

Churchfields' Weekly Newsletter

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Friday 08 November 2024

Dear Parent/ Carer

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable half-term break. It has been wonderful to see the children return this week, full of enthusiasm and ready to embrace the new term ahead. As we start Term 2, we are looking forward to the many learning opportunities, activities, and celebrations that will take us through the next few weeks in the lead up to the festive season. A few reminders as we settle into the term:

- **Punctuality and Attendance:** A strong start each morning is essential, so please do your best to ensure that your child arrives on time and ready to learn. We appreciate that occasionally there will be unavoidable events and illnesses which will result in time off school or a late start, but time off inevitably results in lost learning and can lead to a decline in attainment.

0 days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school per year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school per year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school per year	95%	Slight concern
Equates to 20 days off school per year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school per year	85%	Very concerned

- **Uniform and Weather:** With the autumnal weather setting in, please make sure your child comes to school with a warm coat, and do check that all items are clearly labelled.
- **Remembrance:** Classes have been preparing for Remembrance Day with craft activities in class. On Sunday there is a service at St Peters at Monkton Farleigh which pupils are

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welcome to join us at. On Monday Atworth base will be walking to the clock tower for a 2 minute silence and Monkton Farleigh base will be walking to the church.

- **Woodpeckers:** We are delighted to announce that Mrs Pugh has agreed to teach full time in Woodpeckers from January to ensure that the class do not experience any disruption as we say goodbye to Miss Davis. Thank you Mrs Pugh!

Thank you for your continued support in making our school a wonderful place to learn and grow. Here's to a fantastic Term 2!

Best Wishes

Heather Saunders

Head of school



It's all change in mathletics as we celebrate lots of children moving up a podium - 18 new silver award winners, and 4 new entries on to the gold level.

Congratulations to all of you for working so hard.

Bronze : Wilfie, Julia, Henry H, George P, Anna P, Florence W, Ruby, Scarlett, Henry H, Josiah, Freddie, Edward, Coralie, Alexis M, Olivia S, Oscar BH, Jude, Ellis, Ruby

Silver : Scarlett, Oliver H, Josiah, Theo, Rufus, Quita, George R, Freddie S, Vinnie, Isabella R, Hector, Coralie, Morgan, Hattie D, Jude, Esme, Anouk, Ruby, William J, Rufus, George R, Joseph, Vinnie, Emily J, Morgan, Hattie D, Christina, Henry J, Jasper, William CJ, Anouk, William J, Joseph, Emily J, Hattie D, Henry J, Jasper, Rosemary, Jason, William CJ,

Leighton, Rosemary, Jason, William CJ, Leighton, Oliver CJ, Benjamin, Rosemary, Jason

Gold : Leighton, Oliver CJ, Benjamin, Jazmyne, Oliver CJ, Alexis G, Maddox, Benjamin, Jazmyne, Felix, Alexis G, Maddox, Jazmyne, Felix, Alexis G, Maddox, Felix

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Beetle Drive Kestrels

The beetle drive was very successful and if you haven't already heard we raised a whopping £262! It was fun from the first go to some people's favourite part - announcing the winner, which was Oscar BH and Mr Taft. Ezra's favourite part was when Jimmy the mascot said Go!

The beetle drive was very amazing and fun we were happy that our fundraiser more customers than we expected. So many lovely people from all different ages. Thank you all for being so nice and generous with your donations. Overall we got to draw, play, roll, move and maybe win. It was amazing.

By Scarlett, Isla, Ezra and Kestrels

The new Atworth Parish flag designed by Florence in kestrel class .

Parish council are also producing some tea towels with Florence's design and the three runner up designs on which will be for sale at the Churchfields Christmas fair . Any profits will go to FOCS .



Best wishes Sarah Davies



Children in Need Friday 15 November

This falls on **Friday 15 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.

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CHRISTMAS

FILL A JAR COMPETITION!

Fill a jar with something you'd love to receive... craft materials, stickers, sweet treats, recipe ingredients or a small toy.

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.

Please leave your jars in Reception from Monday the 18th - Thursday the 21st of November.



