



Churchfields Infants School

Weekly Newsletter

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Growing Together: Every Day In Every Way

Value of the
month
Hope

Jolly Jumper Day

Thank you to Bev and the catering team who provided our delicious Christmas lunch on Wednesday. The children thoroughly enjoyed Jolly Jumper Day and thank you so much for your generous donations to our charity, WaterAid.



Philosophy Friday

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

School everyday of the week. Good idea or a bad idea?

Why?

DIARY DATES:

Christmas Performances

w/c 13th December
(Not Nursery)

Christmas Parties

16th December

Christmas Holiday

20th December -
3rd January

PTA Christmas Bazaar

Thank you so much to our wonderful PTA who despite the last minute COVID requirements, managed to organise our Christmas Bazaar. We know how much hard work goes into running the event and appreciate the efforts of all who volunteered, both on the day and beforehand.

As you know, our PTA is very much part of the Churchfields team, providing opportunities to meet new people and make new friends with other families, and also to raise much appreciated funding that supports our school.

Thank you to all who came along - we hope you had lots of fun!



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

End Of Term Parties

We are very excited to be holding our Christmas parties at school next Thursday; 16th December. Children are invited to wear their own clothes on this day as we will be holding parties all afternoon. Due to Covid restrictions, parties will be within each child's own classroom or base to ensure everybody is able to stay as safe as possible.

Each teacher has a list of party food. Please do sign up to bring a small amount of food for your child's class to enjoy during the afternoon and bring it to school with you on the morning of the party.

If your child has an EpiPen, please send them to school with their own party food in a lunchbox or bag to ensure they have food that is safe for them to eat.

Free School Meals

Did you know the government gives additional funding to schools for those children entitled to free school meals? Schools use this money to obtain additional staff and resources that help improve the quality of education, as well as free school meals.

There is a new, quick and easy way to check if your child can receive Free School Meals: [Free School Meal Eligibility Checker \(lgfl.org.uk\)](https://www.lgfl.org.uk). Please check if you are eligible – even if your child wants a packed lunch instead. This also applies to children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who receive **Universal infant free school meals (UIFSM)**.

You will only need a **mobile number** and **NI (National Insurance) number** to check and it can be completed **in less than 2 minutes**. If you are eligible, we should be notified and can take the next steps for you.

Foster For Redbridge

Make this Christmas the most memorable yet. Change life! Foster for Redbridge. “The thing I love most about fostering is seeing the progress children and young people make during the time they are with us. From surviving to thriving. I also wish I was told what fun fostering is and the sense of community you feel when meeting with other foster carers for support, friendship and advice. You really aren't on your own.” Tracy, 53 and Wayne, 52. Foster carers for Redbridge

Like all of our Redbridge foster carers you could quite literally change a child's life. If you are considering fostering and would like to know more, please email fostering@redbridge.gov.uk or call us on 020 8708 6068. We can't wait to hear from you!

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. **Applications must be submitted by 15 January 2022.**

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.

