week, one after school at Atworth at 5pm on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November and one at 2pm at Monkton Farleigh on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November before Gem Learner. Parents are welcome to attend either session.

## UKULELE TASTERS



Budding musicians in Nightingales were inspired this week by a visit from Mrs Emberson, Tegan and Juno who demonstrated their skills on the ukulele before children were invited for a taster session. Falcons will get their opportunity shortly! If children are interested in having lessons, please contact Mrs Emberson on the number published in the [clubs and activities page](#).

## facebook

Don't forget to visit our Facebook page which is full of fantastic information and posts celebrating everything that happens at Churchfields. Just search Churchfields The Village School. We are really proud of our children and their achievements and would like your help to promote our wonderful school; it would be great for as many likes and shares as possible.

## KS2 trip



Chattering excitedly, I arrived through the school gates on Friday. It was time for our first school trip: the Fashion Museum. Kestrels hopped on the fancy coach and off we went, looking forward to learning more about fashion. The city of Bath was very fashionable 200-300 years ago during the Georgian period. We looked at the monumental architecture in the nearby Circus and Royal Crescent. I was interested in the finials (acorns) on the top of the building which is from the legend of Bladud. When we were inside we found many Georgian costumes; we could see how dresses have changed over the years. I drew a pair of gloves with really long fingers. A wide variety of costumes were available in the dressing up corner: terrific top hats, dinner dresses and a smart suit. My favourite was the smart suit because it made me feel smart and handsome. We also designed clothes of our choice. I did a dress of the colour green and purple. I really enjoyed the trip because it was really fascinating seeing what they wore in the olden days; one designer used newspaper to create their garments!

**By Evelyn, Edie, Dexter, Ted, Thomas and Freddie**

## Melksham Tennis Club Tennis S a t u r d a y s



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[www.melkshamtennis.co.uk](http://www.melkshamtennis.co.uk)  
or message Mike 0781 436 5554

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## Second hand uniform

If you would like to know if there is a cardigan or jumper that you could purchase via our PTA please can you email

[thevillageschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:thevillageschoolpta@gmail.com) and the PTA will get back to you



## PTA Information



The PTA would like to say a **BIG THANK YOU** for your generous donations for our clothing collection yesterday.

We were overwhelmed by your contributions which weighed in at a

whopping 146kg. We haven't received a notification of how much was raised but will share that when we receive it. We'll arrange another collection for March/April so please keep hold of any unwanted clothing until then.

Also don't forget the **CASTLE COMBE EVENT** which is now on **Thursday 29th September**



Name the house

## Competition

**We need you!**



Melksham Oak Community School are running a competition to rename their House system.

The winning House names will connect with our school community and have a theme that links the four names. For example the current House names: Castor, Omega, Polaris and Sirius have the link of all being stars.

Send your suggestions to [housesystem@melkshamoak.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:housesystem@melkshamoak.wilts.sch.uk) by 30th September 2022. Winning names will be announced at the end of term.

Become a legend and name our new Houses.



## TERM DATES FOR 2022 – 2023

<b>Term 1: Thursday 1 September – Wed 19 October</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thursday 01 September – children back to school</li> <li><b>Wednesday 19 October – INSET DAY (school closed)</b></li> </ul>	<b>Term 4: Monday 20 February – Friday 31 March</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday 20 February – children back to school</li> <li><b>Friday 31 March – INSET DAY (school closed)</b></li> </ul>
<b>Term 2: Monday 31 October – Friday 16 December</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday 31 October – children back to school</li> </ul>	<b>Term 5: Monday 17 April – Friday 26 May</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday 17 April – children back to school</li> <li><b>Monday 1 May – Bank holiday (school closed)</b></li> </ul>
<b>Term 3 Tuesday 02 January – Friday 10 February</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Tuesday 02 January – INSET DAY (school closed)</b></li> <li>Wednesday 03 January – children back to school</li> </ul>	<b>Term 6: Monday 5 June – Tuesday 25 July</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday 05 June – children back to school</li> <li><b>Monday 24 July – INSET DAY (school closed)</b></li> <li><b>Tuesday 25 July – INSET DAY (school closed)</b></li> </ul>

## DIARY DATES TERMS 1 & 2

DATE	EVENT
Tuesday 27 September	Kingfisher Class Forest School afternoon
Wednesday 28 September	Young Leaders Conference
Thursday 29 September	PTA Event Castle Combe Race Track
Friday 30 September	Individual School photos
	Nasal Flu immunisations Monkton Farleigh
Monday 03 October – Friday 07 October Book Week	
Wednesday 05 October	Boys Dance Workshop
	Bedtime Stories 5pm to 6pm
Monday 10 October – Friday 14 October No Teacher led Clubs	
Tuesday 11 October	Parents' Evening until 7:30pm
Wednesday 12 October	Atworth Open Day (10am-2pm)
	PTA meeting for Christmas organising
Thursday 13 October	Parents' Evening until 6:00pm
Friday 14 October	Monkton Farleigh Open Day (10am -2pm)
Tuesday 18 October	Harvest Festival Atworth Church (1:15pm)
	END OF TERM 1
Wednesday 19 October	INSET DAY



DATE	EVENT
Monday 31 October	TERM 2 SCHOOL CLUBS RESUME
Monday 07 November to Friday 11 November Maths & Finance Week	
Wednesday 09 November	Maths Passport information session Atworth 5pm
Friday 11 November	Maths Passport information session Monkton Farleigh 2pm
Monday 14 November Anti- Bullying week	
Wednesday 16 November	PTA Zoom Christmas planning meeting
Friday 18 November	Children in Need (details to follow nearer the date)
Sunday 27 November	Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 06 December	KS2 Christmas Production performances at 4pm & 6PM
Thursday 08 December	EYFS/KS1 Christmas Production performances at 4pm & 6PM
Friday 09 December	Christmas Dinner Day
Monday 12 December LAST WEEK OF TERM – NO SCHOOL CLUBS THIS WEEK	
Wednesday 14 December	Christmas Service St Michael's Church, Atworth at 1:15pm
Thursday 15 December	Monkton Farleigh Carols on the Amphitheatre (1:30-2:30pm)
Friday 16 December	END OF TERM 2