



Weekly Newsletter

Growing Together: Every Day In Every Way

Value of the month
Friendship

Welcome Back

Welcome back! We hope you had a relaxing break. We are pleased to report that the children are settled and happy in their new classes and we have seen some fabulous work including writing and challenging maths activities already. A big warm welcome to also to all our new Reception and Nursery children who have been visiting this week. I have already awarded quite a few Golden Headteacher Awards for exceptional learning.

We know the beginning of term is exciting and also new for both the children and families. Please note the following to ensure a smooth transition into school for your child/children each morning:

- The gates open at 8:45.
- Arrive in the playground by **8:55** when we will ring the bell to signal the start to school.
- Children (including siblings) must be supervised and are not permitted to play on our equipment for insurance purposes.

In Y1 and Y2 it is helpful if adults move away from the lines to allow the children to line up and enter classrooms independently. This will give the children more space to enter the building safely. This is especially important in the Y2 playground where there are 6 classes lining up.

Please leave the site promptly so we can secure the gates and our site.

Please also ensure you are on time to collect your child at the end of the school day, and if it is necessary to change your picking up arrangements, please contact the school office before 1:30pm so we can inform the staff in your child's class.

Have a wonderful weekend.



Philosophy Friday

Watch this space next week for our Philosophy Friday questions

We will have a question or statement here that we also display in school.

Have fun discussing these with each other!

DIARY DATES:

Curriculum Workshops

YR- 25/09/24

Y2- 26/09/24

Y1- 02/10/24

YN- 03/10/24

Flu Vaccinations

4th October

Big Read

11th October (PM)

Parent Consultations

w/b 14th October

To be confirmed

Half Term

24th October

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



Nut Free School

As you may be aware, a number of our pupils in school have nut-based allergies. These reactions can result in anaphylaxis and prove fatal. A person with an allergy does not have to eat nuts or peanuts to have a severe reaction - this can be caused by surface contact and airborne particles. With this in mind, and staff having swiftly identified and removed some nut-based products within packed lunches in the past week, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you that we are a nut-free school and no nut-based products should be brought to school.

Please can we also remind you that, due to allergies across school, snacks at the end of the school day should not be given or consumed until you are off the school premises. Thank you for your support and understanding with this.



Mobile Phones

We would like to remind you not to use mobile phones on the school premises when dropping off or collecting children. There are many reasons for this: firstly, we have a duty to safeguard our children, and the use of mobile devices when children are present, both in our playgrounds and on our school site, is not permitted. Also, we believe that it is really important to talk to your child about their day and their achievements when they are collected from school and as our sign says:

'Greet your child with a smile, not a mobile!'



Pupil Premium Funding

The Government allocates funding to schools to help children from lower income or disadvantaged families do their very best. This funding is called a 'Pupil Premium'. For every child registered, Churchfields Infants' School will receive a maximum of £1480 this year.

With this money we could provide:

- Additional interventions to accelerate your child's academic progress
- Interventions to develop self-esteem, self-confidence and social emotional skills
- Reduced costs for educational visits and experiences
- Additional opportunities to attend educational visits
- Free music tuition
- Subsidised after school clubs
- A free book from the school Book Fair and free signed copies of books following author visits

In the past, families entitled to Pupil Premium funding have received laptops and food vouchers. Applications are confidential and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming. If you have any further questions or require support in applying, please contact either Mr Jelks in the admin team or see Mrs Anderson or Mrs Beck.

School Uniform

Please be reminded of our school uniform policy.

We ask that:

- modesty shorts (if worn) should be in school colours
- over-the-top headbands (unicorns etc.) and earrings are not permitted in school
- socks should be in school colours
- sensible footwear should be worn

While we understood that children had outgrown school shoes at the end of term, all children must now be wearing appropriate school shoes. Further details can be found on our website [here](#).



Curriculum Workshops

We believe that children achieve their very best when we work in partnership with our families. We would like to invite you to our popular workshops which provide a valuable opportunity for you to understand how you can support your child at home with their learning. Last year we held this virtually in the autumn term and in school in the spring term. Listening to your feedback and looking at the attendance figures from last year, we have decided to hold these meetings virtually so as many of you can attend as possible. Dates are as follows:

Reception – Wednesday 25th September
Year 2 – Thursday 26th September
Year 1 – Wednesday 2nd October
Nursery – Thursday 3rd October

Workshops will begin at 5pm and we will send joining details nearer the time

Weekly Maths Challenge

Have a go at one of the below challenges. If you'd like to share any pictures of your child/ren completing these, please send them to the school admin email address (for the attention of Miss Williams, our new Maths Champion). We'd love to feature some of these on next week's newsletter!

Reception:

How many ways can you show five or find the number 5?

Here are a few ideas:

- the number 5 on a clock
- dots on a dice

How many more ways can you find?



Years 1 and 2:

5 monkeys are playing in the park. Each monkey has: 1 curled tail; 1 nose; 2 ears; 2 eyes and 4 legs.

1. How many little ears?
2. How many legs?
3. How many curled tails?
4. How many legs?
5. 2 monkeys go down the slide! How many legs?
6. Can you make up some more questions (and answers!) about the monkeys in the park? You can change how many monkeys there are if you like.



E-Safety Tip of the Week!



With the excitement of a new school year and your child reaching a new milestone, many of us share photos of our child online without thinking about the associated risks.

If you do choose to post online, then try following these basic rules:

- Don't post any photos of your child that show their school logo/name that can make it easy for people to find out their location
- Never include your child's full name
- Are there any other children in the pictures you share online? If yes, do you have permission from their parent/carer to upload it?
- Make sure appropriate privacy settings are on.

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