

Churchfields' Weekly Newsletter

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Friday 11th Oct 2024

Dear
Parents/Carers

Thank you to everyone that attended our Harvest Festival on Monday. It was wonderful to see such a full church. I couldn't decide what I enjoyed most – watching our super stars perform, or watching the faces of proud parents and families! The children were amazing and I also need to say a huge thank you to all the staff who put the performances together.

It has been a busy week with our Open Days and I have thoroughly enjoyed showing off our school to new parents. If you know someone who is considering applying to Churchfields, do encourage them to phone and come for a visit – they don't need to wait for Open Days.

Thank you to staff and parents who stayed to help out with bedtime stories this week. It was a lovely atmosphere – I know the children loved it, and Hollie even listened to a story!

Finally, we are recruiting for a breakfast club leader and a breakfast club assistant to run our new breakfast club at Atworth - if you are interested, please see the attached information for more details.

Best wishes,

Heather

Head of School

Message from Ed Chair of Governors.

We are delighted to welcome Lily-May Dunster and Sarah Williams-Martin as the new Parent Governors at Churchfields School. Since no other candidates were nominated, an election was not required to fill the two vacancies. We're excited to have them on board and look forward to the valuable expertise, insight, and enthusiasm they will bring to the governing body.

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Churchfields, the Village School

ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE POSITION OF PART-TIME BREAKFAST CLUB LEADER

We are looking for suitable candidates for a part-time (1 hour per day, 5 days per week, term time only) **breakfast club leader** starting as soon as possible at our Atworth base.

The role is initially temporary for six months with the possibility of further extension, and has been graded by Wiltshire Council as 'D' (currently D18, £12.18 per hour) on the Wiltshire Pay Scale.

The candidate will need experience of working with children, and the ability to supervise staff.

The post-holder will work at the Atworth base from 7.40 – 8.40am weekdays during term time. The school can be flexible and will agree working hours and further details with the successful candidate on appointment following an interview.

For further information about the role and a copy of the job profile, please contact the office. The deadline for applications is **Monday 21st October**.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE POSITION OF PART-TIME BREAKFAST CLUB ASSISTANT

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A few random statistics along with this week's congratulations for mathletics students:

- Kestrels have reached over 100,000 curriculum points this year
- Falcons have earned the most points on live mathletics (945)

The national deadline date for applying for secondary school places is midnight on 31 October 2024.

Applications can be submitted using our Parent Portal using the following link

<https://parentportal.wiltshire.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/home>

Nearly everybody in the school has logged on and earned points on mathletics (even if they haven't earned a certificate). A special mention goes to Falcons, where 100% of children have been on mathletics this year. Well done everyone!



On Monday we went to Christchurch to play a football tournament against other local teams. We were very pleased to retain the title that we won last year.

Our first game was the hardest because there were some skilful opponents but we managed to beat them 2-0 by scoring some lucky goals. In the second game we combined well as a team with some good passing and Oscar scored from Henry's cross. Our third game got off to a really good start with goal from Ezra and ended up with another 2 - 0 win for us. William scored the only goal of the last match right in the top corner.

At the end of the tournament the results were announced in reverse order and, even though we knew we'd won every game, it was still exciting when our name was called out last.

Theo was an expert goalkeeper, keeping a clean sheet in three games and only conceding one in the whole tournament. Oliver CJ was really good at motivating the team. We want to say a big thank you to Mrs Pugh for organising and coming to support us, and also to Joseph's dad, who led the warm up and helped organise the positions. We really enjoyed it.

Joseph, Eugene and William

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Term dates for 2023/2024

<p>Term 1: Monday 2 September – Wed 23rd October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 2nd – INSET DAY (school closed) Friday 4th Oct – INSET DAY (school closed) 	<p>Term 2: Monday 4th Nov – Fri 20th December</p>
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Term 1 & 2

TERM 1	
Tuesday 15 th Oct	Police visit KS1 Atworth
Wednesday 23 rd Oct	End of term 1
TERM 2	
Tuesday 5 th Nov	Break the Rules day
Monday 11 th Nov - Friday 15 th Nov	Anti - bullying week
Tuesday 12 th Nov	Odd Socks Day
Friday 15 th Nov	Children in need
Monday 25 th Nov	Reception and Year 6 Health screening
Tuesday 26 – Friday 29 Nov	Bikeability year 6
Monday 2 nd Dec	Open day both sites Atworth 10-2 Monkton Farleigh 10-2
Thursday 5 th Dec	Christmas Film Night
Friday 6 th Dec	School nurse Whole school Flu immunisations
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Tuesday 10 th Dec	KS2 Production 4pm/6pm TBC
Thursday 12 th Dec	R/KS1 Production 4pm/6pm TBC
Tuesday 17 Dec	Carols St Michaels Atworth 1:15
Wednesday 18 Dec	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 19 th Dec	Carols St. Peters Monkton Farleigh 1:15
Friday 20 th Dec	End of Term 2



