

Churchfields' Weekly Newsletter

Friday 18 November 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for your positive feedback on our Ofsted inspection report which I shared with you last week. It means a lot to us to receive your support. If you have yet to view the report, it is now live on the [Ofsted website](#).

It is lovely to see the children joining in with the "SPOTacular" theme to support [Children in Need](#) today! Your donations will be going to a good cause. The newsletters on their website give further details of how it is being spent.

I am delighted to share news from Atworth Parish Council that the Highways Agency has agreed to introduce a 20mph speed limit along Bradford Road in the spring. I have been informed that this zone will encompass the section of road just before the turning from Bath Road through to the corner on the way to Stonar School. The funding for this will be mainly from the Parish Council itself, topped up by the Highways Agency. This is wonderful news and will support our drive to make school drop-off and pick-up times safer for our pupils.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Simon Fletcher.

Appropriate Touch

Children can find it confusing to understand appropriate touch in different situations, particularly when very young. Although we discuss this in school, parents may find it difficult to know how to approach this topic with their children. We have included a short picture book with this newsletter to support these discussions which we hope you find helpful.

Mathletics

Well done to the following mathletes who have been working really hard on their certificates. Yet another gold certificate to report which is a huge achievement! Fantastic work Martha. Several Puffins have achieved silver certificates now - awesome work!

GOLD: Martha Sm

SILVER: Rufus, Harry, Otto, Christina, Scarlett, Martha Sm

BRONZE : Sam B, Theo, Bodhi C, Ezra, Benjamin, Oliver CJ, Florence, Josiah, Alexis, Maddox, Hector G, Henry H, Coralie, Rufus, Isla, Oliver H, Laurie, Maddy J, Tomas, Leighton, Ted L, Vinnie, Quita, Morgan, Harry, Otto, Ryley, Christina, Joseph, George R, Isabella R, Kaan, Freddie S, Scarlett, Martha Sm, Imogen, Matilda W



Maths and finance week

A huge well done to everyone who entered our banknote competition last week. We were really pleased to be inundated with entries and the time and care that had gone into making these was really

appreciated. Our independent adjudicators' shortlisted 5 entries in each category, and our new finance officer, Mrs Harford kindly made the final decision.

The winners received a lovely book with a finance theme (thanks PTA!) in today's Gem Learner.



KS1

WINNER: Clara

HIGHLY COMMENDED: Benjamin, Finley, Wilfie, Christina

KS2

WINNER: Martha Sm

HIGHLY COMMENDED: Theo, Juno, India, Rufus





Football tournament

Last Friday some of the KS2 children had the opportunity to participate in the Small school football tournament at Odd Down Sports ground. The boys played exceptionally well and demonstrated the 'Team Churchfields' fighting spirit, never

giving up. They were really pleased to be able to play together and represent the school and made their teachers proud with their positive attitude and footballing skills. The boys didn't make it to the next round on this occasion, but as always their behaviour was impeccable. Thanks to Mrs Pugh for organising and parents for transporting and supporting.



Carol singing Monday 12 December Atworth Village

Everyone is very welcome to join us for carol singing around Atworth village on Monday 12th December. We will meet in the school hall at 4:30pm and will be finished within an hour. Wrap up warm and bring a torch. Carol sheets and backing music provided. Please make sure that all children are accompanied.



SAVE THE DATE

(it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas)



KS2 Production

Tuesday 06th December

Five Gold Rings

Performances will take place at
St Michael's Church Atworth at
4pm & 6pm



EYFS/KS1 Production

Thursday 08th December

Christmas with the Aliens

Performances will take place at
Atworth Church Hall at 4pm and
6pm

We will be sending out tickets next week along with a letter with more information about the day. Robin and Falcon class will also have had a letter about travelling to Atworth base for rehearsals over the next few weeks.



PTA News

Coming Soon

'Fill A Jar Competition.'

Entries for this years 'Fill a Jar' can be left outside Reception from Monday the 21st - Thursday the 24th of November.

Your jar should be filled with something that you would love to receive! (Ideas: craft materials, stickers, sweet treats, recipe ingredients or a small toy.)

Decorate your jar in anyway you wish! There is no limit on the amount of jars you can enter. There will be a small prize for 1st - 3rd place in each year group.

