

Churchfields' Weekly Newsletter

Friday 24 February 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

At the end of last term, I informed you of our appointment of Lola Brain to the position of part time Administration Officer. I am pleased to confirm that Miss Brain will be joining the team from next Wednesday 01st March. Her normal working days will be Wednesday to Friday. Mrs Harford will continue to be available in the main office every Monday and Tuesday.

School office opening hours will be 8:30am to 2pm, Monday to Friday. Although Mrs Harford will be in school outside of these hours, this will be to undertake her Finance Officer role which is not forward facing. Therefore, please continue to use the dedicated the Atworth and Monkton Farleigh email addresses for emergency contact outside of these times, which are:

Monkton Farleigh: mfreception@churchfields.wilts.sch.uk

Atworth: atreception@churchfields.wilts.sch.uk

These are checked by the Senior Teachers periodically after 2pm until the end of school so they can deal with any urgent messages which could include last-minute changes to pick-up, for example. If your message is not urgent, please email admin@churchfields.wilts.sch.uk and you will receive a response once the office reopens the following morning. Alternatively call 01225 703026 during school office hours. Thank you.

As you are aware, Mrs Norris has been working in a fund raising role for the school since her departure from the classroom at the end of 2022. Unfortunately her circumstances have changed and she is no longer able to continue in the role for personal reasons. She will be finishing next month. I would like to thank Mrs Norris for the positive impact she has had over the last several months whilst in the role and wish her every success for the future. We are now looking to fill this post and would like to draw the school community's attention to the advertisement in case it is of any interest. It is a home working role, initially for seven hours per week, split over two days of the successful applicant's choice. It is initially for six months but will likely be extended if successful. Full details and information on how to apply can be found on the Wiltshire Council Jobs website or [use this link](#). Please let me know if you would like to have an informal conversation about the role.

We were approached recently by a concerned resident regarding Church Lane, Atworth at school drop off and pick up times. This is the road that leads from Bradford Road to the Church Hall, where we often hold performances and events. The resident informed us that the road is actually private so should not be used for parking by the school community. This was news to me and all our long-standing staff so I contacted Atworth Parish Council to see if they could help clarify the matter. After much digging, they confirmed that indeed Church Lane is a private road. In which case, please could I ask the school community to refrain from parking there from now on. Thank you for your consideration and understanding on this issue.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards, Simon Futcher



World Book Day **Thursday 2nd March 2023**

A little reminder that on Thursday next week, we will be celebrating World Book Day at Churchfields.

The children are encouraged to come to school in an outfit or costume inspired by their favourite onomatopoeia word.

Onomatopoeia is any word that mimics a sound. Whether your child wishes to dress as a lion with a fearsome **roar**, the **splash** of a raindrop, we look forward to seeing their imaginative costumes brought to life!

We are also excited for a wonderful performance of Paddington at each base.

The payment link for this is available on Parent Pay if you feel able to support this special opportunity for the children with a voluntary donation of £2.50. Thank you as always for your ongoing support – we can't wait to share the pictures!

Mathletics

In the last week of term 3 there were not one, but two gold certificates this week, so two mathletes sharing the top of the podium. Huge congratulations

to Ezra and Maddie G!

GOLD: Ezra, Maddox

SILVER: Ezra, Benjamin, Sam D, Maddox, Morgan, Rupert

BRONZE : Oscar BH, Bodhi C, Ezra, Benjamin, Oliver CJ, Sam D, Josiah, Alexis G, Maddox, Henry H, Oliver H, Maddy J, Emily J, William, Leighton, Livinia, Ted L, Vinnie, Quita, Morgan, Alexis M, Finlay, Christina, Joseph, Rupert, George R, Isabella R, Kaan, Scarlett, Harrison, Amelie, Isabella S, Francesca

With the results in after the half term break, we also want to say huge congratulations to our first Puffin to earn a gold certificate this year! Fantastic work Harry, you've done brilliantly to achieve this gold. What a fantastic beginning to your Churchfields maths career! Two weeks of certificates to catch up on today, so there are lots of names!

