

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you to parents/carers for their good wishes and completing the Parent View survey for yesterday's OFSTED inspection. Although I am unable to share the outcomes until the judgements have been ratified, I feel that the inspectors recognised the hard work of the whole school community since our last inspection in 2017. I will share the final report with you when I am able.

Thank you to parents/carers who have already signed up for the upcoming Parents' Evenings in October. Sign-up sheets are available at both bases if you have yet to do so.

I am pleased to inform you that Mrs Anna Evans will be joining our staff team this term. She is an experienced teacher who has worked in a number of schools and held other roles within education. Mrs Evans will be working in classes across both bases when teachers need to be released to carry out other aspects of their roles. I know the school community will make her feel very welcome.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards,

Simon Futcher

School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme (SFVS).

Did you know Churchfields is part of the SFVS government programme and that we offer our children in Kingfisher, Robin and Woodpecker class a piece of seasonal fruit at morning break every day?

The School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme (SFVS) is a government programme that entitles every child aged 4-6 in fully state-funded schools to a piece of fruit or vegetable each school day, the scheme was introduced after the NHS Plan, launched in 2000, included a commitment to implement a national fruit and vegetable scheme by 2004. The School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme is funded by central Government.

This scheme is a great way for children obtain one of their five a day that experts recommend, keeping your child going until lunch and it also means parents/carers don't need to send their child in with a morning snack.

Eating fruit and vegetables every day helps children and teenagers grow and develop, boosts their vitality and can reduce the risk of many chronic diseases - such as heart disease, high blood pressure, some forms of cancer and being overweight or obese.

School Admissions



School admissions window open for secondary and primary school places

Wiltshire residents can now apply for secondary and primary school places for September 2023 entry.

Applications can be submitted online on the Wiltshire Council [website](#) until the national deadlines of 31 October 2022 for secondary schools and 15 January 2023 for primary schools and infant to junior.

The National Offer Day for school places for applications received before the published deadlines are 1 March 2023 for secondary and 19 April 2023 for primary and junior. Applicants will be able to log back into the online system on the National Offer Day to view the outcome of their application.

Free School Meals and Universal infant free school meals FAQ's

All infant school children, those in reception, year 1 and year 2 have been entitled to free school meals since September 2014.

If your infant child would have been entitled to free school meals under the old system, because you are receiving qualifying benefits (listed below) the government will give your school a Pupil Premium of £1,320 for primary-aged pupils (2016-2017).

For the school and your child to benefit from this money the Local Authority (LA) need to know that you are receiving a qualifying benefit. You can either download the application from the LA downloads section [here](#) or ask Admin to send you form.

For children in years 3 and above, free school meals are not provided automatically. They can be awarded only if you receive any of the following:-

Qualifying benefits

- Income Support
- Job Seeker's Allowance (income-based)
- Employment and Support Allowance (income-related)
- support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit - providing you are NOT entitled to Working Tax Credit and your family's annual income (as assessed by HMRC) is not more than £16,190 (as at 6 April 2012)
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment you may receive for a further four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)

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Melksham Oak Community School



YEAR 6 'WORKING TOGETHER' EVENING

(English, Geography and Drama)

MONDAY 17th OCTOBER 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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TERM DATES FOR 2022 – 2023

<p>Term 1: Thursday 1 September – Wed 19 October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday 01 September – children back to school Wednesday 19 October – INSET DAY (school closed) 	<p>Term 4: Monday 20 February – Friday 31 March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 20 February – children back to school Friday 31 March – INSET DAY (school closed)
<p>Term 2: Monday 31 October – Friday 16 December</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 31 October – children back to school 	<p>Term 5: Monday 17 April – Friday 26 May</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 17 April – children back to school Monday 1 May – Bank holiday (school closed)
<p>Term 3 Tuesday 03 January – Friday 10 February</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday 03 January – INSET DAY (school closed) Wednesday 04 January – children back to school 	<p>Term 6: Monday 5 June – Tuesday 25 July</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 05 June – children back to school Monday 24 July – INSET DAY (school closed) Tuesday 25 July – INSET DAY (school closed)



