



Churchfields Infants School

Weekly Newsletter

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Growing Together: Every Day In Every Way

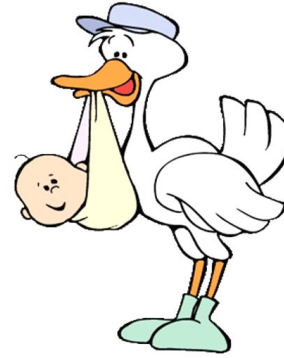
Value of the
month
Happiness

Congratulations Miss Roult!

We are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Miss Roult's baby girl. Both mother and baby are doing well.

Miss Roult was unable to say goodbye to the children in person as the baby made a surprise early arrival but hopes to see you all soon.

I know you will join me in wishing Miss Roult huge congratulations.



Christmas Concerts

It's nearly time for our Christmas concerts! Please read the following information carefully which was emailed to you all a couple of weeks ago:

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 our Festive 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.

5th December at 9:15 am - Giraffe & Koala

6th December at 9:15 am - Jaguar & Panda

7th December at 9:15 am - Penguin & Starfish

8th December at 9:15 am - Octopus & Turtle

8th December at 2:30 pm - Butterfly & Squirrel

9th December at 2:30 pm - Hedgehog & Ladybird

Philosophy Friday

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

Would you rather be a fairy or a wizard?

Why?

DIARY DATES:

Nursery Tours

8th & 12th December
10:00 am

Jolly Jumper Day

14th December

Festive Read

16th December
8:45 am - Nursery
9:00 am - Infants
12:45 pm - Nursery

Christmas Concerts

W/C 5th December

Christmas Holiday

21st Dec - 4th Jan

First Day Back

5th January

Nursery Open Evening

11th January
5:00 - 6:00 pm

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

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.

As you know, our PTA is very much part of the Churchfields team, providing opportunities to meet new people, make new friends with other families and also to raise much appreciated funding that supports our school.

Thank you to all who came along - we hope you had lots of fun!

Day Glow Day!

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations, we have raised an amazing total of **£391.73**.

We now have a grand total of £1,030.33.

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

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



Full-Time Places At Nursery

Following a sharp rise in demand, we have decided to increase the number of full-time places we offer at Churchfields Nursery from September 2023. We plan to offer 45 full-time places, 15 morning places and 15 afternoon places.

We would like to invite parents and carers to an open evening on **Wednesday 11th 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.

We also have two nursery tours planned, when you can see the nursery in action during the day - on **Thursday 8th December and Thursday 12th January at 10 am**.

Please contact the school office to book a place on 020 8505 0386 / email admin.ChurchfieldsInfants@redbridge.gov.uk.

Further information about our nursery and an application form can be found on the school website under admissions. **The deadline for applications is 31st January.**

Festive Read

You are invited to our Festive Read on **Friday 16th December**.

Nursery sessions - 8:45 am & 12:45 pm.

Infants session - 9:00 am.

This will be a lovely start to the day for the children and for you.

We would love for you (parents/carers) to wear something festive and bring a favourite festive book to read with your child/ren. Please make sure you put your name in all books you bring with you.

As always, we will also provide a wide selection of books for you to enjoy.



Jolly Jumper Day!

Jolly Jumper Day is on the 14th December. Please don't feel you have to buy a jumper especially for this day – you can wear anything bright and jolly, or even decorate an old T-shirt or jumper!

We look forward to seeing your creations.



Christmas Cards

If you are planning to give out Christmas cards, we ask that this is done outside of the classroom before or after school. As you can appreciate, with 30 children in each class and 120 per year group, it becomes quite a task if cards are given out inside school and does impact on learning time. We would suggest that children bring in one card or message for their whole class that can be shared.

Please also note that we are unable to give out class lists and names due to GDPR reasons. We thank you for your support in this matter.

Absences

If your child is unwell, please call the school office or email on admin.churchfields-inf@redbridge.gov.uk on the first day of absence. Please do not email your child's class teacher.

Appointments should be made outside of school hours wherever possible, and proof of these must be given if taken during the school day. The Term Time Absence Request forms need to be completed, and signed in advance by the Headteacher, for all other absences.

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/.

Application rounds are now open and your application must be submitted by 15th January 2023.

Foster For Redbridge

Make this Christmas the most memorable yet. Change a Life and foster for Redbridge.

Like all of our Redbridge foster carers, you could quite literally change a child's life.

Please call us for more information or to book onto our next Virtual Coffee Morning or Information Evening [020 8708 6068](tel:02087086068) or email us fostering@redbridge.gov.uk. Alternatively visit our website for more information or to book onto our next virtual information event www.redbridge.gov.uk/fostering.