GOLD: Harry

There have also been more great results with

SILVER: Quita, Alexis M, Emily J, William J, Harry, Harrison,

BRONZE : Bodhi B, Theo, Oscar BH, Holly, Bodhi C, Benjamin, Oliver CJ, Samuel D, Aida, Alexis G, Maddox, Oliver H, Emily J, William, Leighton, Livinia, Quita, Harry M, Alexis M, Finlay, Christina, Joseph, George R, Iris, Maggie, Kaya, Alice. Bodhi B, Sophie Jo, Bodhi C, Benjamin, Oliver CJ, Josiah, Alexis G, Maddox, Emily J, William, Harry, Otto, Toby, Alexis M, Finlay, Harrison, Iris T, Maggie



IN TERM 3 KESTRELS were looking at narrative writing and we have used the short film Soar to inspire our sentence stacking, thinking about all sorts of writing techniques we can use to improve our stories. This is Dexter's version.

Soar by Dexter

Mara was painfully jolted back to reality as her soaring hopes caved in and came crashing inevitably to the ground. Overencumbered with gloom, she slouched back to her plans with tears staining her shirt with sadness.

"I'm useless! This plane will never fly!" Mara shouted, as miserable as a cold, rainy day.

Out of the blue she felt something hit her on the head. It was a bag. A small bag. A small blue bag with silver straps. Before she could think a teeny aircraft came whizzing wildly right under her nose. With a bang and a boom it slid to a stop. Flopping from the cockpit came a teeny weeny boy, wearing plane goggles. The little man looked up and saw Mara; feeling threatened, he picked up her pencil and charged.

Mara looked on as the small man lugged his bag back to the steaming wreckage of his aircraft.

Nervously attempting to right the plane, the small boy carefully tugged on the side of the aircraft – his shoulders drooped like a wilted flower, the tail was trashed. The pair gazed up at a strange team of crazy contraptions chugging along overhead. A series of pops and bangs issued from them.

His knees trembled as his eyes filled with tears of sadness. He gazed up at the parade, feeling like a failure.

Mara had an idea; she snatched up her pencils and sprang into action. The plan was to try and create a new rudder for Luca's aircraft.

As brave as a kamikaze, Luca buckled up ready for the ride.

Mara yanked the ripcord and the propeller rattled along. But before lift-off, the wheel ejected itself and rambunctiously ricocheted down the hill.

With wishful thoughts in their heads, the pair tried again; now Luca's aircraft had Mara's biplane wings. Once more, Mara yanked on the cord and her dreams glided... for a millisecond, but then their ambitions burst like a soap bubble as their plane came crashing down to earth.

Sagging under the weight of despair Mara slouched back to her rock, meanwhile Luca curled up alone, overwhelmed with gloom. A cloud of dark realisation descended on Luca: he would never fly with the odd parade of unlikely aircraft, ever again. Tears filled his eyes, and he sat sobbing into his hands. He looked up; the fleet of aircraft were nearly gone. The whispering wind whisked an abandoned blueprint into her face, it had ignited a spark in her brain. With persistence as strong as titanium, the pair sprang into plan C.

Take-off was clean; Mara's tongue was tied, as she listened out for the phut phut of the engine. Mara was chuffed now one of her plans had actually flown. Luca fizzed with euphoria; he was finally flying after what felt like hours. Soft ebony crept across the lavender-blue haze whilst Mara watched Luca with the ghost of a smile on her face.

Delving into his small blue bag, he drew out a silver star. It was as precious as a freshly spun spider web bejewelled with dewdrops in the morning. As he slowly set the star in the sky, it radiated light across the inky blackness. Buoyant with ecstasy, Mara grinned from ear to ear.

School Car Parks both bases

Please can we remind all parent/carers that the school car parks at both bases are for staff and visitors only and should not be used for drop off or collection of children.

Thank you

World Thinking Day

Thank you to our Rainbows, Beavers, Brownies, Cubs and Guides that helped us celebrate World Thinking Day by wearing their uniforms to school. Here a couple of photos from the day.



Amazon Wish Lists fundraiser letter

02.2.23

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank goodness the temperature has gone up and the snowdrops are out! Spring is almost here, although I think it might be a while before we see daffodils and put away our winter coats.

We are delighted by the support you have shown for our Amazon Wish Lists. During such challenging times, schools are having to think outside of the box. Wish lists are a new avenue for the school and we hope they have given you an interesting insight. Already the children have experienced the benefits of your generosity and it is making such a difference to the classroom environments! This is an extremely special community and facilitating opportunities for children to learn and make connection remains at the core. These resources will make such a difference to children and staff alike as we continue to nurture learning opportunities with quality resources. Several parents have also donated craft resources, books and toys which are no longer in use. This is equally welcome received. Thank you so much for these donations they are going to a good home and it's a great lesson in recycling and sustainability for the children.

