



Churchfields Infants School

Weekly Newsletter

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Value of the
month
Happiness

Growing Together: Every Day In Every Way

Seasons Greetings!

Wow - what a week it has been! It has certainly been an eventful end to the autumn term. Once again, teamwork from the Churchfields community has been exceptional. I feel privileged to work at our school where we all pull together in a tricky situation.

I am so proud of the children and how they have adapted to many different scenarios this week, the independence and resilience in which they have entered school through the hall was a pleasure to watch.

I would like to thank the parents who offered to bring hot drinks, food and even prepare homemade soup for our staff when we lost power yesterday. Your kindness has once more overwhelmed us and it means so much to have your support, especially during a rather eventful week!

It has been a successful term and as always we are proud of the progress the children have made with their learning.

Thank you to all who have sent in wishes and gifts to our staff. We appreciate them all. This is our last Newsletter of the term and I wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and happy holidays for when we break up on Tuesday 20th December.

I look forward to seeing you all on Thursday 5th January.



Philosophy Friday

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

The world would be better if cars could fly.
Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Why?

DIARY DATES:

Class Parties

19th December

Last Day

20th Dec - 3:30 pm finish

Christmas Holiday

21st Dec - 4th Jan

First Day Back

5th January

Nursery Open Evening

11th January

5:00 - 6:00 pm

Nursery Tours

12th January 10:00 am

Snuggle up with Stories

20th January

8:45 am - Nursery

8:55 am - Infants

12:45 pm - Nursery

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

Jolly Jumper Day!

Everyone looked fabulous in their jolly jumpers on Wednesday. Thank you to Bev and her team for the delicious lunch.



Hanukkah

On Sunday evening, the festival of Hanukkah begins. Hanukkah, also known as the Festival of Lights, is a festival that is celebrated for eight days by Jewish people in our school and all around the world.

To celebrate, we will be lighting a Hanukkiah (a menorah) each afternoon in Mrs Anderson's office. You will be able to look inside and keep count of the days.

The first candle will be lit on Sunday to mark the start of the festival.



Christingle

A Christingle is a symbolic object used in the Advent, Christmas and Epiphany services of many Christians around the world.

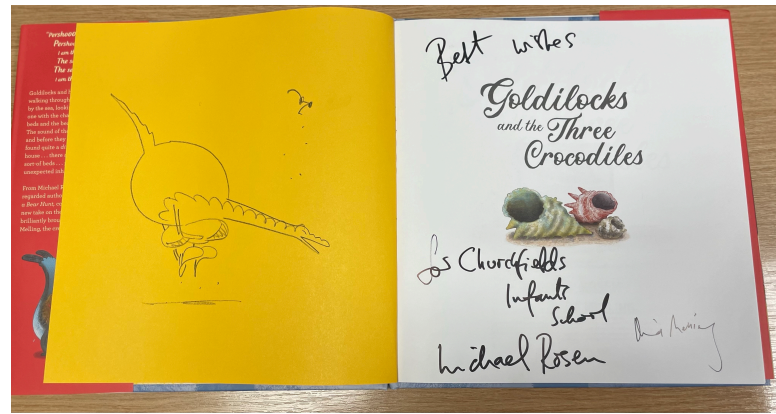
Christingles are made up of an orange that represents the world, a red ribbon to show the love of Jesus, and dried fruit to represent God's creations. The candle is used to celebrate Jesus Christ as the "Light of the World". Thank you to Mrs Percy and the team from CEP.



A Kind Donation

We would like to send a huge thank you to Matthew in Y5, who attended a book signing event and kindly asked Michael Rosen to sign a copy of Goldilocks and the Three Crocodiles for us.

The children enjoyed hearing the story in assembly, and we will make sure children in reception and nursery have the chance to listen to it too.



Snuggle Up With Stories

We are sorry that we had to cancel the Festive Big Read session today due to the weather conditions and our health and safety procedures. We understand that some of you may have booked time off of work and we are equally as disappointed.

Instead, we are excited to invite you to our 'Snuggle up with Stories' session on **Friday 20th January at 8:45 am & 12:45 pm for Nursery and 8:55 am for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.** Please bring a blanket to snuggle up with and school will provide lovely stories for you to read together.



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 a nursery tour planned for you to see the nursery in action during the day - on **Thursday 12th January at 10 am.**

Please contact the school office to book a place on [020 8505 0386](tel:02085050386) / 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.**

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.



Flu Vaccination Clinics

Has your child missed their
Flu Vaccination at school?



We are running catch up clinics in your
area for the following age groups:

Flu Vaccinations: Reception - Year 9

If you would like an appointment to attend,
please email us at: appointments@v-uk.co.uk
or call 0203 343 2400