



Churchfields Infants' School Newsletter



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Diary Dates

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

Individual Parent Conferences

w/c 18 October

Individual Pupil Photos

Monday 15 Nov

Value of the Month
Kindness

Welcome to the New Academic Year

A big warm welcome to all our new reception and nursery children. Year 1 and Year 2 are working hard and are settled and happy. We are all excited and relieved that we have been able to open as normal this year, and have worked diligently to ensure that our school is as safe as can be for our children, our staff, our families and the wider community.

We are looking forward to watching the children grow and learn over the next few weeks.



Nursery



Year 1



Reception



Year 2

School Times

Please be prompt and on time – we need to lock the gates swiftly to safeguard our school and also being late impacts on the children's settling and learning.

Reception settling times: 9:15 – 11:30am or 12:45 – 3:00pm until Thursday 16th September
9:15am – 3:00pm Friday 17th September, all staying for lunch
8:55am – 3:30pm Monday 20th September, all full-time

Year 1 & Year 2: 8:55am – 3:30pm

Covid-19

If your child develops any one or more of the three official Covid symptoms, even if they are only mild (a high temperature, a new, continuous cough, a loss or change to sense of smell or taste) they must arrange a PCR test (not just a Lateral Flow Test) as soon as possible. Please follow the [Stay at Home Guidance](#). The isolation period includes the day symptoms started (or the day the test was taken if no symptoms), and the next 10 full days.

Park & Stride



Instead of parking on Churchfields, we are asking parents that drive their children to school to 'Park and Stride' from the Derby Road Car Park (behind Tesco), a five-minute walk from the school.

The council's parking team have agreed FREE parking for our parents to give it a go during the following times:

- Morning drop from 8.15am and 9.15am
- Afternoon collection from 3.00pm to 4.00pm

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!'



Parent Workshops

We believe that children achieve their very best when we work in partnership with our families. This term we will be resuming our popular parent workshops that provide a valuable opportunity for you to understand how you can support your child at home with their learning. At this time, we feel these sessions will be safer to host virtually rather than face-to-face, but we hope to return to welcoming parents into school in the Spring term.

Dates as follows:

Year 2 – 30th September

Year 1 – 6th October

Reception – 29th September

Nursery – 7th October

Workshops will begin at 5pm and we will send further details very soon.

Absences

If your child is unwell, please call the school office or email on admin.churchfields-inf@redbridge.gov.uk (not your child's class email) on the first day of absence. Appointments should be made outside of school hours wherever possible, and proof of these must be given if taken during the school day. The Term Time Absence Request forms need to be completed, and signed in advance by the Headteacher, for all other absences.

Fundraising

Two of our pupils cycled 20km last Sunday to raise money for their charity.

What a fabulous effort – well done girls!

