



Churchfields Infants' School

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Weekly Newsletter

Growing Together: Every Day In Every Way

Value of the month
Friendship

Our fabulous PTA

We would like to thank the PTA for their hard work organising the circus event as part of our 150 year celebrations. We have received fabulous feedback from those who attended and hope to consider this event again in the future.



Our PTA is a much valued part of the Churchfields Infants' School community. It provides the opportunity to build links within our school, make new friends, organise fun events for the children and raise much needed funds for the school and our environment for our children. In recent years, the PTA has funded many additional resources, such as our outdoor play equipment, the musical pathway, the phone box library and our new scooter racks. We are looking for new ideas, new volunteers and new ways to help the PTA grow and become even bigger and better.

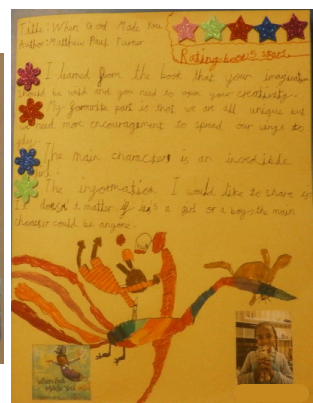
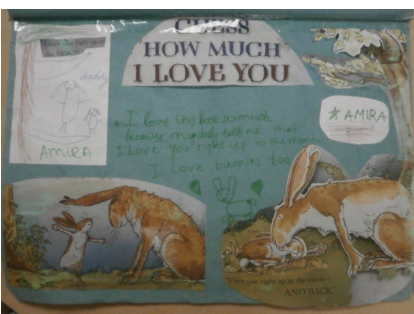
We are hosting a coffee morning on Friday 4th October at 9am, so please come along to meet Mrs Anderson and some of the PTA team to find out how you can help. Every little helps! Please join us if you can. The contact details for the PTA are: pta.churchfields@gmail.com and www.facebook.com/churchfieldsschoolpta



Reading Scrapbooks

At Churchfields Infants' we are always thinking of ways to encourage a love of reading. Our Reading Review Scrapbooks go home with a child each week creating a wonderful opportunity to share favourite books and receive recommendations from peers and other teachers.

Please make sure that this is the children's work. Of course, support them where needed but this is something that they can then share in class and be really proud of. We are looking forward to reading more of their lovely reviews.



Philosophy Friday

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

Would you rather only be able to eat sweetcorn or have to eat broccoli with every meal?

Why?

DIARY DATES:

Curriculum Workshops

YR- 25/09/24

Y2- 26/09/24

Y1- 02/10/24

YN- 03/10/24

Flu Vaccinations

4th October

School Photos

9th October

Big Read

11th October- Not Nursery
(2:45-3:15pm)

Parent Consultations

w/b 14th October

To be confirmed

Phonics Workshop (for Reception families)

18th October 2pm

Half Term

28th October - 1st November

INSET Day

4th November

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

Attendance Bear

The Attendance for the week is as follows:

- 1st Turtle 100%
- 2nd Starfish 99%
- 3rd Octopus 98%

Well done everyone!

AMAZING!



Year 1 and the Pet Potatoes

Year 1 have been reading 'The Pet Potato' in their English lessons, and this week they were given their very own pet potatoes to look after! They have given their potato a name, a personality and have had lots of fun spending time with them in school! Some of them even came to assembly and to Year One singing! The children have kept a diary to remember all the exciting things they have got up to while their pet potato was visiting us at school - have a look at the pictures to see!

Please see our website [here](#) for more fantastic pictures of Year 1 and their pet potatoes!



Contributions for Visits and Activities

We value the children taking part in a wide range of special activities to broaden and enhance their understanding and knowledge of the learning that takes place in school.

Our leaders plan a full programme of events, trips, visitors and experiences that enrich our curriculum and the personal development of our children. Like other schools, for these to go ahead we rely on our families to contribute towards the cost.

Rather than ask families for a contribution per activity, we ask for a contribution for the whole academic year to cover the costs. Please see the email from Mrs Anderson which gives further details of how to pay. Thank you.

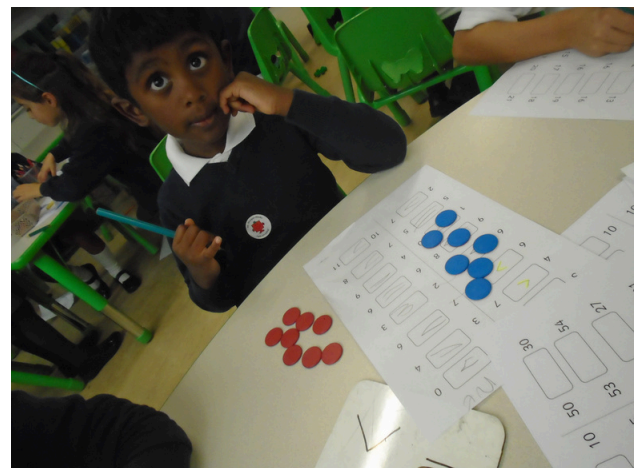
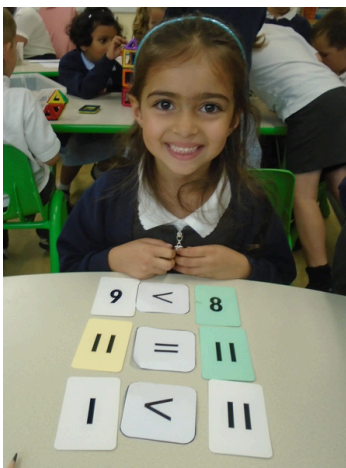