Please clearly label the bottom of your jar with you name and year group. Labels will be available at the drop off point.

All jars will be available to buy for £2 at the School Christmas Fayre. If you would like to buy back your own jar please state so by writing 'Buy Back' on your name label.

Thank you in advance for your support!
The judges are very excited to see all of the creations!





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.

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.

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 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	
Monday 12 December	Carol Singing Atworth 4:30pm
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

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about HOW TO COMBAT ONLINE BULLYING



Defined as "ongoing hurtful behaviour towards someone online", cyber-bullying makes its victims feel upset, uncomfortable and unsafe. In the digital world, it has numerous forms – such as hurtful comments on a person's posts or profile; deliberately leaving them out of group chats; sharing embarrassing images or videos of someone; or spreading gossip about them. Cyber-bullying can severely impact a young person's mental health... so, in support of Anti-Bullying Week, we've provided a list of tips to help trusted adults know what to look for and how to respond to it.



1. GET CONNECTED

Playing online games together with your child or connecting with them on social media (providing they're old enough) is not only fun but also an excellent way of establishing some common ground to discuss things you've both seen or done online – as well as keeping an eye on who your child is communicating with in the digital world.

2. KEEP TALKING

Regular chats with young people about their online lives are good practice in general, but they can also be an excellent refresher to help prevent cyber-bullying situations. Topics you might want to revisit include why it's important to only connect online with people we know and trust, and why passwords should always remain secret (even from our best friends).

3. STAY VIGILANT

Observe your child while they're using technology and just after they've used it. Are they acting normally, or out of character? Possible signs of a problem may include seeming quiet or withdrawn, jumpy or anxious, angry or repeatedly checking their phone. When you feel it's the right time, you may want to check in with them to see if everything is OK.

4. MAKE YOURSELF AVAILABLE

If an online bullying incident does occur, it may take a while before your child is ready to open up about what happened. Just gently remind them that they can always come to you with any problems – and that they won't be in trouble. You might also suggest a trusted family member they could turn to, in case they feel too embarrassed to tell you directly.

5. BE PREPARED TO LISTEN

When conversations about online bullying do take place, they're likely to be difficult, emotional and upsetting for both you and your child. Actively listen to your child while they're bringing you up to speed, and try not to show any judgement or criticism – even if they haven't dealt with the situation in exactly the way you would have hoped.

FURTHER SUPPORT AND ADVICE

If you or your child need additional help with an online bullying issue, here are some specialist organisations that you could reach out to.

Childline: talk to a trained counsellor on 0800 1111 or online at www.childline.org.uk/get-support/

National Bullying Helpline: counsellors are available on 0845 225 5767 or by visiting www.nationalbullyinghelpline.co.uk/cyberbullying.html

The NSPCC: the children's charity has a guide to the signs of bullying at www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/ and can be reached on 0800 800 5000

6. EMPOWER YOUR CHILD

Depending on their age, your child might not want a parent 'fighting their battles for them'. In that case, talk through their options with them (blocking the perpetrator, deleting the app and so on). By allowing your child to choose the path they take, you're putting them in control but are also demonstrating that you're there to support them along the way.

7. REPORT BULLIES ONLINE

Cyber-bullying often takes place through a particular app, social media platform or online game. If this is happening to your child, encourage them to report the offender to the app or game in question – ideally with screenshots to support their complaint. Most games and apps have reporting tools specifically to stamp out abusive behaviour and protect users.

8. ENCOURAGE EMPATHY

Protecting themselves online is the priority, of course, but young people should also feel empowered to help if they witness other people falling victim to cyberbullying. Even if they don't feel confident enough to call someone out on their abusive behaviour online, they can still confidentially report that person to the app or game where the bullying occurred.

9. SEEK EXPERT ADVICE

Victims of online bullying frequently experience feelings of isolation and anxiety, a loss of self-esteem and potentially even thoughts of self-harm or suicide. If you think that an incident of cyber-bullying has affected your child's mental wellbeing, then seek psychological support for them. There are some useful contact details in the central panel below.

10. INVOLVE THE AUTHORITIES

If the nature of any online bullying makes you suspect that your child is genuinely in imminent physical danger – or if there are any signs whatsoever of explicit images being shared as part of the bullying – then you should gather any relevant screenshots as evidence and report the incidents to your local police force.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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