

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have all enjoyed our in-school celebrations of King Charles III coronation over the previous couple of days. Thank you for supporting these events by providing items for the children's afternoon tea, and the Friends for providing the resources for the crown making activity. The children had a wonderful time!

Have an enjoyable bank holiday weekend.

Kind regards,

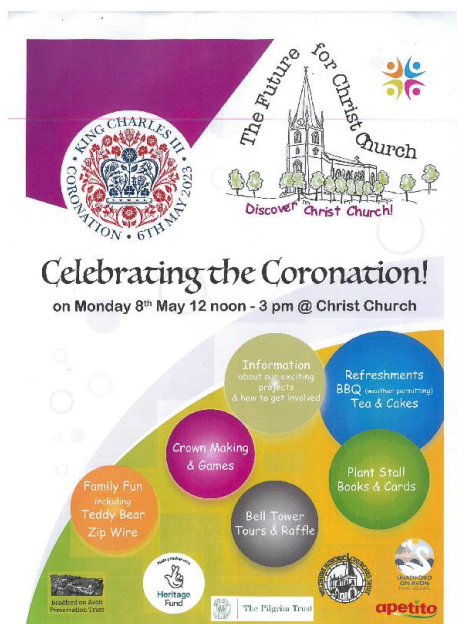
Simon Fitcher.

Mathletics

No golds this week but lots of hard-working mathletes to celebrate. Well done all of you!

SILVER: Emily C, Josiah, Edie, Evalyn, Livinia

BRONZE : Oscar B, Daisy B, Emily C, Sam D, Sam F, Josiah, Alexis G, Maddox, Edie, Henry H, Oliver H, Evalyn, Francis, Maddy J, Leighton, Livinia, India, Ted L, Morgan, Otto, Toby, Alexis M, Bella M, Ryley, Christina, Joseph, George R Charlie, Jamie, Iris, Maggie, Alice, Matilda W



Rag Bag Clothing Collection



A huge thanks to everyone who donated towards our clothing collection last week. We collected a fantastic 250kg from both bases and raised a total of £100.

We will arrange another collection for the autumn term.

Friends of Churchfields



Churchfields' Weekly Newsletter

Friday 05 May 2023

Term 5: Monday 17 April – Friday 26 May <ul style="list-style-type: none">Monday 17 April – children back to schoolMonday 01 May – Bank holiday (school closed)Monday 08 May – Bank holiday (school closed)	Term 6: Monday 5 June – Tuesday 25 July <ul style="list-style-type: none">Monday 05 June – children back to schoolMonday 24 July – INSET DAY (school closed)Tuesday 25 July – INSET DAY (school closed)
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Term dates for 2023

DATE	EVENT
Monday 08 May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Tuesday 08 May – Friday 12 May	KS2 SATs week
Monday 15 May	Class Photos with Tempest Photography
Tuesday 16 May	KS2 WOW Day
Tuesday 23 May	Year 7 Reunion at Monkton Farleigh
Friday 26 May	End of Term 5



Term 6	
Monday 05 June	Start of Term 6
Tuesday 06 June	KS2 Stonehenge trip
Wednesday 07 June	R23 Meet the Teacher 5pm Atworth; 5:30pm MF
Wednesday 14 June – Friday 16 June	UKS2 Residential WOLT
Tuesday 13 June	Atworth R23 Induction afternoon 1pm -3pm
Wednesday 14 June	Monkton Farleigh R23 Induction afternoon 1pm -3pm
Saturday 17 June	Monkton Farleigh Fete
Tuesday 20 June	Atworth R23 Induction afternoon 1pm -3pm
Wednesday 21 June	Cluster music project St Laurence
Wednesday 21 June	Monkton Farleigh R23 Induction afternoon 1pm -3pm
Tuesday 27 June	Melksham Oak taster day YR 6
Tuesday 27 June	Atworth R23 Induction afternoon 1pm – 3pm
Wednesday 28 June	Monkton Farleigh R23 Induction afternoon 1pm -3pm
Wednesday 28 June	ST Laurence YR 5 Cluster Curriculum Day
Friday 30 June	Y6 Corsham induction day
Tuesday 04 July	YR6 leavers trip to Bath
Tuesday 04 July	R23 Teddy Bears picnic 1:30 pm Both bases
Thursday 06 July	YR6 Induction day St Laurence (1 of 2)
Monday 10 July to Friday 14 July	Sports Week
Tuesday 11 July	Rocktopus
Thursday 13 July	YR6 Induction day St Laurence (2of 2)
Thursday 13 July	Move up morning
Friday 14 July	Sports afternoon with PTA event 1pm onwards
Friday 14 July	Pupil Reports go home
Wednesday 19 July	Leavers service St Michaels Church 1:15pm
Friday 21 July	Last Day Term
Monday 24 July	Inset Day
Tuesday 25 July	Inset Day



All National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many devices which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guidance, hints and tips for adults.

