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Dear Parent/Carer.

I hope you have had an enjoyable week.

Pupils and staff have been busy preparing for our upcoming Harvest Festival which will be held at St Michael's Church in Atworth at 1:15pm on Tuesday 18th October. All parents are welcome to attend. Parents of pupils from Monkton Farleigh may take their children home directly from the service or allow them to return to school with staff for a usual 3pm dismissal. Atworth children will return to school to collect their belongings and be released to parents at that time or at the usual time of 3:15pm. We hope to see you there! As always, we will be welcoming donations in school for the local Foodbank from this coming Monday until the day of our Harvest Festival. The Foodbank are grateful for all cupboard foods although are already well supplied with pasta, cereals and baked beans. Instant noodles, tinned rice pudding, soup and savoury/sweet biscuits as well as tinned meat and fish are lacking currently so would be most welcome. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

I am now in a position to confirm that Mrs Bethan Marsh will be taking on Miss Davis' teaching days in Nightingale class from January whilst she is on maternity leave. We appointed Mrs Marsh to the position in the summer but have been unable to share the news with the school community until her current school informed their own parents/carers. Mrs Marsh is therefore an experienced teacher, and has already visited school to work with existing staff on curriculum planning as part of the new team. She will visit Nightingale pupils in term two to ensure there is a smooth transition for them.

I am saddened to announce that Mrs Norris will be leaving us at the end of the calendar year. Her departure is due to personal reasons as her family enter a new and exciting chapter of their lives. I would like to thank Mrs Norris for her work across both bases over her time with us, and wish her and her family every success for the future. I will of course keep Woodpecker class parents updated with any news over the coming weeks.

Kind regards,

Simon Futcher.



Well done to Oliver CJ who is our golden boy this week, attaining the highest mathletics

certificate. It looks like lots of children are inspired by the goal that he has reached, with an impressive 45 certificates this week! Well done to all our mathletes.

Gold: Oliver CJ

Silver: Theo, Holly, Oliver CJ, Josiah, Tomas, Emmeline, Iris

Bronze: Sam B, Theo, Holly, Bodhi C, Benjamin, Oliver CJ, Florence, Hattie, Teddy E, Josiah, Alexis, Maddox, Oliver H, Isla, Laurie, Maddy J, Tomas, Emily J, William, Leighton, Livinia, Ted, Vinnie, Morgan, Eloise, Harry, Maggie, Toby, Emmeline, Christina, Joseph, George R, Isabella R, Scarlett, Iris, Matilda W, Wilfred

Bedtime stories

Wow Churchfields! What a wonderful turn out we had for out bedtime stories event on Wednesday 5th October. The children (and the teachers!) sipped hot chocolate in their pyjamas and Mr Futcher enjoyed sharing a story with the children at both bases. It has been very special to spend time celebrating a love of reading with all the children. A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA for supplying refreshments and being there to support the teaching staff in running a super event. Photos will follow next week! Or see our facebook page

Don't forget to submit your entries for our 'Wild about Reading' competition by the 31st October. Further details can be found in the letter sent out earlier this week.





Kestrel class News

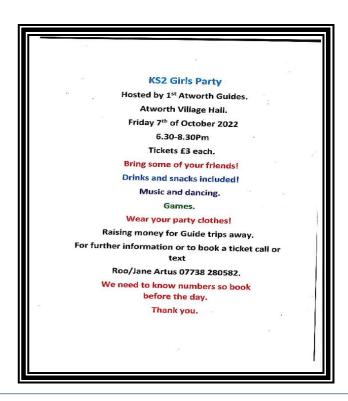
This week Kestrels were reading with their Puffin Pals



Kestrels performing the poem Kingfisher from the Lost Words using gymnastics ribbons



BOA Cluster X-Country Friday 14th October BOA X Country Championship St Laurence School Years 3 and 4 (4:00pm) Years 5 and 6 (4.15pm) Races will be held behind Wiltshire Music Centre The course will be 1 mile. Please e-mail Mr Kiely if you have any questions. Mrkielype@gmail.com







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Dance Workshop

Well done to the boys who attended the Dance Workshop at Matravers School on Wednesday 5th October. They danced their socks off (quite literally) and worked extremely hard to learn a dance phrase based on the movement of fireworks. They were great representatives of the school and made Mrs Pugh and Mrs Dowding very proud.















We need your help!



On Wednesday 19th October, Staff at Churchfields will be undertaking a day of outdoor learning.

We will be trying out lots of activities that we will then share with children to engage them in a love of learning outside the classroom. To do this, we need your help though, I am asking for resources to support this learning:

- > Conkers, acorns, pine cones
- > Feathers
- Plastic milk bottle tops (all colours)
- > Ring pulls off cans

I will arrange for boxes to be put outside each base so that you can drop off any items you may have.

Thank you in advance, I know the children and staff will love creating and developing their learning.

Georgie Croker

Curriculum Lead









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TERM DATES FOR 2022 - 2023

 Term 1: Thursday 1 September – Wed 19 October Thursday 01 September – children back to school Wednesday 19 October – INSET DAY (school closed) 	 Term 4: Monday 20 February – Friday 31 March Monday 20 February – children back to school Friday 31 March – INSET DAY (school closed)
Term 2: Monday 31 October – Friday 16 December • Monday 31 October – children back to school	Term 5: Monday 17 April – Friday 26 May Monday 17 April – children back to school Monday 1 May – Bank holiday (school closed)
Term 3 Tuesday 03 January – Friday 10 February Tuesday 03 January – INSET DAY (school closed) Wednesday 04 January – children back to school	Term 6: Monday 5 June – Tuesday 25 July Monday 05 June – children back to school Monday 24 July – INSET DAY (school closed) Tuesday 25 July – INSET DAY (school closed)

DIARY DATES TERMS 1 & 2

DATE	EVENT			
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	nber 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			





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DATE	EVENT			
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	December Monkton Farleigh Carols on the Amphitheatre (1:30-2:30pm)			
Friday 16 December	END OF TERM 2			



