



# Churchfields Infants School Weekly Newsletter

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Value of the month  
*Caring*

Growing Together: Every Day In Every Way

## Hero Day!

What a great day! Everyone has had so much fun dressing up and learning about inspiring heroes. Simone Biles, Harry Houdini, Coco Chanel, Mary Anning, Doctors, Firefighters, Mae Jemison and even a child dressed as her brother! There was a huge range of heroes and the children were able to explain why they chose to dress up as that person.

Our charity this year is Great Ormond Street Hospital, which has special importance for us in school at present.

Thank you for your donations so far which are being counted at the moment and we will let you know how much money we have raised after half term.

For more information about the wonderful work GOSH do, please visit <https://www.gosh.nhs.uk/>.

## Philosophy Friday

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

**Would you rather be king of queen for the day or a superhero for a whole week?**

Why?

## DIARY DATES:

### Half Term

24th - 30th October

### INSET Day

31st October

### Nursery Stay & Play

3rd November

8:45 - 10:00 am

12:45 - 2:00 pm

### Phonics Workshops

Reception - 4th November

Year 1 - 11th November

2:30 - 3:15 pm

### School Photos

9th November

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





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## Half Term Message

Thank you for a wonderful start to the school year, the children have enjoyed learning and meeting new friends. We hope you all have a lovely half term break.

**Please remember Monday 31st October is an Inset Day and children return on 1st November.**

Don't forget, clocks go back on the 30th October.



## Reading With Year 1

The children have been doing lots of learning around the story 'That Pesky Rat' by Lauren Child. One of the activities was to design the title character a new home. Before they got to drawing however, the children had to first come up with design criteria for their new rat homes. One class's criteria was as follows...

### Rat home design criteria:

1. Somewhere to rest and sleep.
2. Somewhere to drink and eat.
3. Somewhere to wash.
4. Somewhere to be entertained.

The children then drew, labelled and decorated their designs before evaluating them against the agreed design criteria. Just in this one activity some excellent English, Design and Technology, PSHE and Art learning took place. Great job Year 1!





## PTA Thank You

Thank you to our amazing PTA for organising both the Halloween Cake Sale and the Halloween Disco. We know an incredible amount of hard work and organisation goes into these events and we appreciate everything you all do.



## PTA Halloween Disco

Our PTA will be holding a Halloween fancy dress disco on **Saturday 22nd October** in Churchfields Junior School hall.

Tickets are £4 each and can be purchased via our online ticketing system [www.pta-events.co.uk/churchfields](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/churchfields).

**Session 1 - 1:00pm - 2:00pm - Nursery & Infants only.**

**Session 2 - 2:30pm - 3:30pm - Infants only.**

**Session 3 - 4:00pm - 5:00pm - Juniors only.**



## Parent Consultation

Thank you for attending our parent consultations. It was lovely seeing you back inside school for these meetings.

## Sock Donations

The school is currently experiencing a shortage of socks for the children. Please could you bring in any unwanted, clean socks to the Nursery or Infants office.

We would be very grateful for your donation.



## Online Safety

As we approach our first half term holiday, here are some helpful tips to keep children safe while online:

**1) Parental controls:** Parental controls have been designed to help you manage your child's online activities. There are various types, some of which are free but others which can be bought. However, nothing is totally fool proof so this shouldn't replace the support and guidance you give your child to help keep them safer. For more information and step by step instructions on setting up parental controls, visit [Parental Controls & Privacy Settings Guides - Internet Matters](#).



**2) Supervise their online activity:** Keep the devices your child uses in communal areas of the house such as the living room or kitchen, where an adult is able to supervise. Primary-age children should not access the internet in private spaces alone, such as in a bedroom or bathroom.

**3) Explore together and chat little and often:** Ask your child to show you their favourite apps, games and sites and encourage them to teach you how to use these. Ask them if anything ever worries them online. Make sure they know they won't be in trouble and can get help by talking to you or another adult they trust if anything happens online that makes them feel worried, sad or scared.

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## Stay and Play!

Nursery is having Stay and Play on **Thursday 3rd November**. Younger children are welcome to join but must be kept with you at all times.

**Morning session 8:45 – 10.00 am**

**Afternoon session 12:45 – 2.00 pm**

Spend some time playing with your child in nursery. Younger children are welcome but must be kept with you.

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## Phonics Workshops

Mrs Osborne is inviting you into school to learn about our new and exciting Phonics Scheme - Little Wandle.

Information will be given on the daily phonics lessons and you will also find out about the practice reading sessions.

**4th November - Reception - 2:30 - 3:15 pm**

**11th November - Year One - 2:30 - 3:15 pm**



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## School Admissions 2023

If your child is starting Reception or transferring from infant to junior 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.**