Churchfields' Weekly Newsletter

Friday 30 September 2022

DIARY DATES TERMS 1 & 2

DATE	EVENT
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
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
	EYFS/KS1 Christmas Production performances at 4pm & 6PM
Thursday 08 December	Christmas Dinner Day
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
	Monkton Farleigh Carols on the Amphitheatre (1:30-2:30pm)
Thursday 15 December	Monkton Farleigh Carols on the Amphitheatre (1:30-2:30pm)
Friday 16 December	END OF TERM 2



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10 tips for parents and carers

HOW TO BE GREEN WITH YOUR TECH

Right now, humans aren't living sustainably: we're taking too many resources and not leaving the world in a fit state for future generations. Old tech products are a clear example: if we throw them away, the poisonous lead and mercury inside can get into the food chain through the soil. Recycling tech, though, has its own issues: it's often exported to countries where the law doesn't protect people from hazards. Whole villages (including children) sort through discarded devices to remove useful parts and substances like gold, silver and copper – often putting their health at risk. Finding ways to re-use tech is the greenest option.

So what can we do with those cupboards and drawers full of old phones and unwanted computers?
Reuse, recycle, donate or sell them!

- 1 DONATE THEM TO CHARITY**


There are lots of charities that redistribute unwanted tech to worthy causes, either in the UK or in developing nations. If your old products are still working, this is a great option – as it means that new products don't have to be made. Search online for your nearest place that does this.
- 2 REMEMBER THE BATTERIES**


Almost all batteries can be recycled – even the little 'button' ones from smaller products. You could choose a bin at home or school to keep used batteries in, and then take them to a designated place that collects them. Be very careful, though – button cells can be deadly if eaten by small children or pets.
- 3 USE YOUR ONLINE SAFETY KNOWLEDGE**


If you're recycling, selling or repurposing any of your devices, make sure that all your personal data, private photos and so on have been deleted before the tech leaves your hands or is connected online.
- 4 REUSE THEM**


Old smartphones can be used as webcams, security cameras, baby monitors or pet cameras. There are apps that will configure them to do this. You can also turn an old phone into a TV remote control, an alarm clock that wakes you up with your favourite track, or a music centre you can take to places where you wouldn't risk your new phone.
- 5 TURN IT INTO SOMETHING NEW**


Smartphones are more powerful than most other computers. If you have an unwanted smartphone, it's quite easy to create a new screen picture – you could use an old TV as a monitor, meaning you just need a mouse and keyboard. There are also small devices you can buy which let you do the same with iPhones.
- 6 RETURN THEM**


Return devices to the manufacturer or retailer you bought them from. Some manufacturers take responsibility for their products and collect them back to refurbish and resell them. If they don't, you could contact them and ask why: the more consumer pressure there is on shops and manufacturers, the more likely they are to act in a greener way.
- 7 SUPPORT SCIENCE**


Old year old devices help medical research. Scientists currently investigating topics like fit-off star systems, cancer treatment and mitochondria need massive computing power. If your unwanted device is USB enabled, for example, you can connect it to a network so that it can boost scientists' research.
- 8 SELL THEM**


This is also a green option as it means that fewer devices have to be produced. On top of that, you could also donate some of the money you make to an environmental charity.
- 9 RESEARCH DISPOSAL METHODS**


If your device is beyond repair and no one wants it, get rid of it safely through a specialist tech disposal company. Check that your device won't be shipped off to another country for processing.
- 10 KEEP THINKING**


There's no such thing as 'too many' ways to help our planet: if you come up with a better idea than ours, contact National Online Safety and tell us.

Meet Our Expert
 Neil Aldin teaches scientific literacy through his non-profit organisation, British Science, which engages people in working together to live more sustainably and creatively. Learn more to help address real-life problems. There are a range of environmental activities you may like to try on their website www.britishteachers.com.

