

Dear Parent/Carer

Academisation Update

The Churchfields Governing Board has now held consultation meetings with the teaching and support staff, as well as parents and carers.

We've found it really useful to understand everyone's concerns and worries about Academisation, and it's helped us collate a list of questions and assurances to ask any potential Academy Trust. We are very aware of how important a decision this is for the school and we share the same concerns ourselves.

Through a vetting process we had already disregarded a number of local Academy Trusts for a variety of reasons and reached a shortlist of 4 who we have been engaging with in exploratory talks. We will now look to put these questions and concerns to any trusts who we still feel confident in progressing talks with, as well as doing a rigorous financial assessment.

We were fortunate to have a representative from the GMB Union attend our meeting on Wednesday. They provided some sage advice, and will be helping support us through the decision making process. We value their insight on what it's like for them working with any Trusts we've shortlisted, as they have a lot of experience working with both good and bad Academies, so it's best to involve them early in this process.

As part of our due diligence, we would also like our staff to meet directly with staff working within the Academy trust, so they can find out first-hand what it's like to work for them. We will also be doing the same with the Governors from the other schools and so we can hear about their experiences, without influence from the senior management. This is because we'd only get a very narrow view just speaking to those at a board level.

We will keep you updated on our progress and should we feel that there is a good Academy Trust out there for Churchfields we'll invite them in to have an open debate before we make a final decision.

Thank for your continued support, and to all those that attended the consultation sessions.

Kind regards,

Ed Latimer-Sayer
Chair of Governors

Safety notice to parents/carers.

Please be aware that the roads outside of the school and our staff car park become very busy with vehicles during morning drop off and the afternoon pick up. Please keep your children close at all times.

Increase to School Lunch price from 03 April 2023

We have been advised by our caterer that continuing price rises from their suppliers has given them no choice but to increase the cost of school lunch provision. The charge for a school meal at Churchfields will go up by 10p in April to £2.60 per meal.

Eynon apologise for having to pass on rising costs to parents and carers, but due to the current climate and ever increasing costs of produce and delivery they need to do so to ensure they are able to continue to provide quality products for use in our meals.

We fully understand that as a result of this price increase some families may decide to change or cancel booking hot meals at school. If you do want to change any of the meal bookings made via Parent Pay from 17 April onwards please can you make any changes by Sunday 26 March. If you need any help with this please contact the office.



Mathletics

Well, no surprise that after last week's bumper haul there are no golds this week! However, there are still a lot of mathletes working hard. 31 children received certificates this week, which is almost a quarter of the school (or 25% as the Y5s who have just been learning percentages will tell you!). Either way, it's a fantastic result.

SILVER: Alexis M

BRONZE : Bodhi B, Logan, Oscar BH, Bodhi C, Florence, Teddy E, Sam F, Josiah, Alexis G, Maddox, Oliver H, Emily J, William J, Leighton, Livinia, Ted L, Vinnie, Quita, Morgan, Alexis M, Finlay, Bella M, Ryley, Christina, Joseph, Anna, George R, Olivia S, Harrison, Maggie, Imogen W



**Bath Half 2023 - Sunday October the 15th.
Mentoring Plus appeal for runners**



Mentoring plus is a Bath based charity who work across BATHNES supporting young people facing significant challenges in their lives. For many young people, difficulties in school, at home or with peers are a daily reality. Children and teens struggling with anxiety, unmet needs or lack of family resources are missing out on education and opportunities. They feel alone and don't know where to turn. We've been helping children facing these tough challenges for 25 years, our practitioners and volunteer mentors engage with over 250 local young people each year in mentoring programmes, youth clubs and activities designed to help inspire, increase confidence, self-esteem and improve mental health and wellbeing. The cost of delivering these services is shooting up, with demand for them at an all-time high, meanwhile our charitable income has been hit hard by both covid restrictions and the rising cost of living.

Run for us in the Bath Half and help us keep providing these vital services for children in our community. You will be making a direct contribution towards helping a young person achieve their full potential.

'Taking part in the Bath Half Marathon for Mentoring Plus last year was an amazing experience. I'm not the best runner in the world so completing this just filled me with sheer elation. I had the support of Mentoring Plus throughout the training and on the day, it made it so special to be part of it. Knowing I'd raised money to help young people was the icing on the cake!' Fiona Bishop.

We have a number of charity places left to fill so if you'd like to be part of the team, please contact us for further info at community@mentoringplus.net. Places cost £47.40p but we do have some concession places available so let us know if you need help with your entry fee.



CLOTHING COLLECTION

THURSDAY 27TH APRIL

BRING YOUR UNWANTED CLOTHING SHOES BAGS BELTS

TO RAISE MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL

PLEASE LEAVE BAGGED DONATIONS AT ATWORTH RECEPTION AREA OR MF FOYER FROM WED 26TH APRIL

RAG BAG CLOTHING COLLECTION

The Friends of Churchfields (PTA) have arranged for another clothing collection on Thursday 27th April. Please donate as much as you can - ask your friends and family too. The school will get paid £400 per tonne!!

Please leave all donations at Atworth Reception or MF Foyer from Wednesday 26th April.

Thanks for your support

What is not accepted:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work wear • Uniforms (including School Uniforms) • Wet/Soiled Clothes • Curtains • Towels • Duvets or Duvet Covers • Pillows or Pillow Cases and Blankets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Table Cloths • Linens • Cushions • Carpets • Suitcases • Books • Bric a Brac • Clothes Hangers • Electricals
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Churchfields' Weekly Newsletter

Friday 24 March 2023

Term dates for 2023

Term 5: Monday 17 April – Friday 26 May

- Monday 17 April – children back to school
- **Monday 1 May – Bank holiday (school closed)**
- **Monday 08 May – Bank holiday (school closed)**

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)**

DATE	EVENT
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
Monday 17 April	Start of Term 5
Tuesday 18 April	No Art Club with Mrs. Genner Atworth
Thursday 27 April	Atworth Open Day (10am-2pm)
Friday 28 April	MF Open Day (10am-2pm)
Monday 01 May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Thursday 04 May	Atworth Coronation celebration
Friday 05 May	Monkton Farleigh Coronation celebration
Monday 08 May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Tuesday 08 May – Friday 12 May	KS2 SATs week
Tuesday 16 May	WOW Day
Friday 26 May	End of Term 5

