



# Urchfont Update

2018-19 TERM 2

Dear Parents,

It is now Term 2 and the diary is looking very full. The staff and I have tried to ensure that we notify you of the events that are planned for this term, so please check the diary calendar attached to this update to ensure you know what is going on and when the events are happening.

Just a reminder - as the weather is beginning to turn more autumnal, it is very important that the children bring a coat to school and have the appropriate clothing available for outside PE. Hoodies are only to be worn for outside PE lessons. They are very warm and are available from our uniform supplier in Snuff Street, Devizes.

We have lots of wellies that have been left in the garden room - some have been there for ages. We cannot store so many unwanted wellies. Therefore they will be placed in the parent waiting area one day after school and please feel free to take any that your child can wear. As with any piece of uniform that is brought into school, please place **your child's name inside**.

Kind regards

Mrs C Talbot

## School Council

Here are our newly elected school councillors.



This year is a very special one for Christingle as it is 50 years since the first service in England at Lincoln Cathedral on 7 December 1968. But Christingles themselves actually go back much further, and began in the Moravian Church in **Germany. At a children's service in Marienborn in 1747**, Bishop Johannes de Watteville looked for a simple way to explain the happiness that had come to people through Jesus.

He decided to give the children a symbol to do this. In 1968, John Pensom of The Children's Society adapted Christingle and introduced it to the Church of England. This involved children decorating an orange with a red ribbon, dried fruits, sweets and a candle to create a new visual representation of Christ, the light of the world, celebrated by the lighting of the Christingle candles.

The children will be making Christingles in school. Please could each child bring in an orange on Monday 17th December - ribbon and sweets will be provided.

Our Christingle Service will take place in St Michael & All Angels Church at 10.30am on Thursday 20th December. We hope that you will be able to join us.

## Money for Macmillan

In September we held a Macmillan Coffee Morning and Big Brownie Bake Off in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Thank you to all the bakers and coffee drinkers. With your support we raised **£125.75** which can help people living with cancer live life as fully as they can.



# Robins



Dear Robins Children and Parents,

Term 2 has always been my most favourite time of the year. Working with young children always makes the run up to Christmas an exciting and magical time. This year is extra special as we will be performing our own Nativity play without the support of the year 2 children.

This term is always a really busy one as there is so much to fit in. We have been learning about Remembrance Sunday and why we wear poppies. The children have created their own poppy which were included in our Remembrance display. We have also been discussing why we have Bonfire Night and how Guy Fawkes nearly blew up the Houses of Parliament.



**Our main topic is called "Digging in the dirt with the dinosaurs" and I know the children are really looking forward to this.** If you have any books or resources we could borrow, to make our topic even more interesting then please bring them in. We promise to take great care of them.

We have PE on a Wednesday with Mr Herring this term, but I will try to fit in one more PE lesson **each week, so could you ensure that the children's PE kits are in school every day.** Please check that the bags contain the correct kit for indoor and outdoor PE and that daps/trainers still fit.

If you are able to offer an hour (or more) a week to hear the children read or help out with small admin jobs, then please let me know, either via the office or by emailing me on [robins@urchfont.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:robins@urchfont.wilts.sch.uk) every little helps.

Many thanks

Mrs Underwood and Mrs Goodman

We are always looking for volunteers to come in and listen to the children read.

If you can help, please speak to the class teacher or contact the school office.

Thank you.



## Young Leaders

Our Young Leaders in training.



## Family Cup



Congratulations to **Foxes** for earning the most family points in Term 1 and for winning the Family Cup.

## Pennies for Pudsey

On Friday 16th November we held a non-uniform day (spots optional) in aid of Children In Need and served milkshake and biscuits at break time.



Thanks to all your kind donations, we raised over

**£210**

# Chaffinches



Hi Chaffinches!

It is our big term! This is our time to shine, as we have our Christmas Nativity play. This year I have chosen a play called 'Lights, Camel, Action!' It is a fantastic script and I am really excited to see it all come together. We are also going to the panto on Thursday 13th December (oh yes we are!). What a busy week!

We started the term with a focus week, learning about Remembrance Day and the significance of the poppy. We made poppies and wrote poppy poems for a display board in our classroom.



Our topic for the main bulk of the term is The Tudors. We will be investigating what life was like during Tudor times and comparing it with life today. We will also look at key figures from the Tudor dynasty such as Henry VIII and Elizabeth I. We will explore the Battle of Bosworth and wrote about it using the technique drama into writing.

Our PE days this term are Monday (Hockey) and Wednesday (Tudor dancing). Please remember to bring joggers and hoodies for hockey and I recommend you wear gloves.

We will be reducing Times Table Mountain to every other week this term to make room for other areas of the curriculum.

I was so impressed by the effort put into home learning last term. I can see lots of you have worked really hard to consolidate your skills and drive your learning with additional research. Keep up the good work and keep practising those spellings!

Mrs Reynolds and Mrs Pottinger



# Audience with Author

Chaffinches, along with children from year 3 classes in our cluster schools, were given the very exciting opportunity of attending a workshop with the author Liz Million. They really enjoyed the afternoon and gained an insight into the life of an author and illustrator.



Liz shared some handy tips for drawing facial expressions and creating characters which the children will be putting to good use when they create their own stories.