CHRISTMAS TREES

From Southview Farm & Nursery
SN13 8JJ (just off Fiveways)

Choose Type and Size (cm):

Nordman Fir Non-Drop*

125-150	£35.00
150-175	£43.50
175-200	£51.50
200-225	£57.50

*Pickup 30th Nov or 7th Dec

Norway Spruce*

150-175	£23.00
180-210	£27.00
210-240	£38.00

*Pickup 14th Dec

Payment details
Churchfields the village school pta
40-44-33
91812629
Please reference your name

*Order by Friday 15th November to
thevillageschoolpta@gmail.com*



CHURCHFIELDS SCHOOL

Christmas Fayre

SATURDAY 23 NOVEMBER

12 - 4 PM

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

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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

Term 2: Monday 4 November – Fri 20 December 2024	Term 3: Monday 06 January 2025 – Friday 14 February 2025
Term 4: Monday 24 February – Friday 04 April 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> INSET DAY Friday 21 March 2025 	Term 5: Tuesday 22 April – Friday 23 May 2025
Term 4: Monday 02 June – Tuesday 22 July 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> INSET DAY Wednesday 23 July 2025 INSET DAY Wednesday 24 July 2025 	

TERM 2	
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
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
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



The Salvation Army Christmas Present Appeal 2024

St Peter's church is helping this appeal by collecting
BRAND NEW UNWRAPPED TOYS AND GIFTS
for children aged 0 – 18.

Your gifts should be placed in Santa's Sack in the church porch which is open every day from 10am to 5pm.
The last date for your gifts is **Thursday, 28 November**.

*Please note that the Salvation Army say they cannot give out
any second hand or used items – even those that appear
to be "in good condition."*

Thank you for your support

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Calling all dads!
Time Out For Parents - Dads

Are you the dad/carer of a child or children aged 3 to 16? Do you ever wonder if you're doing it right?

This short course is all about you as a dad/carer and how you can support your children to live their 'best' life.

Learn together how to increase your skills and confidence as a parent, and discover practical tools to make your relationships with your child(ren) even better.



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10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators ENCOURAGING CHILDREN TO CHOOSE RESPECT

Sometimes, differences between children can escalate into bullying, potentially impacting their mental health in a way that can persist into adulthood. While it's natural to disagree sometimes, teaching children the importance of respect is essential - especially in difficult situations. This guide provides strategies for encouraging consistent behaviour, even during disputes to foster a kinder, more inclusive environment for everyone.

- 1 LEAD BY EXAMPLE**
As adults, we play a significant role in modelling respectful behaviour to our children. They are keen to observe and emulate the actions of those around them. When you interact with others in front of children, they will notice your tone of voice, your body language, and the way you resolve any disagreements. Being respectful and calm in your interactions with others, even when you disagree, sets a positive example for your children.
- 2 AGREE TO DISAGREE**
Make sure children know that it's okay to have different opinions and that disagreeing with someone doesn't mean you can't get along or respect each other. Agree to disagree and show your children how to do this respectfully. Encourage them to express their views calmly and listen to others' perspectives. Remember, it's not about winning an argument; it's about understanding each other.
- 3 PROMOTE ACTIVE LISTENING**
Teach children about the importance of listening. Encourage them to give others their full attention, make eye contact, and listen without interrupting. Use phrases like 'I'm listening' and 'I understand what you're saying' to show active listening. Encourage them to ask questions to clarify what they've heard.
- 4 ENCOURAGE THE USE OF 'I' STATEMENTS**
Encourage children to use 'I' statements to express their feelings and needs. For example, 'I feel sad when you talk to me like that' or 'I need some space when I'm working on my project'. This helps them take responsibility for their own feelings and communicate their needs clearly.
- 5 FOCUS ON BEHAVIOUR, NOT CHARACTER**
When children make a mistake, focus on the behaviour rather than the child's character. Instead of saying 'You're naughty' or 'You're a bad boy/girl', say 'That behaviour is not acceptable' or 'That's not a nice way to speak to someone'. This helps them understand that their actions are what matter, not who they are.
- 6 STAY CALM AND TAKE BREAKS**
It's perfectly normal to feel upset during a disagreement or argument. If you feel yourself getting angry or frustrated, take a break. Step away from the situation for a few minutes. Take deep breaths, count to ten, or go for a short walk. This helps you stay calm and think more clearly. Encourage your children to do the same.
- 7 START CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RESPECT**
Talk openly to children about what respect means to you and to them. Discuss how to give and receive respect in various situations. Encourage them to be respectful to others and to stand up for themselves. Use real-life examples to illustrate what respect looks like.
- 8 SEEK COMMON GROUND**
When there's a disagreement, focus on finding common ground. Encourage children to look for things they both agree on or like. This helps them see each other as individuals and not just as opponents in an argument. Encourage them to find solutions that work for everyone.
- 9 AVOID MAKING THINGS PERSONAL**
It's important that we make a clear distinction between what someone has done and who they are. Avoid making things personal. Instead of saying 'You're always late' or 'You're always messy', say 'It's disappointing when you're late' or 'I don't like it when you're messy'. This helps children understand that their actions have consequences, but it doesn't define them.
- 10 REFLECT AND LEARN**
After a disagreement or argument, take time to reflect on what happened. Encourage children to think about what they did well on and what they can learn from the experience. Encourage them to apologise when they've done something wrong and to accept apologies when they've been wrong. This helps them learn from their mistakes and become more respectful in the future.

