



# Churchfields Infants School

## Weekly Newsletter

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Value of the  
month  
*Simplicity*

Growing Together: Every Day In Every Way

### Our Values

As you know, every month we celebrate a different value in school and this is shared at the top of our newsletters.

We explore these values through our wider curriculum and assemblies in school. When we see children displaying these values, they are awarded a sticker to celebrate their behaviour.

In assembly this week as part of our work on simplicity, we have explored the simple phrase 'Be Kind' and what this means - whether that is at home, school or out in our community. In school we talk about using kind words and using our Golden Rule which is:

**We look after ourselves, other people and our school.**

I am proud of one member of squirrel class who has received three values stickers for being kind and helpful to others this week. I look forward to seeing lots more in the coming weeks.

We ask you to work with us and discuss these values with your child to reinforce the work we do in school.



### Amazing Art

This week, Year 2 have been using wax crayons (colour resist) and brush in cold colours to develop their understanding of colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space.

Watch this space to see what amazing work the children have created.



### Philosophy Friday

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

**Would you rather be a bird or a butterfly?**

Why?

### DIARY DATES:

#### 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

#### PTA Valentine's Day

Cake Sale

9th February

#### PTA Fancy Dress Disco

11th February

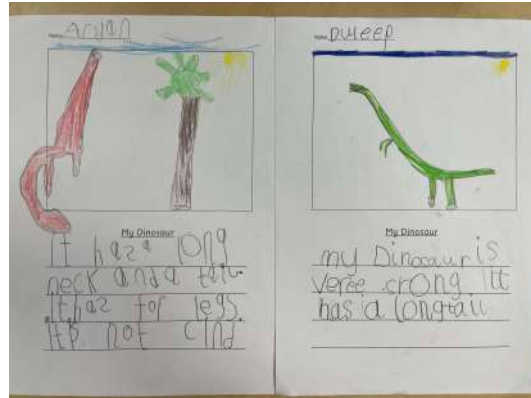
For other important dates, please visit the Calendar page on our school website.

## Dinosaurs In Reception

Something exciting happened in Reception this week. We found a mysterious egg! The children had lots of ideas about what might be inside and these were discussed in class.

Then a letter arrived from the history museum and we discovered that it was a dinosaur egg.

We made a list of all the facts we know and learnt about dinosaurs.



## 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

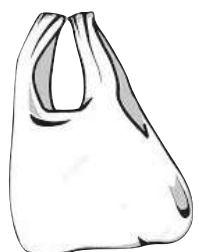
**Year 1** - 1st February

**Nursery** - 2nd February

## Donations

The school is currently experiencing a shortage of tights for the children and carrier bags to put wet clothes in. If you would like to donate, please could you bring in any unwanted, clean tights or carrier bags to the Infants or Nursery office.

We would be very grateful for your donation.



## 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.**

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## 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.**

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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.

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.**

