



# Churchfields Infants School

## Weekly Newsletter

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9th September 2022

Value of the  
month  
*Friendship*

Growing Together: Every Day In Every Way

## Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

We are all deeply saddened by the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. For more than 70 years, she exemplified selflessness, leadership and grace. Our deepest condolences to the Royal Family.



The Council has opened up six sites for Books of Condolence and floral tributes. They are at Central Library, Hainault Library, Goodmayes Library, Wanstead Library, Woodford Green Library and Valentines Mansion. There will be a floral tribute site on South Lawn at Valentines Park (behind the mansion).



## Philosophy Friday

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

**Family, friends, teachers, animals. Which is the most important? Which is the least important?**

Why?

## DIARY DATES:

**The Big Read**  
23rd September  
2:45 - 3:15pm  
(Not Nursery)

**Curriculum Workshops**  
Reception - 28th Sept  
Year 2 - 29th Sept  
Year 1 - 5th October  
Nursery - 6th October  
5:00 pm

## Individual Parent Meetings

W/C 17th October  
Details to follow

**Half Term**  
24th - 30th October

**INSET Day**  
31st October

**School Photos**  
9th November

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

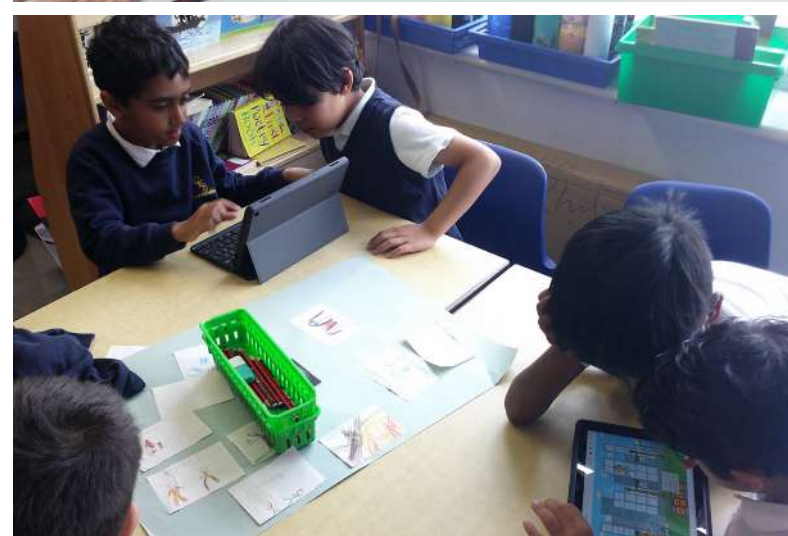


## Welcome Back!

A big warm welcome to all our new Reception and Nursery children. It has been a pleasure walking around the school spending time with the children who are settling brilliantly and working very hard.

For those returning, please remember your child has enjoyed being at home for several weeks, so you will need to allow time for your child to become more confident in their new surroundings. The most effective way of helping your child to settle is to make sure they attend regularly and arrive promptly every morning.

Please also ensure you are on time to collect your child at the end of the school day, and if it is necessary to change your picking up arrangements, please contact the school office before 1.30pm.





## Telephone Box Library

We are proud to finally open our library and are pleased to see families enjoying using it. Mrs Osborne worked really hard over the summer to make sure it was ready and inviting for you all. A huge thanks to Mrs Osborne's father, who helped to build the shelves and make sure the phone box is sealed and water tight!

If you would like to donate to the lending library, there will be a donation box outside the office, under the shelter.

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## Ode To Our Lending Library

As you know, at Churchfields we love reading and getting lost in  
a good book,

Have you seen our lending library? Please come and take a look.

What could be better than discovering a new plot?

How exciting this is! We hope you want to read the lot!

We would love for you to borrow one or two books at a time,  
Please make a quick decision so others don't have to wait in line.

Do you like non fiction? Or are stories more up your street?

We have so many to choose from, so many books for you to  
complete!

Did you know we also have books for adults to explore?

We just hope you love reading as much as us and don't see it as  
a chore!

Once you've enjoyed the story be sure to return it,

Find somewhere upon the shelves for it to sit.

We ask for donations of books that are nearly new,  
If we all club together I'm sure we can get more than a few.

Do share your recommendations,

What was your favourite book?

What an exciting opportunity for us all,

Now come inside and take a look!



## The Big Read

We are very excited to welcome parents/carers into school for our Big Read.

At Churchfields we want to share our passion for reading and know that this works best when a love of reading is modelled and developed both in school and at home.

Our Big Reads are a chance to come into school, read and share stories with your child/ren.

Weather permitting we will set up books both inside and outside of your child's classroom. It would be helpful if you could bring a picnic mat if you wish to sit outside.

Please arrive promptly as reading begins straight away. If you have other commitments please feel free to send another relative but school staff are always available to read with children.

Unfortunately, this won't be for Nursery this time. Nursery will host a reading event soon.

We look forward to seeing you and sharing lots of wonderful books!



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## Philosophy Friday

Here at Churchfields, the children take part in P4C - Philosophy for Children. Each week we will post a new question on the newsletter for you to discuss at home with your children. Please see the front page for this week's question.

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## Nut Policy

We would like to remind parents that our school has a strict '**No Nut Policy**'. We have children in school who have **severe** (airborne) nut allergies.

We ask that you do not give your child any nut products (including chocolate spread) if they have a packed lunch and also ask children to refrain from eating snacks on our premises before and after school. We thank you for your support and understanding in this matter.





## Curriculum Workshops

We believe that children achieve their very best when we work in partnership with our families. We would like to invite you to our popular workshops which provide a valuable opportunity for you to understand how you can support your child at home with their learning.

Last year we held this virtually in the autumn term and in school in the spring term. Listening to your feedback and looking at the attendance figures from last year, we have decided to hold these meetings virtually so as many of you can attend as possible. Dates are as follows:

**Year 2 – 29th September.**

**Year 1 – 5th October.**

**Reception – 28th September.**

**Nursery – 6th October.**

Workshops will begin at 5pm and we will send joining details nearer the time.

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## Uniform

Please make sure all your child's articles of uniform are named clearly. This includes your child's shoes, coats, hats, PE kits and water bottles. Naming your child's property will make it easier to identify who it belongs to so it can be returned.



## Other Changes Around School

You may have noticed that we have replaced our fence in the year two playground over the summer. The scooter rack is now in place in the nursery. Unfortunately, there were a few issues with the installation of the main scooter racks that will be positioned at the top of the slope. The new racks will be installed very soon.

In the meantime, please do not leave scooters on the premises during the day.

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## Mobile Phones

We would like to remind you not to use mobile phones on the school premises when dropping off or collecting children. There are many reasons for this: firstly, we have a duty to safeguard our children, and the use of mobile devices when children are present, both in our playgrounds and on our school site, is not permitted. Also, we believe that it is really important to talk to your child about their day and their achievements when they are collected from school and as our sign says:

**'Greet your child with a smile, not a mobile!'**

