



Churchfields Infants School

Weekly Newsletter

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Value of the
month
Trust

Growing Together: Every Day In Every Way

Year 1 Visit To Paradise Wildlife Park

What a brilliant time our Year 1 children (and all of the adults too, of course!) had on the visit to Paradise Wildlife Park this week.

As part of their recent science learning, children have been naming a variety of common animals and describing and comparing the structure of these; they've also been showing an understanding of the terms 'carnivores', 'omnivores' and 'herbivores'. The trip gave the children a wonderful opportunity to apply and share their learning.

We'd like to say an enormous thank you to all of the parent volunteers and staff who supported with this day and who made it possible. We've received such lovely feedback about the children's behaviour and how enjoyable their trip was. For more photos, please see our photo gallery [HERE](#).



Year 2 Art And Design

Linked closely to their English work on 'The Tempest', and their fantastic character descriptions about Caliban, our Year 2 children have been busy using sculpture to develop their ideas, experiences and imagination.

Take a look at their amazing gargoyle creations for yourself!



Philosophy Friday

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

**Who would you rather look after...
One slug or a whole litter of kittens?**

Why?

DIARY DATES:

Sports Day

19th June - Year 1
22nd June - Reception
23rd June - Year 2

Reception Visit to Sea Life Centre
20th June

Year 1 Visit to Fire Station
20th & 28th June

Class Photos
21st June

Year 2 Visit to Colchester Zoo
28th June

Community Day
15th July

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

Animal Workshop

Nursery children met lots of animals on Monday as part of the Animal Workshop, including a skunk, a tortoise, a gecko, a hissing cockroach, a snake, a skink, a hedgehog, a 'skinny pig', a millipede, a tortoise and a giant snail.

They learned lots of interesting facts and the children were able to stroke the animals.



Coach Jai

Our Reception children are having lots of fun working with Coach Jai at lunchtimes!

Our value of the month is 'trust' and the children are learning to build strong teamwork, as they develop their skills together.



School Uniform For September

We know many of you may begin to source new school uniform ready for your child in September. Please read our school uniform expectations carefully before you select new items as we have noticed that a few children are not wearing the correct uniform.

Full details can be found on our website [HERE](#).

Please note that our school uniform supplier will be at school on **Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th July**, if you would like to purchase items from them.

We also have our pre-loved rail available every Friday outside the school office. You may also wish to purchase items from the usual major stores.

Please do ask if you are unsure about our policy or have any difficulties with uniform items in the next few weeks.



Community Day

The school and the PTA would like to invite you to take part in our Community Day on **Saturday 15th July**. This is not a request for money, but for a short amount of your time and enthusiasm that will have immediate and lasting benefits. We know what a fantastically supportive community we have at Churchfields and we really need to draw on that support now – we cannot do it without you.

We would like to say thank you to all volunteers who have signed up already. We really appreciate your support. If you would like to help, please complete the form [HERE](#).

PTA Thank You

Thank you to our amazing PTA for organising the Summer Fayre. It was a fabulous day and it was lovely to see lots of families attending to support the school.

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 and make new friends with other families, and also to raise much appreciated funding that supports our school.

Thank you for organising the Father's Day Sale today too.



Sports Day

We are very happy to announce that we will be holding our Sports Days next week:

Monday - Year 1

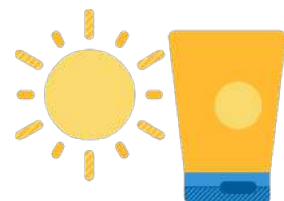
Thursday - Reception

Friday - Year 2

Please send your Year 2 and Year 1 child to school in their PE kit on this day so they are ready to take part. Reception children will be changing into their PE kit in class. Children have been practising the races and are very excited about the event.

Unfortunately, we are unable to invite parents to this event. We're sure you can appreciate that the age of our children means that having parents there to watch them may add additional pressure as potentially 240 could be there to support. We do look forward to sharing the children's morning with you on Marvellous Me, and please also check the newsletter next week for photos and further information. Thank you to the Junior School for sharing the field for the events. For children in Year 2, this also provides opportunities as part of our transition process to Year 3 as CJS children will be there to support.

Please can all parents and carers provide their children with a sun hat, water bottle and apply a high factor sunscreen in the morning, before school. Please do not send in sunglasses for health and safety reasons.



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. 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.

Nursery

Afternoon/ Full-Time - Wednesday 5th July - 2:45 pm

Morning/ Full-Time - Thursday 6th July - 11:00 am

Reception

Squirrel and Butterfly - Wednesday 12th July - 2:30 pm

Ladybird and Hedgehog - Thursday 13th July - 2:30 pm

Year 1

Turtle and Penguin - Wednesday 12th July - 9:15 am

Octopus and Starfish - Thursday 13th July - 9:15 am

Year 2

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

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

Fostering for Redbridge

Do you know of a child who is being cared for by someone who is not a close relative for more than 28 days? Private fostering describes an arrangement when someone who is not a close relative cares for another person's child under the age of 16 (18 if disabled) for 28 days or more.

A close relative is considered to be an aunt, uncle, grandparent, step parent or siblings. Other family members such as cousins or great aunts are not classed as close relatives for the purposes of Private Fostering. Private Fostering also includes families hosting overseas students being educated in the UK.

To notify us about a private fostering arrangement in Redbridge, please contact Redbridge Children's Services on 020 8708 3885 or by email CPAT.Referrals@redbridge.gov.uk. For more information please visit our website: <https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/private-fostering>.

