

# Churchfields' Weekly Newsletter

Friday 30 June 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

The feedback of parents and carers of pupils who attend Churchfields, the Village School is important to us. It helps us to view the school from your perspective as well as help steer our work in making our school even better over time.

We would be grateful if you could take the time to complete the governors' current online parent/carers questionnaire by **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July** to share your views. [Click here to access the questionnaire.](#)

Kind regards,

Simon Fletcher.

## Thank You To All Our Wonderful Parent Helpers!



The whole school community would like to thank the parents who gave up their time to put up marquees, bake cakes, strew fences in bunting and supervise a multitude of marvellous activities at our incredible Extravaganza day last Friday. We really couldn't have done it without you and your time and kindness means more than you know. Children across the school have been writing thank you letters to express their gratitude to everyone who supported the event. We feel very lucky to be part of such a special community,

From all the children and staff at Churchfields x

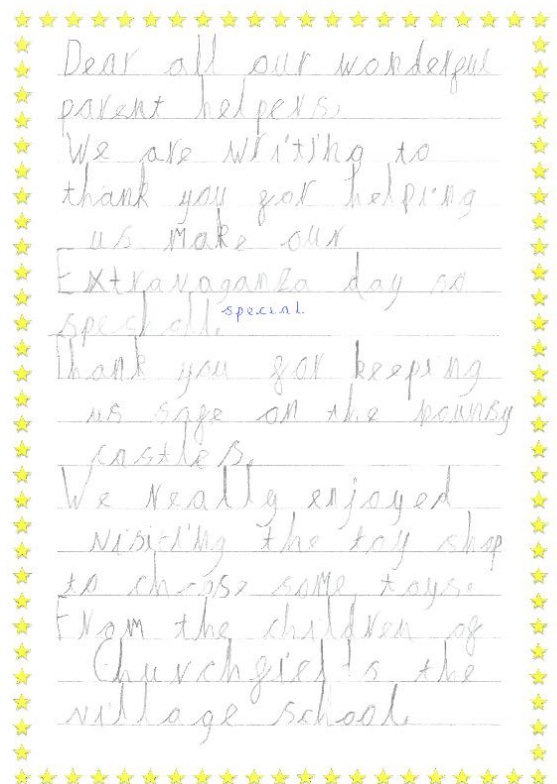


## EXTRAVAGANZA DAY SUCCESS!



Wow! I cannot believe that this time last week, we were celebrating our Churchfields Extravaganza day 2023. The sun shone, the children had a ball, the volunteers and staff worked their socks off and the day was a massive success. All of our visitors were amazing. Chloe's Mobile farm, WOLT, Dave Hickory and A1 ices you all made the day such a wonderful experience. The days, weeks and hours plotting and planning were well worth it! A massive thank you to you all. I'm so glad we were able to provide the children with the best day possible. And yes, I would do it all again, but maybe not for a little while 😊