Maths in Reception & Year 1

As part of their carpet time work this week, Reception have started to think about the number 5 and how this can be represented in song. The children have particularly enjoyed singing a range of counting songs, such as '5 Little Ducks', '5 Little Speckled Frogs' and '5 Currant Buns'. They have also liked being able to vote for their favourite song and use a selection props to sing independently during their child-initiated time.



This week, our Year 1 children have built upon last week's work on place value and ordering numbers by starting to explore ordinal numbers. They have also used greater than, less than and equal to symbols to compare small numbers and concrete objects. We have been really impressed with their determination and efforts. Well done, Year One!



Collins eBooks

Thank you to the parents who made us aware that the Collins eBooks passwords were not working. Collins eBooks changed the system over the summer without giving prior warning. The new passwords are delayed and as soon as we have the passwords and user guides we will share them with you. Please continue to read the phonetically decodable Little Wandle books your child brings home. Thank you for your patience.



Lateness

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.

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. 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.

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.

Please make sure your child carries their belongings. Well done to children in Reception who are managing this exceptionally well so far.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation on this matter.



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. **Joining details for YR and Y2 will be emailed on Monday.**

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 Maths Champion). We'd love to feature some of these on next week's newsletter!

Reception:

Play the game of 'Beetle' by taking turns to throw a die. If you throw a 1, you may draw a body; 2 is for the head; 3 is for two antennae; 4 is for six legs; 5 for the eyes and 6 will give your beetle a tail. First one to finish is the winner. Who will be first to complete a beetle? When you have won, you can add a nose and mouth!



Years 1 and 2:

Find some fruit or vegetables (such as an apple or potato or similar).

1. Find 3 different ones – which one do you think will be the heaviest?
2. Now hold them in your hand one at a time – were you right?
3. Can you find 3 things which you think will be lighter than a potato?
4. Can you find 3 things which are heavier?
5. Find your 5 favourite toys – can you put them in order, lightest to heaviest?



E-Safety Tip of the Week!

Safe Searching

There is so much online that we would not want our child to view and even an innocent search can result in inappropriate content being seen. To make our child's online world safer, we would firstly recommend switching on Safesearch settings for the search engine your child uses. However, as not all search engines allow you to 'lock' Safesearch on (so users may be able to simply turn it off), we would encourage you to apply further parental controls.

For some search engines, for example Google, you can set up a Family management account, which will ensure that Safesearch settings cannot be switched off. We would recommend using a family management account (either Google or Microsoft) so even if your child is using a search engine that cannot be locked, there will at least be an additional level of content filtering provided.

In addition to the above, make sure you have set up appropriate parental controls on your home broadband (and any consoles/ devices/ apps/ websites that your child uses/accesses) for example, to restrict access to explicit websites or access to websites that are not suitable for children.

Please remember that no filtering/ parental control is 100% safe, so it is important that you talk to your child about how they can stay safe online and that they should talk to you or another trusted adult if they need to.

CEOP have produced an article exploring what you could do if your child sees something inappropriate online: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/what-to-do-if-your-childhas-seen-something-inappropriate-online/>



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SAVE THE DATES



→ **SEPTEMBER** ←



THURS 12TH
150TH CELEBRATION CIRCUS

→ **OCTOBER** ←

FRIDAY 4TH - RECEPTION
COFFEE MORNING
THURS 17TH - PTA AGM
THURS 24TH - INFANTS CAKE
SALE
FRI 25TH - JUNIORS CAKE
SALE
SAT 26TH - HALLOWEEN
DISCO

→ **NOVEMBER** ←

MON 11TH - FRI 29TH
ONLINE WINTER
AUCTION

→ **DECEMBER** ←

SAT 7TH
WINTER FAYRE

→ **JANUARY** ←



→ **FEBRUARY** ←

THURS 13TH - INFANTS
CAKE SALE
FRI 14TH - JUNIOR CAKE
SALE

→ **MARCH** ←

FRI 28TH - MOTHERS DAY
SALE
(INFANTS & JUNIORS)

→ **APRIL** ←



→ **MAY** ←



→ **JUNE** ←

SAT 7TH
SUMMER FAYRE
FRI 13TH - FATHERS DAY
SALE
(INFANTS & JUNIORS)

→ **JULY** ←



→ **AUGUST** ←