10 top tips for safely using SMARTWATCHES

Kids love gadgets, and smartwatches – available to buy from as little as £20 online – make a tempting gift. As with any type of mobile technology, though, smartwatches can pose risks to children unless they're used safely. Receiving unwanted calls, cyber-stalking and distracting a young person when they're crossing the road are all known risks associated with smartwatches. However, these devices can bring plenty of benefits for children and parents alike – so let's examine the pros and cons of smartwatches.

AVOID CHEAP OPTIONS

A quick search online yields a torrent of cheap smartwatches for kids, costing as little as £20. It's wise to avoid this bargain basement tech: it tends to deliver a poor experience with inferior battery life, and it's hard to have faith in the software's safety. There have been cases of smartwatches being hacked to track or contact children; stick to known brands who have a reputation to protect.

CONTROL CALLING

Many smartwatches have the facility to make or take calls. As with a phone, you may want to restrict who your child can call – or be called by. On Apple Watches, you can select trusted contacts who are allowed to ring your child, while other watches' contacts vary hugely. Some need to connect to a linked phone for calls, so you may be able to block unknown contacts via that device instead.

BEWARE HIDDEN COSTS

For a smartwatch to allow calls independently (that is, without being connected to a phone via Bluetooth), it will need its own mobile data plan. This might take the form of a tiny SIM card that you slot into the watch – or an eSIM, where the physical card is replaced by software settings. Either way, this will incur an additional monthly cost that you'll need to factor into any buying decision.

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Apple Watches aren't cheap, but they do offer superb safety features – allowing parents to control calls, messages and emails on the device, as well as a location tracking system that can send alerts if kids wander beyond pre-set boundaries. Their SOS function enables children to contact emergency services instantly if they're in trouble, which simultaneously also alerts parents and carers.

MAKE THEM COOL FOR SCHOOL

Some schools have banned smartwatches, as pupils have been using them as substitute phones. If your child's school does permit them, some devices can be set to prevent distractions in class. For example, Apple's 'Schooltime' feature turns these watches into ordinary time-keeping devices during school hours. The display changes in this mode, showing teachers that it isn't being used for other purposes.

BE MINDFUL OF BEDTIME

Many smartwatches offer sleep tracking, which some (usually older) children use to justify wearing them to bed. However, that also presents a temptation to message friends or check social media late at night, even if their phone is downstairs. Unless there's a valid reason not to, you could encourage your child to remove the watch in the evenings and ensure the charger stays in a different room.

TRACK ITS LOCATION

Both Apple and Android devices have apps which allow you to track a smartwatch's location. They can also initiate an audio alert – avoiding those cushion-hunting panics when a treasured device can't be found at home. If you're planning to track your child's location via their watch, make them aware of that in advance. You could even make it a condition of them getting the watch in the first place.

THINK 'SAFETY FIRST'

Smartwatches are often worth hundreds of pounds, which can make young people wearing one a target for thieves. Advise your child to keep the watch hidden in public (when possible) and not to reveal if thieves demand their watch. If you manage to track a stolen device, pass that information to the police; location data isn't always accurate, so you could end up wrongly accusing someone.

STORE MEDICAL INFO

Devices including the Samsung Galaxy Watch and Apple Watch can store the owner's medical details (such as their blood group and any pre-existing medical conditions), potentially giving emergency services access to vital information in a crisis. These devices also have 'fall out' detection, which sends a text message to selected contacts along with a map showing the wearer's location.

USE THEM AS MOTIVATION

If you're worried your child's spending too much time slumped on the sofa staring at screens, smartwatches are great fitness trackers and can be a powerful incentive to get moving. Some devices will alert the wearer if they've been inactive for a long time and encourage them to do some exercise. Many watches record the user's daily step count and measure other health metrics.

Meet Our Expert

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