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Friday 18th Oct 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

I can't believe it's almost half term already! The time has flown by.

Children at both bases have enjoyed visits from the police this week ... I know they particularly had fun trying on uniforms and exploring the cars!

Thank you everyone for donating for the Christmas hampers for the raffle they are looking really good now.

Today we will be welcoming back our 4 intrepid explorers who have joined the Palladian Trust visit to France with Mrs Pugh. The photos look amazing! Thank you to Miss Libby and Mrs Artus who have kept the continuity in class and been teaching woodpeckers in Mrs Pugh's absence.

I know the Christmas plans are already underway and I am really looking forward to all the events we have coming up. I hope you all have a well-earned rest this half term and we look forward to welcoming you back for term 2.

Best wishes,

Heather

Heather Saunders

Head of School



The image contains three promotional posters for school events:

- CHRISTMAS HAMPER:** A red poster with yellow stars. It lists activities for different classes: KESTRELS: COCKTAIL MAKING; NIGHTINGALES: FAMILY MOVIE/GAMES NIGHT; WOODPECKERS: MEN'S TREATS HAMPER; KINGFISHERS: FESTIVE SWEET TREATS. It includes a small illustration of a hamper and asks for items to be dropped at reception by Monday 21st October.
- BEETLE DRIVE! 2024:** A hand-drawn poster featuring a large green beetle. It says 'Anyone can COME!' and 'PLEASE COME'. It specifies the date as MON 21st October, 9:30-4:30 PM, and the location as Atworth Hall. A note says 'Help the School raise money!' and another says '2.1 per child, 2.2 for adults'.
- FRIDAY DRINKS:** A colorful poster with red and blue circles. It says 'Friends of Churchfields' and 'Friday 18th October from 8pm'. The location is '53 Bath Road • Atworth'. It says 'All parents welcome' and 'Please drop in for some drinks & nibbles to celebrate completing the first few weeks of term!'. It also includes the contact number 'Any questions please message Evie 07738 929089'.

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Mathletics

And we have our first golds of the year! To earn a gold certificate you need to earn five silvers, but before you can earn a silver, you need to earn five bronze. So Gold 1 is the 11th certificate of the year for a mathlete. Bear in mind that we are only just entering week 7 and this means that anyone on a silver certificate has earned a certificate every week of term... We are very proud of all 45 mathletes who have earned a certificate this week.

Bronze : Birdie, Emma, India, Elijah, Henry H, Sophie, Meadow, Scarlett, Josiah, Freddie, Coralie, Alexis M, Olivia S, Oscar BH, Jude, Ellis, Niamh, Oliver H, Theo, Rufus, Quita, George R, Vinnie, Isabella R, Hector, Morgan, Esme, Hattie, Anouk

Silver : William J, Joseph, Emily J, Christina, Henry J, Jasper, William CJ, Rosemary, Jason, Leighton, Oliver CJ, Benjamin, Jazmyne

Gold : Alexis G, Maddox, Felix

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>



CHURCHFIELDS SCHOOL

Christmas Fayre

SATURDAY 23 NOVEMBER

12 - 4 PM

Stalls • Games
Festive Food & Drink
Santa's Grotto
Donkeys • Carol Singing

Churchfields The Village School, Atworth
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Friends of Churchfields present...

Festive Wreath Making Workshops

SATURDAY 30th NOVEMBER
2.30-5pm / 6.30-9pm

Search "Churchfields" on Eventbrite
Or email thevillageschoolpta@gmail.com

£35 Includes all materials, glass of fizz & mince pie

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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	
Wednesday 23 rd Oct	End of term 1
TERM 2	
Tuesday 5 th Nov	Break the Rules day
Monday 11 th Nov - Friday 15 Nov	Anti - bullying week
Tuesday 12 th Nov	Odd Socks Day
Thursday 14 Nov	Folk music concert
Friday 15 th Nov	Children in need
Monday 25 th Nov	NCMP nurse Reception and Year 6 Health screening
Tuesday 26 – Friday 29 Nov	Bikeability year 6
Saturday 30 Nov	Wreath making (FOCS)
Monday 2 nd Dec	Open day both sites Atworth 10-12 Craft morning Monkton Farleigh 1pm -3pm Craft morning
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Thursday 5 th Dec	Christmas Film Night
Friday 6 th Dec	School nurse Whole school Flu immunisations
Tuesday 10 th Dec	KS2 Production 4pm/6pm TBC
Wednesday 11 th Dec	Egg Theatre trip(pm)
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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Wiltshire Libraries' Reading Roadshow 2024
Join part two of our special celebration of reading with author talks for older children and teens!

Mon 28 October 2.30-3.30pm
The Lounge, Salisbury Library
Tel.01722 324145




Teri Terry
Author of over a dozen award-winning, best-selling thrillers for teens, most recently *Scare Me* and *Dark Blue Rising*. For older children (12+) and teens.

Book online via QR code or phone/visit the library.

Thurs 31 October 11-12noon
Devises Library
Tel. 01380 826190

Fleur Hitchcock
Author of *Mouse heart*, *The boy who flew* and *Climbers* series, for 8 to 12 year olds.
Book at the library, by telephone or via the QR code

All Reading Roadshow events are free and there will be opportunities to buy signed copies of the books.
Supported using public funding by Arts Council England

WILTSHIRE Live MUSIC CENTRE
Bradford on Avon

Charity MUSICAL BINGO night

£12 pp or 4 for £40 inc. drink on arrival

FUN GAMES - DRINKS - FOOD - PRIZES

A fun and entertaining night of bingo reimagined - with a musical twist!

