



# Churchfields Infants School

## Weekly Newsletter

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Value of the  
month  
*Simplicity*

Growing Together: Every Day In Every Way

## Happy New Year!

Happy New Year and welcome back to school, we hope you all had a relaxing break. The children are happy and settled and are excited to start learning again.

I have been so impressed and have already awarded 16 Golden Headteacher Awards. Keep going everyone! I look forward to watching you learn and grow during the spring term.

## Book Donations

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has donated books for our telephone box lending library.

We have noticed the library has been very crowded with books recently so 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.



## Curriculum Workshops

We believe that children achieve their very best when we work in partnership with our families. This term we will be resuming our popular parent workshops that provide a valuable opportunity for you to understand how you can support your child at home with their learning.

Workshops will be virtual and will begin at **5pm** and we will send further details very soon.

**Reception** - 25th January

**Year 2** - 26th January

**Year 1** - 1st February

**Nursery** - 2nd February

## Philosophy Friday

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

**School everyday of the week.**

**Good idea or bad idea?**

**Why?**

## DIARY DATES:

### Nursery Open Evening

11th January  
5:00 - 6:00 pm

### Nursery Tour

12th January 10:00 am

### Snuggle up with Stories

20th January  
8:45 am - Nursery  
8:55 am - Infants  
12:45 pm - Nursery

### Nursery Stay & Play

31st January  
Morning - 8:45 - 10am  
Afternoon - 12:45 - 2 pm

### Curriculum Workshops

5:00 pm  
**Reception** - 25th January  
**Year 2** - 26th January  
**Year 1** - 1st February  
**Nursery** - 2nd February

**Parent Consultations**  
W/C 6th February

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

## Lateness

We know coming back to school is difficult after a long break but we have noticed lots of children have been late to school the past two days after the bell has been rung at 8:55 am.

Please ensure that your child is on time for school. It is unsettling for children to arrive after their friends and they can feel embarrassed entering the classroom when everyone is already seated. Being late also means they may miss the first few minutes of the teaching session, which impacts on their learning. We know a number of parents arrive late and walk their child to class which means staff need to monitor the door rather than attend to the children that have arrived on time, which again delays learning.

Lateness also puts additional pressure our office team who are trying to deal with queries both in person and on the telephone, alongside welcoming children through the office once the gates are closed.

Finally, Mrs Anderson and Mrs Beck have a responsibility to secure the site and lock gates at 9:00 to keep everyone in school safe. This is delayed when children arrive late to school as we wait for parents to leave the premises.

**Please be reminded that the gates open at 8:45 am and children should be in the playground, lining up with their friends by 8:55 am when the bell is rung.** The gates are locked at 9:00 am to allow enough time for parents to leave, rather than to enable late children to enter.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation on this matter. We look forward to seeing you at school by 8:55 on Monday morning. Have a wonderful weekend.

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## 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](mailto: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/](http://www.redbridge.gov.uk/schools/school-admissions/).

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

**DEADLINE  
APPROACHING!**

## Snuggle Up With Stories

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.



## Nursery Stay & Play

Come and spend some time playing with your child in Nursery! Nursery are hosting a Stay and Play on **Tuesday 31st January**. Younger children are welcome to join but must be kept with you at all times. Please remember not to use mobile phones while on-site.

**Morning sessions: 8.45 - 10 am.**

**Afternoon session: 12.45 - 2 pm.**

**Parents of full-time children from 1 pm.**



## Foster For Redbridge

New Year, New Challenge! I will save more money. I will eat more healthily. Why not make a new year's resolution which will change a life?

Over 300 children are unable to stay with their families in Redbridge each year and need a secure, stable and nurturing home.

If you have a place in your heart and home and are considering fostering, please email [fostering@redbridge.gov.uk](mailto:fostering@redbridge.gov.uk) or call us on [020 8708 6068](tel:02087086068). We can't wait to hear from you!



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