As the season unravels and the daylight hours increase, we look towards our spring and summer learning. It's a very busy time in the curriculum. Teachers will be thinking about outdoor learning opportunities and how to make the most of the wonderful indoor and outdoor spaces which we are lucky enough to have at both our bases. We have added extra lists with resources to support this and a list specially for SEN (special educational need).

If you would like to visit our shared Amazon Wish lists please follow the link below:

[Shared Resources](#)

If you would like to make a purchase at any point, please remember to write in the 'gift note' section. All Items will be delivered to the Atworth base and then dispatched to their correct end destination. Many thanks for taking the time to read this letter and for your continued support.

Sophie Norris

Fundraiser

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 4

DATE	EVENT
TERM 4	
Tuesday 28 February	Ruby Earring St. Laurence
Thursday 02 March	Swimming Nightingale Class
Thursday 02 March	World Book Day
Thursday 09 March	Swimming Nightingale Class
Monday 13 March – Friday 17 March STEM Week	
Tuesday 14 March	Science Day whole school Atworth Base
Thursday 16 March	Swimming Nightingale Class
Friday 17 March	Catherine Barr Scientist author visit both Bases
Friday 17 March	Red Nose Day
Monday 20 March – Friday 24 March No teacher led clubs this week	
Tuesday 21 March	Parent's evening until 7:30pm
Thursday 23 March	Swimming Nightingale Class
Thursday 23 March	Parent's evening until 6pm
Friday 24 March	Easter concert 2:30 -3:30 Atworth school hall
Monday 27 March	Indoor Cricket Melksham Community Campus KS2
Tuesday 28 March	Easter Service Atworth Church 1:15pm all welcome
Thursday 30 March	Swimming Nightingale Class
Friday 31 March	INSET DAY school closed to pupils
Friday 31 March	End of term 4



MAGICAL CLASSICAL

For beginner string players

If you play the violin, viola, cello or double bass then come and join Wiltshire Young Musicians for "Magical Classical"!

- **14:30** - come and join us to learn a selection of magical classical hits
- **16:00** - Tea - bring a packed tea and relax before the performance
- **17:00** - Concert - we'll perform the pieces we have learnt and it will include performances by WYM Junior String Groups and staff members!

It costs £7 to take part in the day and tickets for the performance can be bought from Wiltshire Music Centre box office (online or on 01225 860100) for £7 and £4 (under 18s).

If you want to book a place or need more information talk to your string teacher or email: info@wiltshireyoungmusicians.org.uk

Saturday 25th March 2023

Wiltshire Music Centre, Bradford on Avon



**LIONS CLUB
OF BRADFORD ON AVON**
Charity number 1195385

Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Bonnet Competition



at the Victory Field, Bradford on Avon

Easter Monday 10th April 2023

Bonnet Judging at 10.00am Egg Hunt at 10.15am.

Open to all children under 12 and free to take part

Hunt for tokens to exchange for cream eggs

Why not also enter our Easter Bonnet competition!

Book tokens and large eggs for the three best Bonnets

Small eggs for all other Bonnet entrants

**Come and join us
for some fun**



POP MUSIC PARTY

For beginner wind, brass and percussion players

If you play a **woodwind, brass or percussion** instrument then dress up as your favourite pop star and join Wiltshire Young Musicians for a "Pop Music Party"!

- **14:30** - come and join us to learn a selection of pop songs
- **16:00** - Tea - bring a packed tea and relax before the performance
- **17:00** - Concert - we'll perform the pieces we have learnt and it will include performances by WYM Junior Wind Bands and staff members!

It costs £7 to take part in the day and tickets for the performance can be bought from Wiltshire Music Centre box office (online or on 01225 860100) for £7 and £4 (under 18s)

If you want to book a place or need more information talk to your instrumental teacher or email: info@wiltshireyoungmusicians.org.uk

Sunday 26th March 2023

Wiltshire Music Centre, Bradford on Avon

FAMILY HELP SURVEY

- ? Are you a parent or parent to be?
- ? Are you a young person who needs help and advice?
- ? Do you know how you can find out information on help available for you and your family?

We want to hear your views on family services and how you'd best like to access them. Please take this short survey and help us shape services for the future.

Web link:
survey.wiltshire.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=167422754798

Wiltshire Council