



# Churchfields Infants School

## Weekly Newsletter

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Value of the  
month  
*Courage*

Growing Together: Every Day In Every Way

## Community Day - Tomorrow!

There is still time to volunteer! Tomorrow is our Community Day from 12:00 to 4:00 pm. We hope to create an exciting and purposeful environment for our children in school. I would like to thank all who have offered so far. It really does mean a lot to us. As I always say, we are so lucky to have such a supportive school community and I hope the day will be a great success.

## Reception & Year 1 Concerts

Thank you to all families who attended our concerts this week. I am so proud of the children and hope you all enjoyed the performances.

Thank you to families who donated generously to our charity of the year - GOSH including one of our children who wanted to give money from their own piggy bank.



## Nursery's Park Visit

The nursery children had fun when we visited Churchfields Park on Tuesday. We were delighted to have so many parents and grandparents who volunteered to come with us.



## Philosophy Friday

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

**People can turn invisible whenever they want. A good idea or a bad idea.**

Why?

## DIARY DATES:

**Community Day**  
15th July

**Year 2 Concerts**  
**Koala & Giraffe**  
17th July 2:00 pm

**Panda & Jaguar**  
19th July 2:00 pm

**Reception Pirate Extravaganza**  
19th July

**Pre-Loved Book Sale**  
19th July

**End Of Term**  
21st July

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

## Pond Dipping

On Wednesday Mrs Hinkley took 30 Year 2 children pond dipping in Ray Park.

Did you know the park was home to a historic walled garden? In the walled garden we looked at the fire pit, mini-orchard, meadow habitat, vegetable patch, bird feeding station, and of course, the pond. All the children had the opportunity to use the net and participated in pond dipping. We used the identification sheets to help us record the pond creatures we found. The children also learned about food chains in a pond habitat. After a picnic lunch, we had some fun in the play park!

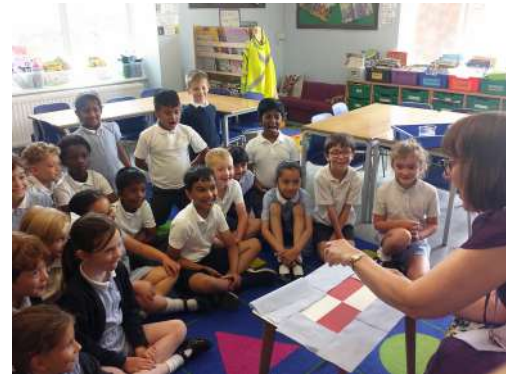
Outdoor learning and play can help to motivate and stimulate children's minds and positively contribute to children's health and wellbeing.



## Science Week

At Churchfields we are passionate about Science and this week we have taken the opportunity to carry out our own scientific enquiries and experiments. The children asked their own questions, planned enquiries, recorded their results and then answered the questions.

We are all super scientists! Please see the website for more photos.



## The Big Dance

All children and staff gathered in Y2 playground today to perform a selection of our dances. It was lovely to have the whole school together keeping fit, developing coordination and having fun.

Why don't you ask your child to teach you some of our dances at home!







## Visit to South Woodford Mosque

On Tuesday, all of Year 2 had an opportunity to go to South Woodford Islamic Centre. This visit was linked to the children's recent RE unit, where they have been learning about Muslim beliefs and finding out about the Five Pillars of Islam.

During their time at South Woodford Islamic Centre, pupils had an opportunity to make observations and ask questions. They also found out about the Qur'an, the call to prayer and particular rituals and routines within the mosque.

We were so amazed with the children's enthusiasm and curiosity, and would like to thank all of the grown ups (including those at South Woodford Islamic Centre) for making this happen.



## Farewells & Welcomes!

It is that time of year when we say farewell and welcome new staff.

Firstly, we say goodbye to Miss Chohan who has worked at CIS for over 6 years. Miss Chohan has decided to take a break from teaching and we wish her all the best for the future. We will miss you greatly and value your hard work and dedication.

We also bid farewell to our School Business Manager, Mrs Basra, who will be retiring at the end of term. I would personally like to thank Mrs Basra for her support and hard work since I joined CIS as Headteacher. We will all miss you and wish you all the best for a happy and healthy retirement.

Welcome back to Miss Roult who returned from maternity leave this week. It is amazing to have you back! Miss Roult will resume her role as Assistant Headteacher for Key Stage One.

I am delighted to announce that Miss Williams will be staying with us as a member of the Senior Leadership Team and Squirrel Class teacher following time covering Miss Roult's maternity leave.

We also welcome Ms Gummer, who will be joining the Year 2 team as the Jaguar Class teacher, and Mr Jelks, who will join us as our new School Business Leader from September.

## Scooter Safety

We love the fact that our children are enjoying riding scooters to school and keeping fit and healthy. Installing our scooter rack has really encouraged families to walk and scoot to school, however, it has been brought to our attention that a number of children are riding scooters at speed, often out of reach from their adult, as they enter the premises. Recently, there have been a few injuries to both adults and children as the children are riding too fast and a long way ahead of their parents or carers



Children must dismount from their scooter as they enter through the gate and walk sensibly along the path, before parking their scooter in the rack.

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## Pre-Loved Book Sale

As you are aware, we have changed our Phonics Scheme this year and therefore have a selection of books that we no longer require in school. As always, we are thinking of ways to look after our planet by reusing and recycling.

We will be holding a used book sale outside the office on **Wednesday 19th July** from **8:30am-9:00am**.

There will be no set donation price and we are very grateful for any amount that you can give. All donations will go towards buying new books for our libraries.



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## Concert Dates

It's nearly time for our End Of Year Concerts! Please read the following information carefully:

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 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.

### Year 2

Koala and Giraffe - Monday 17th July - 2:00 pm

Panda and Jaguar - Wednesday 19th July - 2:00 pm

