



# Churchfields Infants School

## Weekly Newsletter

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Growing Together: Every Day In Every Way

Value of the month  
*Peace*

### Diwali Divas

On Monday, after school, we held a display of all our beautiful Diyas and Divas in celebration of Diwali - the festival of lights. We have spent our time leaning about the Hindu goddess of wealth, Lakshmi. As well as the five days that mark the start of the Hindu New Year.

Happy Diwali to all our families who are celebrating at this time of year.



### Philosophy Friday

Have a go at this question at home with a grown up!

**Would you rather invite a Bear or a Tiger to come and have tea with you?**

**Why?**

### DIARY DATES:

**Flu Vaccine**  
1st December

**PTA Christmas Bazaar**  
4th December

**Jolly Jumper Day**  
8th December

**Christmas Lunch**  
8th December

**Christmas Performances**  
w/c 13th December

**Christmas Parties**  
16th December

**Christmas Holiday**  
20th December -  
3rd January

### Nursery Stay & Play

We were very happy to welcome lots of our nursery parents and carers to our stay and play sessions on Tuesday. It was lovely for the children to be able to share some of their favourite activities in nursery.

We are planning to hold these sessions every half term and the next date will be Thursday 3rd February.



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

## Remembrance Day

In honour of Remembrance Day, we have been making poppies to show our respect for all who have died during all wars. Our Year 2 children written their own 'I Remember' poems as a WW1 soldier and have also been to visit St. Mary's Church to lay the poppy wreaths they have made by the war memorial.

We have all been learning about the importance remembering at this time of year in particular and what the poppies we use to do so symbolise, in particular in relation to Peace, our Value for this month.

Here are some displays of the children's work from around the school.



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## School Admissions 2022

Parents of children starting school for the first time or transferring from infant to junior school in September 2022 must apply online at [www.redbridge.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.redbridge.gov.uk/admissions). **Applications must be submitted by 15 January 2022.**

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## Covid-19

Please be aware that 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), you 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.

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## Holidays & Absences

Whilst we know how hard the Covid pandemic has been, we must follow Redbridge attendance procedures and we are not able to authorise holidays in term time. We know it is has been upsetting for our families who have relatives overseas. However, we have seen an increase in applications and the guidance issued by Redbridge clearly states that absences before and after holidays must not be authorised. We would advise that holidays should be taken in the break from Friday 17 December 2021 to Monday 3 January 2022. Our children have missed so much time away from school due to the pandemic and further time out of education will impact on their learning.

Thank you for your support.