Love Mrs G X



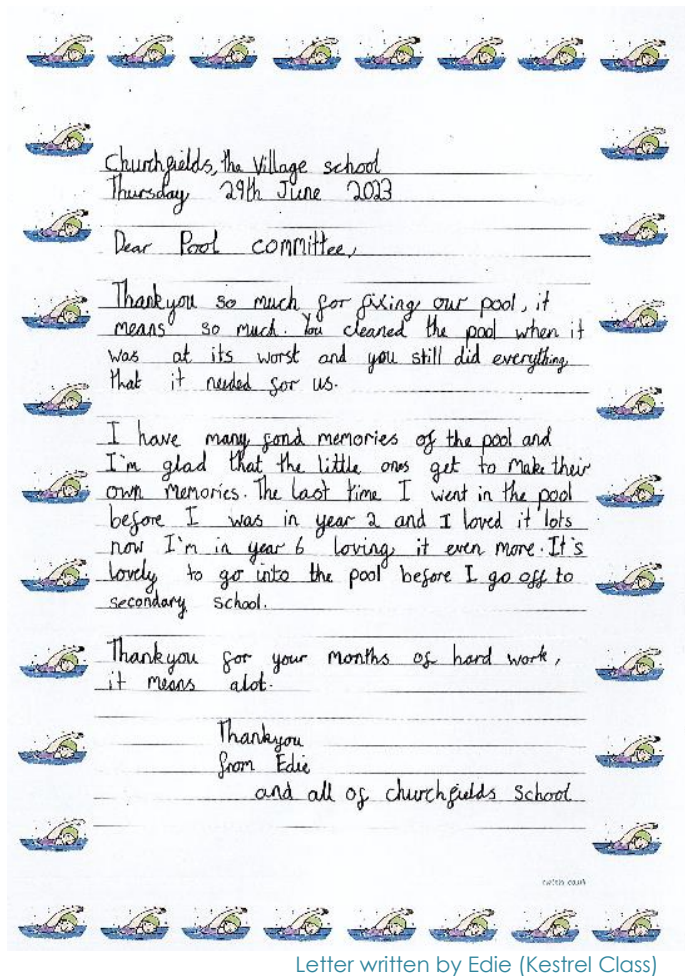
Letter written by Martha (Robin Class)

### **FUEL summer provision update - 29 June 2023 - there will be a summer programme**

The FUEL programme in Wiltshire has provided hundreds of children with activities and nutritious meals during school holidays. Please see attachment letter from Wiltshire Council to find out more.



## A Letter Of Appreciation For Churchfields Pool Committee...



### Mathletics

A slightly smaller haul of certificates this week amidst all the excitement of Term 6.

Well done to those people who are working away on mathletics in the sunshine.

SILVER : Henry H, Quita,

BRONZE : Bodhi B, Josiah, Alexis G, Maddox, Edie, Henry H, Oliver H, Francis, Leighton, Livinia, Ted, Vinnie, Quita, Morgan, Eloise, Harry, Bella M, Ryley, George R, Freddie



### Birthday Books

We would like to thank, Olivia C for donating "The Day The Screens Went Blank" by author, Danny Wallace.

Happy 8<sup>th</sup> Birthday Olivia!

Also, another thank you to, Toby MS for donating "Ratty's Big Adventure" by author, Lara Hawthorne.

Happy 7<sup>th</sup> Birthday Toby!



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## Term dates for 2023/2024

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|---|---|
| <b>Term 6: Monday 5 June – Tuesday 25 July (2023)</b>   | <b>Term 1 Monday 4 September – Wednesday 18 October (2023)</b>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday 24 July – INSET DAY (school closed)</li> <li>Tuesday 25 July – INSET DAY (school closed)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Friday 1 September – INSET DAY (school closed)</li> <li>Monday 25 September – INSET DAY (school closed)</li> </ul> |
| <b>Term 2: Monday 30 October – Wednesday 20 December (2023)</b>   | <b>Term 3: Thursday 04 January – Friday 09 February (2024)</b>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday 30 October – INSET DAY (school closed)</li> </ul>   |   |
| <b>Term 4: Monday 19 February – Thursday 28 March (2024)</b>  | <b>Term 5: Monday 15 April – Friday 24 May 2024</b>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday 11 March – INSET DAY (school closed)</li> </ul>   |   |
| <b>Term 6: Monday 3 June – Wednesday 24 July (2024)</b>   |   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wednesday 24 July – INSET DAY (school closed)</li> </ul>   |   |

