

Churchfields' Weekly Newsletter

Friday 10th Nov 2023

Dear Churchfields Community,

It's been another busy start to the academic year, with us already in term 2 and the October half term becoming a distant memory! I hope all those who have joined us this year have settled in well.

As a school we believe in working in partnership with pupils, parents, and carers to provide the best environment we can, allowing the children in our care to thrive. If you have any questions on how you can help support us to do that, or if you have any concerns, please do raise them with the class teacher – they would be more than happy to arrange a time to speak with you.

As we head into the winter months our dedicated Friends of Churchfields Volunteers (formally the PTA) will be putting on a host of amazing different fundraising events. Do please try and support them with your time or donations if you can. The money raised is essential in supporting our Wow! Days and other enriching events, which greatly benefit both the children's learning and well-being.

I want to extend a huge thank you again from all the governors to those volunteers who give up their precious time to make these vital fundraising events happen. We'd also like to give a special mention to Emma Bennett who as well as being an active member of the FOCS and Pool Committee, she is also working for the school in an official capacity as a fundraiser. She's done an amazing job so far, so thank you Emma!

Churchfields Governing Board held its first Full Governors meeting of the academic year in September, which is where we elected the board and committee chairs and set our objectives for the next 12 months. I've been re-elected to continue as Chair of Governors for this coming year with the support of Emily Cadwallader as our Vice-Chair. We are very grateful that David Pritchard has agreed to chair the management committee for another year, a role he's been exceptional at. We are also pleased to welcome Suzanne Gray to the board as Chair of the Educational Standards Committee. She's a valuable new addition to the team, bringing with her a wealth of teaching experience.

To give you all an update on our academy status. The formal application to join Palladian Academy Trust has now been submitted to the Department for Education. We are hoping the application will be considered by the Regional Directors' Office at their December meeting. Should we get their support, we'll then be assigned a case worker who will guide us through the legal process of moving from the Local Authority into the Academy Trust.

We've been very impressed by Palladian so far. Even though we are some months away from joining, they have taken the approach that as far as they are concerned, we're already part of the family, so we have already been invited along to their training events and meetings.

I attended the Palladian Chairs Network meeting in September, where representatives from each of the school's Local Governing Committees get together to see how they can work together and share best practice. It's a great introduction to one of the many benefits we'll get working within a supportive group of similar schools.

If you'd like to find out more about our Governing Board, there is a [dedicated section](#) on the Churchfields website where you'll find out about what else we do and who we are. We currently have a few vacancies on our board. So, if you have an interest in how the school operates, and a desire to support the school in providing the best possible education it can for all our children, I encourage you to apply.

There are no specific skills required, as training is provided free of charge, but we're always on the lookout for anyone who has expertise they can offer in finance, marketing, PR, human resources, IT, law, and project management. If this sounds like you, please do get in touch with me and I can discuss what's involved. It really is a very rewarding way to volunteer your time and give much needed support to the school.

As always if you have any questions you'd like to raise with myself or the Governors I can be contacted at chair@churchfields.wilts.sch.uk

Wishing all the best

Ed Latimer-Sayer Chair of Governors

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Request for help.

We have been really pleased with the response to our request for recipes - lots of exciting ideas ready to be shared. Our editorial committee are busy sifting through duplicates and will be contacting successful authors shortly to request photos.

We would really appreciate some adult help with typing up our recipes on the online format, which is a job that could be done out of school and school hours. If you think you might be able to help please contact Miss Ottner for further details.

Many thanks Miss Ottner



Children in Need Friday 17 November

This falls on **Friday 17th November** this year and we are encouraging children to be spotacular! By coming into school in non-uniform sporting spots of any description with a suggested donation of 50p, we will be helping children and young people all over the UK who need it most. Thank you.

Thank you for the great response for school Christmas dinner we have extended the deadline until **Thursday 16th November**.
Please log into parent pay to book.

Christmas Dinner Menu Whole School

Friday 15 December 2023

Roast turkey with pigs in blankets & stuffing balls
OR

Roast Quorn fillet (V)

Served with

Roast potatoes, Fresh seasonal vegetables
Gravy

Dessert

Christmas pudding OR
Strawberry ice cream sundae OR

Yoghurt, fresh fruit OR

Dairy free ice cream

** Dietary requirements catered for*

REMEMBER: school dinners are free for Reception, Yrs. 1 & 2

**PLEASE BOOK VIA PARENT PAY BY MIDNIGHT THURSDAY 16
NOVEMBER**

**** JACKET POTATOES WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE ON FRIDAY 15
DECEMBER**

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Athletics team



Football team



Athletics Team

We went to Stonar for a cross country run. It was very muddy but insanely fun. Some people lost their shoes or slipped over. The mud came up to our shins. People fell in puddles. Well done to everybody for trying their best (especially Eugene for coming third). Scarlett was the only girl from our school so well done to her.

