



# Churchfields Infants School

## Weekly Newsletter

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16th September 2022

**Growing Together: Every Day In Every Way**

Value of the month  
*Friendship*

## In Memory of Queen Elizabeth II

In remembrance of Queen Elizabeth II, we have arranged our assemblies this week to reflect her life and work over the last 70 years.

On Monday and Thursday we listened with Mrs Beck to some of her favourite songs and sang songs that we thought she would like to hear.

On Tuesday Mrs Anderson discussed Queen Elizabeth's life and the events during her rule.

On Wednesday Miss Roulton and the children looked at footage of the Queen and they gave their memories about her. We thought that you would like to see what the children said:

"Her favourite animals were corgis and ponies."

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"She visited different countries." Anna

"She lived for a very long time." Emily

"She visited hospitals and charities and if you wrote her a letter she would write back." Beau

"She was the Queen for 70 years." Saskia

"She lived in a lot of palaces like Buckingham Palace." Amanda

"She had lots of money." Sasha



## Nursery and Reception Settling Well

The Nursery and Reception children are settling brilliantly and working very hard. The Reception children have started phonics this week and are enjoying learning.



## Philosophy Friday

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

**Car, bus, train.**  
**Which one is the odd one out?**

Why?

## DIARY DATES:

### The Big Read

23rd September  
2:45 - 3:15pm  
(Not Nursery)

### Curriculum Workshops

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

### PTA Coffee Morning

30th September  
9:00 - 10:00 am

### Individual Parent Meetings

W/C 17th October  
Details to follow

### Half Term

24th - 30th October

### INSET Day

31st October

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



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## Telephone Box Lending Library

We are delighted to see our children enjoying our new lending library, as reading every day is so important for our young children. If you would like to donate to the lending library, there will be a yellow donation box outside the office, under the shelter.

Just a gentle reminder to keep the phone box tidy so others can use it.



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## Donations

The school is currently experiencing a shortage of plain socks for the Medical Room, as well as navy blue jogging bottoms in Nursery. Please could you bring in any unwanted, clean socks or jogging bottoms to the office. We would be very grateful for your donation.



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## Pre-Loved School Uniform

We are delighted to announce that from Friday 23rd September, we will have a rail with pre-loved uniform available outside the school office, under the shelter.

Parents are welcome to take any items free of charge, however, any donations made for our PTA will be gratefully received.

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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.



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 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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## Absence in Term Time

We have seen an increase in applications for term absence since the start of term. In line with the Redbridge Attendance Strategy, we strongly advise against disrupting your child's schooling for a holiday during term time.

Our teachers are working hard to ensure that your child is settled, happy and learning in school from the very start of the school year and absences from school during this time will impact greatly on this. Government guidelines say absence during term time should not be granted by the school except in the most exceptional of circumstances. We understand that for many of you, the pandemic meant that you were unable to take holidays and travel abroad to see family but there are 13 weeks during the school year when school is closed and families are able to take a holiday.

It is the responsibility of parents and carers to ensure that their child attends every day. Parents should notify the school as soon as possible when their child has to be unexpectedly absent, for example, sickness. We also ask that medical appointments are booked around the school day where possible, and proof must be shown if they are taken during school hours.



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## School Admissions 2023

If your child is starting school for the first time, transferring from infant to junior school, or transferring from primary to secondary school in September 2023, you must apply online at [www.redbridge.gov.uk/schools/school-admissions/](http://www.redbridge.gov.uk/schools/school-admissions/).

**Application rounds are now open and must be submitted by 15 January 2023.**

## PTA Coffee Morning

Our PTA Needs YOU!

Our PTA is a much valued part of the Churchfields Infants' School community. It provides the opportunity to build links within our school, make new friends, organise fun events for the children and raise much needed funds for the school and our environment for our children. In recent years, the PTA has funded many additional resources, such as our outdoor play equipment, the musical pathway, the phone box library and our new scooter racks. We are looking for new ideas, new volunteers and new ways to help the PTA grow and become even bigger and better.

We are hosting a coffee morning on **Friday 30th September from 9:00 to 10:00am**, so please come along to meet Mrs Anderson and some of the PTA team to find out how you can help. Every little helps! Please join us if you can.

The contact details for the PTA are:

[pta.churchfields@gmail.com](mailto:pta.churchfields@gmail.com) and [www.facebook.com/churchfieldsschoolpta](http://www.facebook.com/churchfieldsschoolpta)



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## 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 that 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 during 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.

**Year 2 – 29th September.**

**Year 1 – 5th October.**

**Reception – 28th September.**

**Nursery – 6th October.**

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

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## Empower A Child! Foster for Redbridge

You could be the one to guide, listen to, teach and enrich a child's life, empowering them to become confident and independent young people.

If you have a place in your home and heart to foster a child, please call us on 020 8708 6068 or email [fostering@redbridge.gov.uk](mailto:fostering@redbridge.gov.uk) or join us on our next virtual information session on 5th October 6pm - 7pm.

Visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/foster-for-redbridge-virtual-information-session-051022-6-7pm-tickets-395778202257> to book a place.