| Term 6                             |  |
|------------------------------------|--|
| 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 – Atworth |
| Thursday 6 July                    | Kestrel class swimming                   |
| Thursday 06 July                   | YR6 Induction day St Laurence (1 of 2)   |
| Friday 07 July                     | Non-uniform day for Tombola              |
| Monday 10 July                     | Castle Combe race track 5-8 pm           |
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| Monday 10 July to Friday 14 July | Sports Week   |
| Tuesday 11 July                  | Rocktopus – Atworth   |
| Tuesday 11 July                  | BMT Piano lessons cancelled at Atworth – (Due to sports week) |
| Tuesday 11 July                  | Ukulele lessons cancelled at Atworth – (Due to sports week)   |
| Wednesday 12 July                | No PH Sports lunch club and afterschool club                  |
| Thursday 13 July                 | YR6 Induction day St Laurence (2of 2)                         |
| Thursday 13 July                 | Kestrel class swimming  |
| Friday 14 July                   | Sports afternoon with PTA event 1pm onwards                   |
| Friday 14 July                   | Pupil Reports go home   |
| Tuesday 18 July                  | Move up morning   |
| Wednesday 19 July                | No PH Sports lunch club and afterschool club                  |
| Wednesday 19 July                | Leavers service St Michaels Church 1:15pm                     |
| Thursday 20 July                 | Summer disco 5:30 – 7pm                                       |
| Friday 21 July                   | Last Day Term   |
| Monday 24 July                   | Inset Day   |
| Tuesday 25 July                  | Inset Day   |





Feel confident to  
help your child

**learn**

July 2023 - online courses



**Helping My Child with Anxiety and Worry**

Friday 7 July 10:00 -12:00

**Helping My Child Build Concentration and Resilience**

Friday 14 July 10:00 -12:00

**Helping My Child Prepare Positively for Change**

Friday 21 July 10:00 -12:00

Our courses are free, if you are over 19 years old, a resident in UK/EU for over three years, live in Wiltshire and meet any of the following criteria:

- less than five GCSEs grades A-C
- in receipt of benefits
- a military family
- a family with SEN child / children
- are unemployed and seeking employment
- have certain types of immigration status

**To find out more**

visit [workwiltshire.co.uk/events](https://workwiltshire.co.uk/events),

call **01225 770 478** or email

**familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk**



**Wiltshire Council**



WWW.MIGHTYGIRLS.CO.UK JUNE 2023

## EMPOWER HER

### MG NEWS

We have had a busy first half of the year, will lots of Mighty Girls fun. Below are some of the highlights:

#### Quiz Night

We kicked off 2023 in style with a sold-out Quiz Night, a lot of fun was had while raising over £1000 to support our work. Huge thank you for all your support.

#### Mighty Girls Club

Our BOA Thursday groups continue to enjoy meeting up & we are now delighted to have a Bath MG Group running with our Mighty Clare at the helm.

#### V Coding Event

We collaborated with Bath University to offer 25 girls a day of STEM Coding fun.

#### Workshops so far in 2023 include:

**Selfcare Skincare For Teens**

**Self Defence** with Helen from Systema

**Animation** where the girls created films surrounding positive friendships.

**Art - What's your Super Power?** where girls created a personalised canvas recognising their mighty strengths.

#### Strategy Day - All volunteers & staff

All the "mighty" girls & women came together to reflect, recognise & look forward, so we can continue to support young girls & women "Be Inspired. ... Be Empowered.... Be themselves".

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# FRIENDS OF CHURCHFIELDS EVENTS

17th  
June

**MONKTON FARLEIGH  
FETE**

4th  
July

**TEDDY BEARS PICNIC**  
**1:30 PM**  
FOR 2023 NEW STARTERS AT ATWORTH & MF

7th  
July

**NON UNIFORM DAY**  
PLEASE BRING PRIZES FOR THE TOMBOLA

10th  
July

**CASTLE COMBE  
RACE TRACK**  
**5-8 PM**

14th  
July

**SPORTS DAY  
& SUMMER FETE**  
BBQ, BAR, BOUNCY CASTLE, ICECREAMS, GAMES

20th  
July

**SUMMER DISCO**  
**5:30 - 7PM**

Images taken from MyWall.com





**An invitation to a Pet Service**  
**23 July 4pm**  
**St Michael and All Angels**

**Come and get your pets blessed**



**"I call you by name"**

**For pets and owners all types and ages**  
**For pets Large and small**  
**Celebrate how our pets enrich our lives**



# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# AMINO

**PETS**

**AGE RESTRICTION**  
**12+**

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### MODERATION GAPS

Amino has a 12+ classification in the App Store and a 'Teen' rating on Google Play. However, certain communities on the platform have little to no moderation in place – increasing the potential for more adult-themed content to reach young users. It's also possible to create an account without proof of age, raising the possibility of even younger children finding their way onto the platform.