WED 23 OCT 5.30PM for 7PM

Wiltshire Music Centre, Bradford on Avon, BA15 1DZ

The Men's Wellbeing Programme is a new 12-week wellbeing programme for men aged 20-59, starting 19 February 2024 and running throughout the year. The next programme will be in Chippenham starting on 21 October 2024

<https://www.wiltshirewildlife.org/mens-wellbeing>

STUDY SMART    Education & Skills Funding Agency

Fully Funded School Support Course

Available in Levels 1, 2 & 3

6 Week Course
Mon - Fri
Daily sessions
1st session 9:30 - 11:30am
2nd session 12:30 - 2pm

*Please go to our website for more detailed information.

www.studysmartuk.online

Available in the following levels:

Level 1:	CACHE Level 1 Award in Preparing to Work in Schools CACHE Level 1 Award in Safeguarding in a Learning Environment CACHE Level 1 Certificate in Wellbeing Level 1 (Occupational Studies for the Workplace)
Level 2:	CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Safeguarding & Prevent CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Challenging Behaviours
Level 3:	Level 3 Certificate in the Principles of Special Educational Needs

Please go to our website address above, for more information.
*Please take note of the online live webinar sessions that **MUST** be attended to complete this full time 6 week course, and the ESFA's (Education Skills Funding Agency) eligibility criteria.

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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

We are looking for suitable candidates for a part-time (1 hour per day, 5 days per week, term time only) **breakfast club assistant** 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 'C' (currently £11.59 per hour) on the Wiltshire Pay Scale.

The candidate will need experience of working with children.

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.

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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.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about HORROR FILMS & AGE RATINGS

The 'on-demand' availability of streaming platforms in many homes creates extra possibilities for young viewers to be exposed to age-inappropriate content. Material which features horror or violence can cause anxiety and nightmares for children, especially since it can be hard for young ones to grasp that what they're watching isn't real.

CLASSIFICATION BREAKDOWN

The British Board of Film Classification has the following age ratings:

- U:** Suitable for all ages
- PG:** For children aged 8 and above; this content shouldn't unsettle them.
- PG-A:** Children under the age of 12 should not watch without an adult; this content potentially features bad language, nudity or sexual references
- 15:** Suitable only for 15-year-olds and above
- 18:** Exclusively for an adult audience, with potentially explicit themes of violence, nudity or sex

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

STREAMING IS EVERYWHERE

Modern mobile devices make it very easy for children to watch streamed films without the need for a TV. The availability of inappropriate content has risen significantly on streaming platforms, almost all of which host 18-rated content. If not restricted by parental controls, this could be viewed by children who aren't quite ready for such adult themes, concepts and imagery.

CHILDREN SCARE DIFFERENTLY

It can be difficult to decide what content is appropriate for children. What's fine for one child could be extremely frightening for another. As many children admit to not sharing or discussing the content they watch with their parents, encouraging an open dialogue around the kind of media that young people consume can help avoid exposing them to any inappropriate content.

FACT VS. FICTION

Many children have no trouble separating fact from fiction. However, with modern day technology making pretend violence and horror look ever more realistic, it's becoming harder for youngsters to tell the difference. For instance, consider remakes of older films, where dated special effects (making it easy to discern that something wasn't real) have been replaced by far more convincing monsters and gore.

PEER PRESSURE

Friends encouraging each other to watch the latest film featuring violence or horror can lead to children consuming content that they're not ready for. As 18+ content is available on many streaming platforms, youngsters can watch these together – potentially without their parents' or carers' knowledge.

PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACTS

Horror prides itself on its ability to startle or induce genuine fear in the viewer – so it's no surprise that this genre isn't usually intended for children. A natural side-effect of this is that 'jump scares' or a creepy, suspenseful atmosphere can have lasting effects on younger minds. The resulting anxiety can impact a child's sleeping patterns or eating habits.

Advice for Parents & Educators

WATCH THE FILM FIRST

If you're concerned that a film might be unsuitable for children (whether it's their first dive into the horror genre or a step up in age classification), then take a look for yourself. There's no better way to judge whether this content is something you'd deem appropriate for a child – and if a parent, for example, has actually seen the film (or at least a portion of it), they can construct a far more credible case if they decide it's inappropriate.

REMEMBER – IT'S NOT REAL

Emphasise to children that the content they're viewing is entirely fictional and has no chance of affecting them in real life. If a child is upset after watching a film, try to understand what exactly has unsettled them; this can help you approach the topic in a healthy and informative manner, to dispel any fears or anxieties they may have.

DISCUSS THE CONTENT OF FILMS

If a child has seen a film that you think may have exposed them to potentially uncomfortable themes and ideas, don't shy away from talking about it, and answer any questions they may have. This is especially important if they watched the film without an adult present. Ask them to summarise the story for you, as this will give you an understanding of what they've learned from watching it.

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Most streaming platforms have the option to put age ranges on children's accounts. This means that films and shows that are inappropriate for children won't be advertised while they're browsing and won't even appear if a child specifically searches for them. This can be changed only with a parent's discretion, but it's wise to protect these settings with a password, so a child can't alter anything on their own.

Meet Our Expert

John Inley is an assistant principal at a secondary school. He has been involved with e-safety in schools for over 10 years, writing policies and supporting various schools in developing their e-safety provision. John has introduced a range of strategies at multiple schools aimed at helping parents to better support their child in the ever-changing digital world.

#WakeUpWednesday **The National College**

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/horror-films-and-age-ratings>

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