

Churchfields' Weekly Newsletter

Friday 11 November 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to begin by welcoming Natalie Harford to her new position as Finance Officer this week. Natalie is continuing in her role of Administration Officer with Hilary Morgan, and will be taking on her new role in the early part of each week and afternoons once the Admin office closes.

In light of the announcement of His Majesty King Charles III's Coronation on Saturday 6th May 2023, an additional bank holiday has been announced for Monday 8th May. The Standards and Testing Agency will update schools and stakeholders as to what this means for Key Stage Two test week as soon as possible this month.

I am extremely pleased to now be able to share our final **Ofsted report** with you following our inspection on 29th September. I am delighted the inspectors recognised the incredible hard work the school community has engaged in over the previous few years under phenomenal pressures.

We have maintained the good quality of education and care for our pupils since our last inspection in a multitude of ways such as through the introduction of an enhanced, sequential broad and balanced curriculum and a new early reading strategy supported by banks of high quality texts at both bases.

Key statements from the report include:

"Pupils thrive at Churchfields, the Village School. They have harmonious and cooperative relationships with each other and get on well with staff. Pupils enjoy attending school. They are happy and safe."

"Pupils are polite and considerate of one another. (Their) behaviour is very good in lessons and at playtimes."

"Staff have very high expectation of all pupils. These expectations are met (and pupils') positive attitudes to learning mean (they) begin tasks quickly and with enthusiasm. They persist with tasks, even when they find them hard."

"Pupils learn well (and) achieve well over time (becoming) reflective, resourceful and resilient as leaders intend. The curriculum is broad and ambitious (and) the work pupils complete is well matched to the ambitious curriculum."

It is a requirement of all inspections that schools are provided with next steps for improvement. You will note from the report that there were no significant areas that were identified as requiring development. Inspectors instead decided to group minor issues under one heading of all leaders within the school checking their actions bring about intended improvements. I am pleased to confirm that areas identified as next steps in the report were already being worked on by the school, such as the introduction of more a thorough assessment system for topic work to check pupils' learning in subjects others than English and mathematics. In line with the report, leaders at all levels will ensure we check the impact of all elements of this and other improvement work at the appropriate times.

I would like to thank all members of the school community for their hard work and support over the previous few years and urge you to read the report in full which is included with this newsletter. It will also be published to the Ofsted website next week. I look forward to working with you in the future as we tackle new challenges and provide the very best education and care for all pupils who attend Churchfields, the Village School.

Kind regards,

Simon Fletcher





Adverse Weather - our School Policy

The downpours of this week have prompted us to share our Adverse Weather policy ahead of the winter months. Adverse Weather can affect the safety of the school

community and the operation of the school. Although we are used to winter snow and ice disruptions in the UK, other adverse weather can also pose a danger, such as storms, floods and high temperatures. Please take a moment to read the policy which can be found [here](#). If you have any questions or concerns please contact the school. Thank you

FREDDIE DOWDING competed in the South West Regional Biathlon at the weekend representing Churchfields. He came fourth and is hoping to qualify for the national finals! An amazing result - well done Freddie!

Mathletics

Another mathlete takes his place at the top of the podium! Well done Morgan - you've done really well to achieve that

coveted gold certificate. Lots of other hard-working mathletes too - well done to you all.

GOLD: Morgan

SILVER: Ezra, Oliver CJ, Josiah, Laurie, Morgan, Toby, Joseph
BRONZE : Bodhi B, Oscar, Sam B, Bodhi C, Ezra, Benjamin, Oliver CJ, Josiah, Alexis, Hector G, Henry, Oliver H, Isla, Laurie, Maddy J, Tomas, Leighton, Livinia, Ted L, Vinnie, Morgan, Eloise, Harry, Otto, Toby, Joseph, Anna, George P, George R, Isabella R, Martha Sm,



Well done to pupils from the Atworth base who represented us at the Stonar School cross country tournament on 4.11.22. An extra special well done to Betsey who came 2nd and Eugene who came 1st. We are very proud of you all.



Maths and finance week

Phew! What a busy week we've had talking money and thinking about our relationships with money.