# Sport



## Netball News

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October nine children took part in a participation tournament at Lavington School. They played 5 teams from our cluster, winning every match except one which was to the winners. Well done to Bea, Enid, Tilly, Zoe, Ella, Willow, Jenson, William and Eddie.

We are part of the Devizes High 5 netball league again this year. Our first match for the A team was on the evening of 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018 against Nursted. Sadly, it was not our day, but the girls played their best and enjoyed the challenge. Unfortunately the game for the B team had to be rescheduled.

## Dauntsey's Hockey Outreach

We are very lucky to receive specialist PE teaching from Dauntsey's school on a weekly basis here at Urchfont. The Owls have been developing their hockey skills this term which will culminate in a tournament at Dauntsey's School on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018.

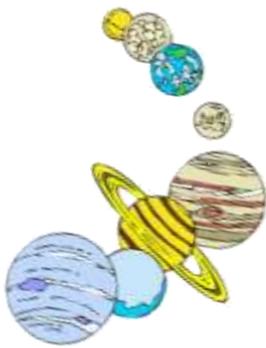


# Woodpeckers



Hello Woodpeckers

Our main topic this term is Earth and Space. We will be doing lots of science, finding out all about the different planets in our solar system, the **moon and the Earth's rotation to explain day and night**. We will also be learning about the space race and the first moon landing and the significance that this has had on our life today. **What might be different if we didn't make it into space?**



In maths, we will be continuing our learning about fractions and simplifying fractions. We will also begin to learn about the place value in decimal numbers and converting units of measurement.

In English, we have been writing instructions to explain how to make a poppy using wool and a paper plate (which we will then make). We will then write a diary entry as if we were a captain on **'Star Trek' and will describe a new planet that we** have visited explaining what we saw and what happened there. Finally, we will be writing a newspaper report about a new planet that has been discovered.

In PE, we will be developing our balance and coordination skills with gymnastics this term and creating sequences to some space themed music.

In art, we will be looking at the space artwork of Peter Thorpe and creating an abstract space picture using a variety of materials. Along the way, we will be developing our sketching of 3D objects and discussing perspective in pictures.

In computing, we will be using the ipads to record our diary entries and will create backgrounds using a green screen to show what our new world was like.

In RE, we will be discussing the Christmas story and will be forming our own thoughts and ideas about whether or not we believe that that happened or possibly that only parts of it happened.

As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to myself or Mrs James.

We are looking forward to a fantastic term.

Miss Partridge and Mrs James

## Roman Day

Woodpeckers had a fantastic Roman day at the end of last term. They learnt some Roman commands and practised marching as Roman soldiers with a very fierce and cruel leader (Miss Partridge).



They acted out the Roman soldiers rowing across the channel to Britain, which was heavily defended by Celtic warriors. At the end of the day, they enjoyed a celebratory feast, which included the flatbread they had made in the morning. A really great day.





# School Calendar



TERM 2	MONDAY 05.11.18. - FRIDAY 21.12.18.
	06.11.18 World War I week
	09.11.18 Owls sharing assembly
	12.11.18 Anti-Bullying Week
	14.11.18. Readers/KS2 SATs Information Evening
	16.11.18. Children In Need
	16.11.18. Chaffinches Workshop with author Liz Million
	19.11.18. Yr 5/6 Netball Tournament
	21.11.18. School Photographer
	28.11.18. Yr 1/2 Movement Festival
	30.11.18. Non-uniform day/donations for Christmas Fayre
	30.11.18 Devizes Lantern Parade
	01.12.18. <b>Yr 5/6 Dauntsey's Hockey Tournament</b>
	07.12.18. USPA Christmas Fayre
	10.12.18 Robins and Chaffinches Christmas Productions Dress Rehearsals
	10.12.18 Chaffinches Christmas Production Evening Performance
	11.12.18 Chaffinches Christmas Production Matinee Performance
	11.12.18 Robins Christmas Production Evening Performance
	12.12.18. Music Assembly
	12.12.18 Robins Christmas Production Matinee Performance
	12.12.18. Yr 5/6 Football Festival
	13.12.18 Whole school Beauty & The Beast Pantomime Trip
	19.12.18. Christmas Lunch
	20.12.18 Christingle Service
	21.12.18 Celebration Assembly

TERM 3	MONDAY 07.01.19. - FRIDAY 15.02.19.
	17.01.19. Yr 3/4 Hockey Festival
	31.01.19. Choir Young Voices at O2 Arena
	08.02.19. Chaffinches Sharing Assembly
	08.02.19. Yr 5/6 Hockey Tournament
	13.02.19. Yr 1/2 ABC & Dance Festival
	15.02.19 Celebration Assembly

TERM 4	MONDAY 25.02.19. - FRIDAY 05.04.19.
	18.03.19 Parents Evening Week
	29.03.19 Robins Sharing Assembly
	04.04.19 Easter Service
	05.04.19 Celebration Assembly

TERM 5	TUESDAY 23.04.19. - FRIDAY 24.05.19.
	24.05.19 Celebration Assembly

TERM 6	MONDAY 03.06.19. - THURSDAY 25.07.19.
	03.06.19. TD Day - SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
	21.06.19 Woodpeckers Sharing Assembly
	28.06.19 Staff Training Day (School closed to pupils)
	19.07.19 Sports Day
	23.07.19 <b>Leaver's Service</b>
	24.07.19 Celebration Assembly

