

## Churchfields Infants School Weekly Newsletter

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Growing Together: Every Day In Every Way

## 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 celebrated the festival by learning all about the traditions and history. As well as, each class creating their own piece of artwork to display around school.



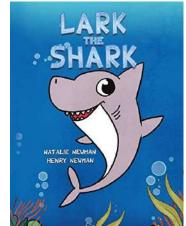
## World Book Day Bookfast

We would like to invite the children to come to school wearing their pyjamas (please dress suitably for the weather and put layers on underneath).

Usually we would invite parents into school for this special day, we are continuing to monitor Covid cases and will let you know as soon as possible if this is something that is safe to do nearer the time.

Natalie Newman, author of 'Lark the Shark' will also be returning to school to work with some of the children. She will also be selling her book in the playground again, this time before school.





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Value of the month *Thoughtfulness* 

#### **Philosophy Friday**

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

Which would you choose... scary puppies or happy monsters?

Why?

### DIARY DATES:

PTA Valentine's Day Cake Sale 10th February

PTA Fancy Dress Disco 12th February

> Half Term 14th February - 18th February

> > **INSET Day** 21st February

World Book Day 3rd March

PTA Mother's Day Sale 25th March

PTA Easter Egg Hunt 31st March

**Easter Holiday** 4th April - 18th April

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

### What Am I?

Something exciting is coming to our playground very soon. Over the next few weeks we will give you some clues as to what it is. We would love to hear your guesses, please post them in the ballot box in the office with your name and class.

#### Clues:

- 1. Part of me is transparent
- 2. I have a crown



### Number Hunt

This week Year 1 went on a number hunt. They used their new comparing and ordering numbers skills by organising and putting the numbers all together in a table.



## **Private Fostering**

Are you caring for a child who is not yours? Private fostering is when someone who is not a close relative cares for another person's child under the age of 16 (18 if disabled) for 28 days or more.

A close relative is considered to be an aunt, uncle, grandparent, step parent or siblings. Friends of the family and other family members such as cousins or great aunts are not classed as close relatives for the purposes of Private Fostering, neither are families hosting overseas students who are being educated in the UK.

You need to legally notify us of any private fostering arrangements in Redbridge to ensure the child is safe.

Please contact the Child Protection and Assessment Team (CPAT) on 020 8708 3885 or by email CPAT.Referrals@redbridge.gov.uk. For more information please visit our website: <a href="https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/private-fostering">www.redbridge.gov.uk</a>. For more information please visit our website:

# **Covid-19 & Face Coverings**

A few parents have been asking about face covering guidance on our school premises. We know measures were relaxed last week but in order to protect staff numbers in school, we still encourage you to wear a face covering while on the school premises, especially when speaking with members of staff. Unfortunately, we still have a number of staff absent due to Covid and we need to maintain staff/ child ratios in order to remain open. Please 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.

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

