



# Churchfields Infants' School

## Weekly Newsletter

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8th December 2023

Value of the  
month  
*Hope*

Growing Together: Every Day In Every Way

### Chag Sameach!

It was the first day of Hanukkah yesterday, the eight day Jewish festival of lights. Rabbi Jacobson from the East London and Essex Liberal Synagogue, visited Year One and Two to deliver an assembly.

To celebrate, we will be lighting a Hanukiah (a menorah) each afternoon in Mrs Anderson's office. You will be able to look inside and keep count of the days.



### Philosophy Friday

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

**Children are in charge.**  
**Is this a good idea or a bad idea?**

Why?

### DIARY DATES:

#### Nursery Tours

14th December at 10 am

#### Last Day Of Term

20th December

#### Back To School

4th January

#### Reception Tour

5th January at 9:15 am

#### Nursery Open Evening

10th January 5-6pm

#### Nursery Tours

11th January at 10 am

### Reception Visit To Salway Church

On Monday, Ladybird and Butterfly classes visited Salway Church. We would like to say a big thank you to Ann Burgess for sharing the story of the very first Christmas. The children played party games such as; pin the tail on the donkey, the conga and pass the parcel. They had a fantastic time. Next week Squirrel and Hedgehog classes will have their turn.

Thank you to the parents who helped us walk to the church and back. We are very proud of the children's behaviour outside of school.



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

## Jolly Jumper Day

Everyone looked fabulous in their jolly jumpers on Wednesday. Thank you to Bev and the ISS team for the delicious lunch.



## Year 1 Playtime

Year 1 worked cooperatively this week to build Santa's sleigh and a few reindeer using our large blocks. Great teamwork Year 1!



## PTA Thank You

Thank you so much to our wonderful PTA who organised our Christmas Fayre. 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. Thank you to all who came along - we hope you had lots of fun!

## Marvellous Me

We are pleased to announce that an incredible 97% of parents / carers have now connected with us on Marvellous Me. This is a great way to enhance our parental partnerships and for you to see the wonderful learning happening across school. If you haven't yet connected, please send an email to the school office, FAO: Miss Williams, and she will be able to support you with this so that you don't miss out on important updates.



## Emailing The School

When emailing school about your children, please can all parents and carers include the following details, no matter the reason: First name, Last name and Class. Thank you.



## Attendance Bear

The winners for the week beginning 27th November are:

**1st Jaguar 99%**

**2nd Koala 97%**

**3rd Octopus and Turtle 96%**

Well done everyone!



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## Christmas Concert - A Reminder

We are so excited to be preparing to perform our Christmas concerts! For those of you who have not attended one of our concerts before, please read the following carefully to ensure the health and safety of all.

As we are a large school, we perform each concert twice to accommodate our 120 families in each year group and ask that the parents/carers from two classes attend on each day. Our school hall is fairly small so please try to attend on your assigned day and keep guests to two per family so we can fit everyone in comfortably.

Please also note that we do not allow siblings or other babies/children to attend our concerts. We know that this may come as a surprise to some of you but this system works really well. Our children work very hard to perform for you and, with younger siblings in the audience, it is not always possible to hear our children speak or act. In the past, families have been supportive of this measure and have enjoyed giving their performing child their full attention. Please find suitable arrangements if you have other children. We will be hosting another Big Read before the end of term and would love to welcome your little ones into school then. We would like to thank you for your support in this matter.

For afternoon performances, we will open the pedestrian gate 15 minutes before each performance is due to begin so please do not feel the need to arrive before this time. For morning performances, we will lock all gates as usual for safeguarding purposes and then open the year two gates at 9:10. This allows us to register the children safely before the concerts begin.

Please note the following dates and times:

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 9:15am** - Y1 Penguin and Starfish

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 9:15am** - Y1 Turtle and Octopus

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2:30pm** - YR Hedgehog and Butterfly

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 9:15am** - Y2 Panda and Giraffe

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2:30pm** - YR Squirrel and Ladybird

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 9:15am** - Y2 Koala and Jaguar

Traditionally, we have collection buckets at the end of our concerts so families can donate to our charity of the year. Last year our charity was GOSH and we managed to raise £1,560.72. This year, we will be raising money for our school so we can enhance our playground spaces and equipment.

We look forward to see you all there. Please do speak to Mrs Anderson or Mrs Beck if you have any queries.

## Reception Tour

We would like to invite you to our last Reception Tour on **Friday 5th January at 9:15am**. This tour is for parents and carers who will be applying for Reception in September 2024. Please email [admissions@churchfieldsinfants.redbridge.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@churchfieldsinfants.redbridge.sch.uk) **before 10th December** to be added to the waiting list.

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## Nursery Open Evening

We would like to invite parents and carers to an open evening on **Wednesday 10th January** when you can come and view the nursery, chat to the nursery teachers and ask any questions you might have.

Feel free to drop in between **5 and 6 pm** - no need to book.



## School Admissions 2024

If your child is starting Reception, transferring from infant to junior school, or transferring from primary to secondary school in September 2024, you must apply online at [www.redbridge.gov.uk/schools/schooladmissions/](http://www.redbridge.gov.uk/schools/schooladmissions/). Application rounds are now open and must be **submitted by 15th January 2024**.

The deadline for parents and carers to apply for primary school places for children born between 01/09/2019 and 31/08/2020 is on **15th January 2024**. Please note that where parents are intending to request deferred entry for their summer-born children, they still need to apply by this deadline.

Further information on applying for primary school, as well as the link to the e-Admissions portal, can be found at <https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/schools/primary-school-admissions/>.

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## E-Safety Tip of the Week!

### Staying safe on a PlayStation



Internet Matters have teamed up with Sony Interactive Entertainment to create a quiz that you can play with your child to see who knows more about the safety options available on a PlayStation.

Play the quiz here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/press-start-for-playstationsafety/>



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Redbridge Music Service

# Clubs



## Exciting Musical Opportunities for Young Musicians in Redbridge

(Beginner - Grade 3)

