



Churchfields Infants' School, Nursery Unit and Language Facility

NEWSLETTER

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Christmas Concerts

Dear Parents and Carers

We have now organised the dates for the Christmas performances as detailed opposite.

Some parents have approached us to ask why we cannot accommodate younger children at these times and we thought this would be a good opportunity to explain why, especially if this is your first year in school .

Firstly, those of you who have attended one of these occasions before know that as we have such supportive parents who want to see their children perform, it is very crowded in the hall. We can only fit a maximum of 2 adults from each family into the space so would not have any room for further younger siblings.

Secondly our children work hard towards these performances and feel very proud that they have given their best. If there is any noise or distractions from younger children who are being asked to sit still and quiet for over half an hour, then our children get distracted and they then feel disappointed that they have not performed to their best ability.

We always give lots of notice for these times so any arrangements you may have to make are well in advance. Also as a parent you are able to enjoy your child in school at these times without the distraction of having to look after a younger sibling. If any parents or carers bring a younger sibling on the day, then in fairness to other parents who have made arrangements, we will have to turn you away.

We have also been asked if we could film and then sell copies of the performances. Unfortunately this is not possible for many reasons including safeguarding of children and copyright. We could also not 'live stream' the performance into a classroom for parents with siblings to watch as we do not have a spare classroom, the technology or staff to be able to do this and this would still mean that as a parent you were not directly watching your child. I know that this is one aspect that the children really look forward to i.e. seeing you in the audience here in school.

We understand that this could be a challenge for some of you but many parents in the past have accommodated this request and I would be very grateful if you could continue to make such arrangements in the future.

We know that opportunities to see your child in school are limited and are, therefore, special times that are for the enjoyment of all.

Thank you for your continued support for the children in our school.

WINTER WEATHER



Now the colder weather is here, please ensure your child comes to school with warm named clothes, as they do still play outside at lunchtimes. If your children wear boots to school, please remember they must bring their school shoes in a named carrier bag to change into. Please ensure the office has an up-to-date mobile number for you and please check on Fronter for any closures due to bad weather.



THE BIG READ
FRIDAY 14TH DECEMBER
9-9.30 a.m. (Reception only)



Reception Parents are invited to come into school on Friday 14th December from 9 – 9.30 a.m. and read with the children.



JOLLY JUMPER DAY
Wednesday 12th December

Don't forget to wear your jolly jumpers on Wednesday (Christmas jumpers not compulsory!). All donations towards The Royal British Legion.



ABSENCES IMMEDIATELY BEFORE OR AFTER A SCHOOL HOLIDAY



If your child is absent before or after a school holiday we must see evidence for the absence. This may be medical evidence if your child is unwell, or evidence of flight delays or circumstances beyond your control. We cannot authorise any absences before or after a holiday without this evidence and you risk being issued with a penalty notice.



CHRISTMAS CONCERTS



11 Dec	Y1	9.15	Octopus/Starfish
12 Dec	Rec	2.30	Squirrel/Ladybird
13 Dec	Y1	9.15	Penguin/Turtle
13 Dec	Rec	2.30	Hedgehog/Butterfly
18 Dec	Y2	9.15	Panda/Jaguar
19 Dec	Y2	9.15	Giraffe/Koala

Please note that siblings will not be allowed into any of the Christmas performances so please make alternative arrangements for younger children.



DIARY DATES



12 Dec	-	Jolly Jumper Day
14 Dec	-	The Big Read (Reception)
20 Dec	-	Christmas Parties
21 Dec	-	Term ends
7 Jan	-	First day back
18-22 Feb	-	Half Term
25 Feb	-	Staff Training Day