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10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE TO BUILD EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE

With increasing societal pressures, many children struggle with managing emotions, facing challenges and processing failure in a healthy way. This is why building emotional resilience in young people is vital for their mental health and personal success. This guide provides practical strategies for parents and educators to help children develop resilience and foster confidence, positivity and a positive mindset.

- 1 ENCOURAGE OPEN COMMUNICATION**
Encourage your child to talk about their feelings and experiences. Create a safe space where they can express their thoughts without judgment. Listen actively and show empathy. Encourage them to share their successes and challenges.
- 2 MODEL POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR**
Children often learn by watching adults. Model positive coping strategies when you face challenges. Show how you manage stress, setbacks, and difficulties. Use phrases like 'I'm feeling a bit down today, but I'll take a break and then I'll get back to it'.
- 3 TEACH PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS**
Encourage children to identify problems and think of solutions. Use real-life examples to show how to break down a problem into smaller, manageable steps. Encourage them to brainstorm ideas and evaluate the pros and cons of each solution.
- 4 FOSTER A GROWTH MINDSET**
Encourage children to see challenges as opportunities to learn and grow. Praise their effort and persistence rather than just their intelligence. Encourage them to embrace failure as a learning experience.
- 5 PROMOTE SELF-CARE PRACTICES**
Encourage children to take care of their physical and mental health. Encourage them to get enough sleep, eat healthily, and exercise. Encourage them to engage in activities they enjoy and to take breaks when they need them.
- 6 BUILD HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS**
Encourage children to build strong, positive relationships with friends and family. Encourage them to be supportive and kind to others. Encourage them to seek help from others when they need it.
- 7 SUPPORT EMOTIONAL AWARENESS**
Helping children to identify and name their emotions is a key step in building emotional resilience. Encourage them to talk about how they feel and why. Encourage them to use words like 'frustrated', 'disappointed', or 'excited' to describe their feelings.
- 8 ENCOURAGE INDEPENDENCE**
Encourage children to take on challenges and responsibilities. Encourage them to make decisions and solve problems on their own. Encourage them to try new things and to learn from their mistakes.
- 9 DEVELOP COPING STRATEGIES**
Helping children to identify and use coping strategies is essential for building emotional resilience. Encourage them to find activities that help them relax and feel better. Encourage them to use positive self-talk and to focus on the things they can control.
- 10 CELEBRATE SMALL WINS**
Encouraging children to celebrate their successes, no matter how small, is important for building emotional resilience. Encourage them to take pride in their achievements and to share them with others. Encourage them to set realistic goals and to celebrate when they reach them.

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