



Churchfields Infants School Weekly Newsletter

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Growing Together: Every Day In Every Way

Value of the
month
Responsibility

Welcome Back!

Happy New Year everyone and welcome back to school. The children are happy and settled and are excited to start learning again.

Dexter The IQM Bear

We are proud to announce that we have retained our IQM Flagship Status following our recent external assessment. The award recognises our ongoing commitment to provide the very best education for all children, irrespective of differences and ensures that every child and every adult who learns and works in our school, is valued with their educational and personal needs met.

Only around 100 UK schools have achieved IQM Flagship School status.

Our award recognises us as a unique school having played a strong leadership role in developing inclusion best practice across a network of other local schools.

We are delighted to introduce Dexter who is our IQM bear. He had been sent to our school to make new friends and have lots of fun and adventures.

Please look out for Dexter in future newsletters and on our Twitter account.



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/schools/school-admissions/.

Applications must be submitted by 15 January 2022.

Philosophy Friday

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

If you were bigger than your parents, who would be in charge?

Why?

DIARY DATES:

School Admissions
Submit by 15th January

**PTA Valentine's Day
Cake Sale**
10th February

Half Term
14th February - 18th
February

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

Year 1 Maths

This week in Year 1, we created a birthday graph in Maths. We discussed which months have the most /least birthdays and explored how to find other information from a graph.

Maybe you could make your own graph at home!



Local Author - Natalie Newman

We are very excited to be hosting a visit from a local author, Natalie Newman. Natalie has just published her first book that she co-wrote with her 7 year old son. She will be coming into school on Friday 14th January to read her book to the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. If you would like to purchase the book to enjoy at home, Natalie will be available after school in the playground. If you are unable to attend but would like to purchase a book, please bring £10.00 in a sealed, named envelope to your child's class teacher - card payments will not be accepted on the day.

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, the school will purchase the book and place it in your child's book bag, ready for you to enjoy over the weekend.

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.

Covid-19

Thank you to all families who administered a LFD test before returning to school on Tuesday. A small number of positive cases were identified which has helped us to limit the spread of the virus at school and support with staffing levels. Testing twice a week with a LFD test really does help to trace asymptomatic cases and we would encourage you all to do this to keep our school running as normally possible during the next few weeks. If your child is a close contact of a positive case, they should take a LFD test daily for 7 days and if it is negative, they may come into school.

Please also continue to be vigilant for any Covid symptoms and do not send your child to school if you feel they could have Covid. If your child develops symptoms, they must take a PCR test before coming to school. We also encourage you to continue wear a face covering while on the school premises too, especially when speaking with members of staff.

Please do call the school office for advice if necessary. Thank you for your support as always.