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At The National College, our **WakeUpWednesday** guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators TEACHING CHILDREN FIRE SAFETY

Fire safety is especially important around Bonfire Night, as fireworks, bonfires and sparklers add extra risks for families and young children. Every year in the UK, thousands of accidents occur due to improper handling of fireworks and neglecting fire safety measures. This guide offers practical tips for keeping children safe when handling everything from fireworks to space heaters.

- BONFIRE NIGHT AWARENESS**
Bonfire Night is exciting, but it comes with several inherent risks. Educate children about the dangers of fireworks and open flames. Teach them that only adults should handle fireworks and that bonfires should never be approached. Keep children at a safe distance (at least five metres away) from bonfires and explain why supervision is crucial during these events.
- SUPERVISE FIREWORK USE**
Fireworks should only be handled by responsible adults who are following UK laws and guidelines. Make sure to buy fireworks that meet British Standards and adhere to all instructions that come with them. Keep children a suitable distance from any firework activity and designate an adult to supervise the event. Ensure no one goes near fireworks other than they've been lit.
- SPARKLER SAFETY**
Sparklers are often captivating for little ones, but they can burn at extremely high temperatures – over 1,000 °C! Only allow children over the age of five to use sparklers, and make sure they wear gloves. Teach them to hold sparklers at arm's length and never wave them near others. Once a sparkler has burned out, extinguish it fully in a bucket of water – which you should prepare beforehand and always keep nearby.
- ORGANISED DISPLAYS ARE SAFER**
If possible, families should attend an organised fireworks display rather than holding one at home. These tend to be far safer as they're run by professionals adhering to strict safety regulations. Organised displays also provide a controlled environment where children can enjoy the event from a safe distance, reducing the risk of accidents.
- KEEP FIREWORKS AWAY FROM THE HOME**
If you are hosting your own fireworks display, set them off well away from hedges, sheds or fences to avoid starting accidental fires. Choose a wide-open space with no flammable materials nearby and keep a means of putting out fires to hand in case of emergency – such as a bucket of water, a hose or a fire extinguisher. Afterward, ensure that all fireworks are fully extinguished and never attempt to relight one if it doesn't go off.
- BONFIRE SAFETY**
If you're building a bonfire, place it well away from trees, buildings, fences or anything else flammable. Make sure it's structurally sound and not at risk of collapsing. Only burn natural materials like wood and leaves, avoiding petrol or other accelerants. Children should be kept far away from the bonfire, and it should always be supervised by adults. Be sure to fully extinguish the bonfire before you leave it.
- "STOP, DROP AND ROLL"**
Ensure that children know what to do if their clothing catches fire. Teach them the simple "stop, drop and roll" technique, which can quickly extinguish flames. Practice this with them before events like Bonfire Night, so they feel confident if the need to use it arises. It can also be helpful to keep another means of putting out these kinds of fires in standby, just in case. An extinguisher or flame-retardant blanket are both sound choices.
- SECURE CANDLES AND OPEN FLAMES**
Beyond Bonfire Night, everyday fire safety is also crucial. Candles can be a common fire hazard, especially in homes with young children. Teach children not to touch any open flames, and ensure candles are placed in sturdy holders away from combustible materials. Never leave candles, incense burners or other such items unattended, and always extinguish them fully before leaving a room or going to bed.
- EDUCATE ABOUT FIREWORKS HAZARDS**
Make sure children understand the dangers of playing with fire or fireworks, and how to handle such things responsibly. Emphasise that fireworks are not toys and can cause serious injuries when improperly used. Demonstrate the importance of treating fire with respect and the consequences of misuse, which can help temper any curiosity and any resultant dangerous behaviour.
- FIRST AID FOR BURNS**
Even if you have the best possible precautions in place, accidents can still happen. Keep a first aid kit on hand. Ensure you know how to apply basic first aid to burns, so you can teach children these techniques too. If someone suffers a burn, run it under cool water for 20-30 minutes. Never use creams or ointments, as these retain heat and can cause further damage. Instead, seek medical help if the burn is serious.

Meet Our Expert
James Whelan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings and many other industries, helping them to maintain a safe working environment.

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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/fire-safety>

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