### UNSAFE CONTENT

The central concept behind Amino is for users to share content, then friends and receive comments on these uploads. The level of anonymity that the platform offers (someone's true identity can be completely obscured behind their username, for instance) means that it would be extremely difficult to stop suggestive or outright predatory comments and messages being sent to young people.

### INAPPROPRIATE IMAGES

Like most social media, Amino offers easy sharing of images. Its community guidelines state that any suggestive photos of under-18s will be removed immediately, but of course this doesn't prevent inappropriate pictures being seen by a young person. Not all of Amino's communities are rigorously moderated, so there's a chance that some unsuitable images could temporarily evade detection.

Amino is a social media platform offering a large group of subcommunities under one digital 'roof': it was envisaged as the online version of a convention, where fans gather to celebrate a shared interest like comic books or sci-fi, for example. While many such platforms are harmless spaces for devotees of a certain TV show or video game to congregate, there are still some aspects that trusted adults should be aware of. With a focus on sharing user-generated content, the idea of Amino is for users to communicate with like-minded individuals – but even that can create plenty of hazards.

## COMICS & COSPLAY

### MEMBERSHIP COSTS

Amino+ is a premium membership for the platform, offering a battery of customisation options such as stickers, 'mooders' to display and an exclusive profile badge. Users can also purchase one-off cosmetic items including different styles of chat bubble or profile frames. If your child has payment methods available via their device, they could potentially make these in-app purchases without you realising.

### REPEATED USAGE

As a social media app, Amino is focused on keeping its communities engaged and coming back for more. Part of this approach is encouraging people to build up 'streaks' – markers for logging in regularly. This type of momentum, of course, always carries the risk of young people feeling a compulsion to repeatedly check in with the app, further increasing their screen time.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### TALK ABOUT IT

If your child is old enough and chooses to download and use Amino, it's probably wise to remind them of some online safety basics – such as how not everyone in the digital world is who they claim to be, for example, or not to give out personal information online. It might also be a good idea to go into the app's settings and enable incoming chat requests from users that your child doesn't know.

### STAY UPDATED

Ensure that your child knows to report any upsetting or worrying online content they might see to you. As much as possible, try to stay aware of which communities they're joining on Amino. Most of these areas are well moderated and full of innocent conversation about common interests, but on any platform of this breadth, there's always the potential for chats to veer off into potentially harmful places.

### MEMBERSHIP MEDIATION

If your child asks for an Amino+ membership but you're not entirely comfortable with that, be prepared to explain your decision in depth. Young people's sense of injustice can naturally become inflamed when their friends have things that they don't. Parents of older teens, meanwhile, might actually decide to agree to the membership request but continue to monitor their child's activity on the app.

### MONITOR SCREEN TIME

If you haven't already, you might want to consider setting up controls such as Family Sharing (on iOS devices) or Family Link (on Android) so, from your own device, you can keep an eye on how much screen time your child is having – and what apps they're spending it on. This can be extremely useful with regard to platforms such as Amino, which can be quite addictive and reward repeated use.

## Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombe is Editor in Chief of parenting and education website and has worked in the gaming industry for several years. A former victim of the App Store as a 12-year-old, he's also a parent who understands the online world. Writing regularly about tech and games, his articles have been published in respected sites including BBC and The Guardian.



**National Online Safety**

#WakeUpWednesday

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