By Ted, Eugene and William

Football Team

On Monday afternoon Year 5 and Year 6 football team went to Christchurch to play a tough football tournament. We came 1st out of 6 teams! Eugene was player of the tournament and he scored 4 amazing goals! Oliver scored 1, William scored a brilliant corner and Sam F saved lots of good goals. Sam F, the goalie, said, "It was a tough tournament but the team did well to win". We all played incredibly well and we did our best.

By Sam F, Oliver H, Scarlett S

Mathletics

We are thrilled to celebrate our first gold mathletics certificates this week! Huge congratulations to Alexis, Maddy and Harry who haven't missed a single week to reach the gold podium in the shortest amount of time possible. An absolutely brilliant achievement, well done!

Gold : Alexis G, Maddox, Harry

Silver : Isabella S, William J, Oliver H, Rufus, Quita, George R, Joseph, Leighton, Oliver CJ, Bodhi PH, Ted E, Emily J, Isabella R, Benjamin, Alexis M, Christina, Oscar BH, Sam F, Henry J, Esme, Jasper

Bronze : Sam D, Evelyn, Josiah, Florence, Theo, Sam B, Morgan, Matilda W, Bodhi B

FRIENDS OF CHURCHFIELDS

EVENTS

7th Nov

MOVIE NIGHT

ATWORTH SCHOOL 5:00 - 7:00 PM

10th Nov

NON UNIFORM DAY

PLEASE BRING PRIZES FOR THE TOMBOLA

22nd Nov

CLOTHING COLLECTION

PLEASE DROP BAGS OF CLOTHING AT SCHOOL
21ST NOV

25th Nov

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

ATWORTH SCHOOL 12:00 - 4:00 PM

1st & 2nd Dec

FESTIVE WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

ATWORTH SCHOOL 7:00 - 9:00 PM

19th Dec

CHRISTMAS DISCO

ATWORTH SCHOOL 5:30 - 7:00 PM

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'Fill A Jar Competition.'



Entries for this years 'Fill a Jar' can be left outside Reception from Monday the 20th - 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 any way 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!

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Term dates for 2023/2024

Term 2: Monday 30 October – Wed 20 December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 30 October - INSET DAY (school closed) 	Term 5: Monday 15 April – Friday 24 May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 06 May Bank holiday (school closed)
Term 3: Thursday 04 January – Friday 09 February	Term 6: Monday 03 June – Wednesday 24 July <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday 24 July - INSET DAY (school closed)

Term 2

Term 2	
Monday 13 November – Friday 17 November	E- Safety Week (Anti-Bullying Week)
Tuesday 14 November	School Nurse NCMP Year 6
Wednesday 15 November	Year 4 Swimming
Thursday 16 November – Friday 17 November	Bikeability for year sixes Atworth base
Friday 17 November	Children In Need Wear something spotty(non uniform)
Wednesday 22 November	Year 4 Swimming
Saturday 25 November	FOCS Christmas Faye
Wednesday 29 November	Year 4 Swimming
Friday 30 November	WOW Day KS1
Friday 30 November	KS2 Christmas production rehearsal
Tuesday 05 December	KS2 Production 1:30 dress rehearsal; 4pm & 6pm @church Hall Falcon class at Atworth all day (coach booked)

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Term 2 cont'd	
Thursday 07 December	Fdn/KS1 Production 1:30 dress rehearsal; 4pm & 6pm @church Hall Robin class at Atworth base
Friday 15 December	Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 19 December	Carol Service Atworth Church 1:15pm
Tuesday 19 December	Christmas Disco
Wednesday 20 December	End of Term 2



Wiltshire Host Families are looking for schools who would like the opportunity to receive £20 vouchers to purchase school resources in return for assisting us to recruit some Host Families to accommodate short-stay (3-4/5 nights) international student school groups in the Trowbridge area.

In 2024 we will have more than 120 groups travelling to Wiltshire and need some extra host families to accommodate them. We hope that your school can assist us, in return you will receive a £20 voucher to purchase school resources for **every** host that registers (they must give your school's name at point of registration) and then goes onto host more than once for us.

Website: www.wiltshirehostfamilies.co.uk