



Churchfields Infants' School, Nursery Unit and Language Facility

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back to the Academic Year 2017/2018

We hope you all had an enjoyable holiday and the children are ready to settle back into the school routine (or to start to follow it if your child is just starting with us).

Please remember your child has enjoyed being at home for several weeks and is returning to a new teacher and new classmates. You will need to allow a few weeks for your child to become more confident in his/her new surroundings before discussing any upsets with your child's teacher. The most effective way of helping your child to settle in is to make sure they attend regularly and arrive promptly every morning. Please also ensure you are on time to pick up your child at the end of the school day, and if it is necessary to change your picking up arrangements, please contact the school office before 1.30pm. Also please remember to phone the school if your child is going to be absent.



JEWELLERY

Children are not allowed to wear any jewellery in school, including earrings.



UNIFORM

Please make sure all your child's articles of uniform are named, including their PE kit. Also please ensure your child comes to school with a coat or jacket as the weather can be changeable throughout the day.



NURSERY TABLES AND CHAIRS FOR SALE

As we have taken delivery of new furniture, we are selling our nursery tables for £5 each and chairs for £1 each. Please see a member of nursery staff if you wish to purchase any of these items.

2017-2018 Classes

NURSERY - Ducklings

Mrs Cordina	Mrs Mehmet
Mrs How	Mrs Vickers
Mrs Nawaz	Miss Whittingham

INFANT SCHOOL

Reception

Squirrel	Mrs Lannin
Hedgehog	Mrs Maginess
Butterfly	Miss Pascoe
Ladybird	Miss Chohan

Year 1

Starfish	Mrs Hodgkinson
Octopus	Mrs McCarthy
Penguin	Mr Haddon
Turtle	Miss West

Year 2

Koala	Mrs Dargon/Miss Parson
Jaguar	Miss Nicholson
Giraffe -	Mrs Percy
Panda -	Miss Roults



UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL MEALS FOR ALL INFANT AGED CHILDREN

School Lunches: Using a knife and fork.

As you know our children are now provided with a free school lunch every day. This ensures children have a hot meal and a chance to socialise as they eat. We have noticed that some children are struggling to use a knife and fork to cut up their food. They are trying to eat large items of food by biting chunks off rather than using a knife and fork to cut food into small mouthfuls. It would be of immense help, if you would teach your child to use a knife and fork correctly. Here are some ideas to help with the learning process.



- Start with using a knife to butter and cut toast. It is easier as the toast is stiff.
- Progress to cutting soft fruit to make a salad.
- Introduce a fork to hold slippery food still e.g. spear a whole banana to hold it still for slicing.
- Ensure your child has social occasions, sitting at a table with family or adults to see knife and fork skills modelled.
- Support their developing skills by cutting up more difficult food, but leaving pieces they can manage themselves.

FUNDRAISING FOR THE NSPCC



Kenzo Longin in Y2 Jaguar will be taking part in the 5k Color Run in Brighton with his family on 23rd September fundraising for the NSPCC. If you would like to make a donation, details of his just giving page are below.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/roxanne-derenne>



PARENT WORKSHOPS



We have now set the dates for this term's Parent Workshops. Many parents have said that they found it difficult to access these during the school day, so each year group now has one evening session and one daytime session. Please note that the content of these will be exactly the same, so there is no need to attend both. Please do come along to one of these sessions as there will be an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and there will be lots of useful information about the year group including the curriculum covered this year. I look forward to seeing you at the relevant workshop for your child.

Lynn Platt



Diary Dates

18 th Sept	- Y2 Parent Workshop 9.00 – 10.30 a.m.
20 th Sept	- Y2 Parent Workshop 7 – 8.30 p.m.
22 nd Sept	- Car-Free Day
25 th Sept	- Y1 Parent Workshop 9.00 – 10.30 a.m.
26 th Sept	- Y1 Parent Workshop 7 – 8.30 p.m.
4 th Oct	- Reception Parent Workshop – 7.00 – 8.30 p.m.
6 th Oct	- Reception Parent Workshop – 2.00 – 3.30 p.m.
19 th Oct	- Parents Evening – 5 p.m.
23 -27 Oct	- HALF TERM
30 th Oct	- Staff Training Day
21 Dec-1 Jan	- CHRISTMAS BREAK