



# Churchfields Infants School

## Weekly Newsletter

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Growing Together: Every Day In Every Way

Value of the month  
*Simplicity*

### Big Read - Snuggle up With Stories

What a fantastic turnout we had! We would like to say a big thank you to all the adults who attended our Big Read today. The children had lots of fun listening to all the stories. We promote a love of reading within school and it is so valuable to model this at home too. Keep checking the newsletters for our next event.



### Philosophy Friday

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

**Children are in charge. Good idea or bad idea?**

Why?

### DIARY DATES:

**Photo Day**  
25th January

**Nursery Stay & Play**  
31st January

Morning - 8:45 - 10am  
Afternoon - 12:45 - 2 pm

**Curriculum Workshops**  
5:00 pm

**Reception** - 25th January

**Year 2** - 26th January

**Year 1** - 1st February

**Nursery** - 2nd February

**Parent Consultations**  
W/C 6th February

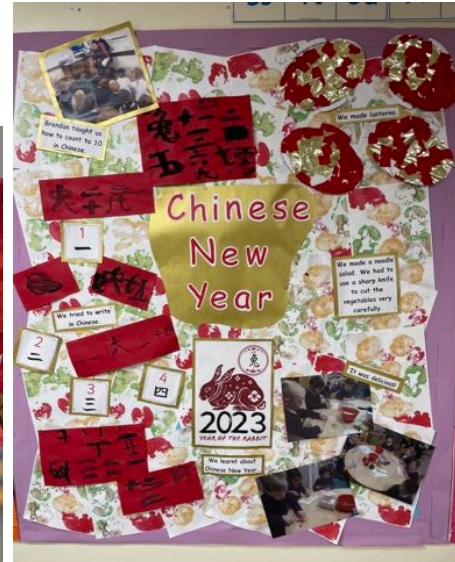
**PTA Valentine's Day  
Cake Sale**  
9th February

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

## Happy Lunar New Year!

Lunar New Year is one of the most important celebrations of the year among East and Southeast Asian cultures, including Chinese, Vietnamese and Korean communities, among others. It was traditionally a time to honour deities as well as ancestors, it has also become a time to feast and to visit family members.

This week at Churchfields Infants, we have started to celebrate the festival by learning all about the traditions and history.



## Science In Nursery

With the cold weather this week, the nursery children have been exploring the ice in the garden - touching it, painting it, breaking it collecting it and seeing it melt! This has given them some early hands on scientific experience of the seasons and of how materials feel and change.



## Photo Day

On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January a photographer is visiting to take some photos of our school. We would like the children to come to school looking extra smart for the occasion.

Thank you.



## Online Games

Online games are enjoyable activities and allow children to have fun in a digital world. Many games that appeal to young children are **not** age appropriate, especially for young children at CIS. All legal games have PEGI (Pan European Game Information) rating system and it can be a useful tool to help you decide what online games are appropriate for your child.



For more information on the PEGI system and other factors to consider before deciding what's suitable, read [Gaming: what's appropriate for your child](#).

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## Nursery Stay & Play

Come and spend some time playing with your child in Nursery!

Nursery are hosting a Stay and Play on **Tuesday 31st January**. Younger children are welcome to join but **must be kept with you at all times**. Please remember not to use mobile phones while on-site.

**Morning sessions: 8.45 - 10 am.**

**Afternoon session: 12.45 - 2 pm.**

**Parents of full-time children from 1 pm.**

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## Full-Time Places At Nursery

Following a sharp rise in demand, we have decided to increase the number of full-time places we offer at Churchfields Nursery from September 2023. We plan to offer 45 full-time places, 15 morning places and 15 afternoon places.

Further information about our nursery and an application form can be found on the school website under admissions. **The deadline for applications is 31st January.**



## Curriculum 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.

Workshops will be virtual and will begin at **5pm**. The links with details have been sent out to Reception and Year 2. Year 1 and Nursery links to follow.

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