



Report for Atworth Parish Assembly 2017

Mr Simon Futcher, Headteacher.

Since my previous report in 2016, we have had another productive year at Churchfields with a great deal to celebrate.

The £10k funding we received from Bath Theatre Royal has been used to complete the building of our new amphitheatre at our Monkton Farleigh base. Children at both bases will be able to use this wonderful new learning resource in the coming months and years. The staff are carefully planning how we can make the most of it!

Churchfields are also the proud new owners of an outdoor classroom thanks to money that was bequeathed by an Atworth resident. This space has lighting and heating so can be used all year round and in all weathers. We are hoping this will serve as a new library area as well as a work-space for our children.

Churchfields is a member of the Bradford on Avon cluster of schools, despite our closeness to Melksham. This is mainly due to the locality of our feeder secondary school. We do feel it is important for our pupils that we work with other schools in the area for their benefit however. Thus we are now developing our links with the Melksham science cluster of primary schools to enhance our science provision for our children. We are initially focussing on the development of science trails to complement our on-going work on developing outdoor learning to encourage children to 'see' the science that is all around them.

At Churchfields we feel that pupils' academic education must be carefully balanced with a nurturing of their social and emotional wellbeing. We have planned a number of sessions with the Diocese of Salisbury (of which the school is part) over the coming year to further develop the opportunity we provide in school for children to explore and develop through spirituality. We are hoping to provide an area for reflection in every classroom to support this.

We have welcomed a number of new governors and active members of our Parent Teacher Association this year. It is wonderful that so many members of the local community, not only parents, wish to support Churchfields by giving freely of their time and skills.

Kind regards,

Simon Futcher.