



# Churchfields Infants' School Newsletter

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## MarvellousMe

While our Year 1 and Year 2 parents are familiar with MarvellousMe, we would like to introduce this app to our new families. MarvellousMe is a way for your child's teacher to communicate with you. It tells you about the wonderful things that your child is learning, and notifies you when they've been praised for good work, a great character skill, or received school rewards. MarvellousMe is free for parents. You'll get alerts if you use it on your smartphone or tablet. Please let your child's teacher know if you haven't yet received a code.



**Here's our full day Nursery children enjoying their lunch!**

## Lost Property

Please ensure all items of children's clothing are named. Any lost property we have will be left outside the school office on a Friday.

## Virtual Tours

Details of our virtual tours for parents applying for a Reception place for September 2021 are now available on the school's website.

## Flu Immunisations

Please note the flu immunisation team will be coming here on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October to give all children the nasal flu vaccine. Letters are going out today to be returned no later than the 12<sup>th</sup> October. Please return the form even if you are refusing the vaccine.

## School Admissions -

### Applications for Sept 2021

If your child will be starting Reception or transferring from infant to junior school next September, you must apply online for a place at <https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/schools/primary-school-admissions/>

**Applications must be submitted by 15 January 2021.**



If your child has:  
a high temperature  
a new, continuous cough, or  
a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

This could be a sign of coronavirus

**Book a test**

If your child has:  
a runny nose, is sneezing or feeling unwell  
But they don't have:  
a high temperature  
a new, continuous cough, or  
a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

These are not normally symptoms of coronavirus

Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial 111 or see your GP

## Philosophy Friday

Please talk about the question below with your child at home. They will then discuss/vote on it in class at the beginning of next week.

Remember, it doesn't matter if you have different opinions to your family members.

Please give the reason why you have made your choice.

Hope you have lots of fun!

**'Would you rather have 4 arms or 4 legs? Why?'**



## Diary Dates

**October half term**  
26 – 30 October

**Christmas Break**  
21 Dec – 1 Jan

### **Inset**

(school closed to children)  
Mon 2 November

### **School Photographer**

Mon 16 November to take individual photos

For more important dates, please visit the Calendar page on our school website.

## Scooters and bikes

**We have noticed that there are a number of scooters/ bikes being left by the gate. Please do not leave them here as in the past they have been stolen and we cannot accept any responsibility. Please see the advice below, which was in our newsletter 2 weeks ago.**

### Scooters & Bikes

As you know, our school is accessed by a steep slope and we have recently changed our arrangements to allow families to safely socially distance at drop off and collection times. Unfortunately, it is simply not safe to allow our pupils to ride on scooters and bikes with the number of children and their families who are present before and after school. Many of our families have younger siblings and we would not wish to see anyone injured by children riding scooters/bikes down the slope or in our playgrounds.

We understand that for many, encouraging your child to ride to school on a scooter or bike has many benefits and helps to keep our children active and healthy but space is very tight and we do not have the capacity for our 480 pupils to store these on site.

We therefore ask you **not to bring scooters or bikes** onto the school premises and help us to maintain the safety at our school for all our children and their families. **School cannot accept responsibility for the loss of these items left on site.**

### Mobile Phones

We would like to remind you not to use mobile phones on the school premises. When dropping off or collecting children, there are many reasons for this; firstly we have a duty to safeguard our children, and the use of mobile devices when children are present, both in our playgrounds and on our school site, is not permitted. Also, we believe that it is really important to talk to your child about their day and their achievements when they are collected from school and as our sign says **'Greet your child with a smile, not a mobile!'**



### Year 2 science project

These are some of our year 2 children taking part in a science experiment using different types of paper to see which flies the best!



### Be mindful when driving to school

School drop off and collection times are very busy, we have been made aware that some drivers are using our vehicle entrance to reverse and turn around. This is extremely dangerous and can potentially put children's lives at risk!