A huge thanks to Georgia's mum who came in on Thursday to help KS1 teachers deliver workshops to their classes and talked to children in KS2 about bank accounts. All children have been thinking about why we use money and discussing good financial habits - like understanding the difference between a need and a want. Year 5 and 6 loved their visit to Wiltshire's STEAM fair where they were able to see examples of maths used in real-life.

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend the maths passport information sessions. Accompanying this newsletter is a summary of what was covered along with some ideas for games and activities to help practise.

We've been blown away by the number and the quality of entries to our banknote competition. Children have taken a lot of care in designing colourful, personal banknotes and have done lots of research to understand the security features and designs on existing banknotes. Prizes will be awarded in Gem Learner next week when we've had time to scrutinise them all carefully under UV light!



Children in Need Friday 18 November

This falls on **Friday 18th November** this year and we are encouraging children to be spectacular! By coming into school in non-uniform sporting spots of any description with a suggested donation of 50p, we will be helping children and young people all over the UK who need it most. Thank you.



Anti-Bullying Week

14-18 November

Please wear odd socks on Monday 14 November

Next week is national anti-bullying week! We will be recognising this at Churchfields by asking **pupils to come into school wearing odd socks on Monday 14th November**. Mr Futchter will also be running an anti-bullying assembly at both bases to complement any related work children with undertake in class.



PTA News



Thank you ...
To everyone who ordered
cards, gift tags and mugs
Your items have been sent home this week
we raised a staggering £321!!

Shop on line with Amazon Smile and easyfundraising and they will donate to Churchfields PTA

For all your online purchases, if you use amazon please choose Churchfields The Village School PTA as your chosen charity. Shop via [Amazon Smile](#) and Amazon will donate to our PTA at no cost to you.

You can also shop via easyfundraising it's easy to join just click [here](#) to get started.

Coming Soon

PTA Fill a Jar Competition

Please start saving your jars for our Christmas fill a jar competition. The PTA will be running the Competition from 21st to 25 November.

There will be a prize for the best jar in each year group, more details to follow



There will be a storytelling session with Santa, this is for 8 children at a time and booking is essential to secure your place. Santa and his elves will be reading the children a festive story and they will all receive a gift. This is £3 per child which is payable on the day. The sign-up sheet is currently at Atworth base so please do look out for it, spaces have been reserved for the children at Monkton Farleigh and the sheet will be sent over next week so you can book your slots.

We can't wait to see you all, it will be a fun festive family afternoon out, so please come and join us.



Christmas Jumper Stall

The PTA would like to have a Christmas Jumper stall at the fayre this year. If you have any Christmas Jumpers which no longer fit or are no longer required then we would be very grateful for your

donations.

Please bring your Christmas Jumpers into school before the 25th November and hopefully we will have a wonderful pre-loved Christmas jumper stall.



WE ARE ALSO ASKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP US ON THE DAY,

there is a sign-up sheet at school so you can put your name down, just an hour of your time would really help us out and will be really appreciated. Alternatively you can email us

at thevillageschoolpta@gmail.com to offer some help.



Want to do something
really
SUPER?!
WE NEED YOU!
JOIN THE PTA!

*We're recruiting new
Superhero members!*

- ★ Occasional volunteering
- ★ No Pressure!
- ★ Help us to fundraise for
your children's school

thevillageschoolpta@gmail.com

Our friendly PTA team is looking for new volunteers to help us out with our fundraising for the school.

If you didn't already know, the PTA organises fundraising events for the children, such as the disco's, Christmas fayre, the summer fete, Castle Combe race night and much more! All of the money raised goes back to the school, we support the fantastic wow days, fund the buses for school outings, we have recently funded some new outdoor play equipment for the children to use during their break times and we are happy to help with any other funding the school requires to enrich the children's learning.

We meet up occasionally to discuss and arrange events and ask for occasional volunteers to help us with the events or to organise them, there is no pressure at all and we have fun whilst we raise much needed funds for our wonderful school.

We particularly need a few more volunteers from the Monkton Farleigh school, so if you think you could spare a bit of your time to help us then please do get in touch. You can either email thevillageschoolpta@gmail.com to express an interest or ask to join our PTA facebook group - Churchfields PTA Atworth & Monkton Farleigh.

We look forward to welcoming all new members



Churches of Atworth with Shaw and Whitley
Sharing the Love of Jesus with all



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY ON 13 NOVEMBER will be celebrated in both churches. In Shaw a reflective service will begin at 10 am and will include an Act of Remembrance. In Atworth the Act of Remembrance and laying of wreaths will take place at the Clock Tower starting at 10.50 am and will then move to St Michael's for the full service. Please join us



Churches of North
Bradford on Avon
& Villages

SUNDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

10.00AM – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY AT ST JAMES,
SOUTH WRAXALL. REVD. *TIM HAWKINGS/GERRY*

10.30AM – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY AT CHRIST
CHURCH, BRADFORD ON AVON. REVD. *KEITH
CHARNLEY/RICHARD T*

10.40AM – SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AT THE WAR
MEMORIAL, WINSLEY. REVD. *ANN KEATING AND REVD.
TESSA MANN/ IT AND SOUND, GEOFF*

10.50AM – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY WITH HOLY
COMMUNION AT ST PETER'S CHURCH, MONKTON
FARLEIGH. REVD. *BERNARD HUGHES/KEITH B*



Mighty Girls

Thursday Girls Groups

Ages 8 - 11	4 - 5.30pm
Ages 11+	6 - 7.30pm

Meet up, make new friends & have some feminist fun

**BOA Youth & Community Centre, Frome Road,
Bradford on Avon**
Booking & information -
www.mightygirls.co.uk
info@mightygirls.co.uk



Churches of Atworth with Shaw and Whitley

Sharing the Love of Jesus with all



This Christmas you are all invited to rediscover God's promise of peace, joy and love. Please join us at any or all of these services and events.

Sunday 04th December
10am Chrstingle in the Chrstmas Trees Christ Church
4pm Advent Choral Evensong St Michael & All Angels

Saturday 17th December
4pm Nativity at the White Hart Atwroth (with donkey!)

Thursday 22 December
7pm Carols by Candlelight St Michael & All angels

Christmas Eve
4pm Crib Service ST Michael & All Angels
5pm Crib Service Christ Church
11pm Christmas Night Holy communion St Michael & All Angels

Christmas Day
10am Informal Family Holy Communion Christ Church

TERM DATES FOR 2022 – 2023

Term 1: Thursday 1 September – Wed 19 October <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday 01 September – children back to school Wednesday 19 October – INSET DAY (school closed) 	Term 4: Monday 20 February – Friday 31 March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 20 February – children back to school Friday 31 March – INSET DAY (school closed)
Term 2: Monday 31 October – Friday 16 December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 31 October – children back to school 	Term 5: Monday 17 April – Friday 26 May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 17 April – children back to school Monday 1 May – Bank holiday (school closed) Monday 08 May – Bank holiday (school closed)
Term 3 Tuesday 03 January – Friday 10 February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday 03 January – INSET DAY (school closed) Wednesday 04 January – children back to school 	Term 6: Monday 5 June – Tuesday 25 July <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)

DIARY DATES TERM 2

DATE	EVENT
Monday 14 November Anti- Bullying week	
Monday 14 November	Odd Socks Day!
Wednesday 16 November	PTA Zoom Christmas planning meeting
Friday 18 November	Children in Need Spotacular dress code day (non-uniform)
Monday 21 & Tuesday 22 November	Year 6 Bikeability
Wednesday 23 November	Atworth Nasal Flu immunisation PM
Sunday 27 November	Christmas Fayre
Friday 02 December	YR 6 NCMP Nurse Visit Monkton Farleigh then Atworth
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	
Tuesday 13 December	Christmas Service St Michael's Church, Atworth at 1:15pm
Wednesday 14 December	Whole School Disco Atworth Base 5:30pm to 7pm
Thursday 15 December	Monkton Farleigh Carols on the Amphitheatre (1:30-2:30pm)
Friday 16 December	END OF TERM 2