



Weekly Newsletter

Growing Together: Every Day In Every Way

Value of the month
Friendship

Our RSHE Learning

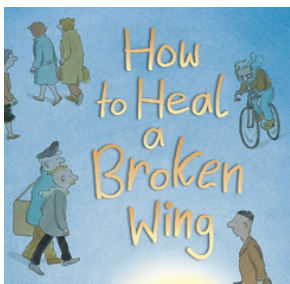
Reception

This week, we have started to look at the 'Big Book of Families' together. We have been thinking about different family types and who is in our own family. Next week, we are looking forward to sharing, and talking about, our family photographs.



Year 1

In Year 1, we have been exploring the differences between kind and unkind behaviour. We have been reading 'How To Heal a Broken Wing' together, considering how small acts of kindness can mean a lot and thinking about how we can look out for people who might need to be shown some kindness.



Year 2

In Year 2, we have been reflecting on how to be a good friend, the actions we can take if someone else is not being a good friend and strategies we can implement if we have an argument with a friend. This links with our current school value of 'friendship'.



Big Read

We are very excited to welcome parents/carers into school for our Big Read, on Friday 11th October, between 2:45 and 3:15pm.

At Churchfields we want to share our passion for reading and know that this works best when a love of reading is modelled and developed both in school and at home. Our Big Reads are a chance to come into school, read and share stories with your child/ren. Weather permitting, we will set up books both inside and outside your child's classroom. It would be helpful if you could bring a blanket if you wish to sit outside. Please arrive promptly as reading begins straight away. If you have other commitments, please feel free to send another relative but school staff are always available to read with children.



Unfortunately, this won't be for Nursery this time. We look forward to seeing you and sharing lots of wonderful books!

Philosophy Friday

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

Would you rather swim in a tank of jellyfish or lie down in a tank of eels?

Why?

DIARY DATES:

Curriculum Workshops

Y1- 02/10/24

YN- 03/10/24

PTA YR Coffee Morning

4th October

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

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

Attendance Bear

The Attendance for the week is as follows:

- 1st Octopus 99%
- 2nd Penguin, Koala & Panda 98%
- 3rd Turtle 97%

Well done everyone!



Update from the PTA

Last year the PTA were very pleased and proud to raise **over £25,000** for Churchfields Infants and Juniors schools.

In addition to the regular bake sales and discos that our children love coming to throughout the year, we were excited to try some new ways to raise money too. We invited new stall holders to our Christmas & Summer Fayres and were thrilled to welcome Happy Circus to Churchfields this month! The children have been making good use of the money raised – reading the Little Wandle decodable books as well as new texts in the Infants' class libraries, and playing on the new football table in the Juniors playground!

What has helped massively this year is finding companies to sponsor and donate, please let us know if your company or a local business would be interested in getting involved. Some companies offer match funding too which can double our income from each event!

Thank you to the parents who support the PTA events by attending and volunteering – we wouldn't have had such a successful year without you. We always welcome new volunteers and we have more than enough space for people to join the core team, we are in particular looking for a chair, secretary and treasurer to join us so please get in touch! pta.churchfields@gmail.com



Music in Nursery

We love singing in the nursery - and it is something we do every day. We use a song board, to help children to choose songs for us all to sing and the children love using this during free play, with one of them pretending to be the teacher and leading singing!

This year we also have a singing area, with musical instruments, props and the children's very own song board pictures.



Curriculum Workshops

Thank you to the families who attended the YR and Y2 workshops this week. Links to recordings and the presentation will be emailed shortly.

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:

Year 1 – Wednesday 2nd October
Nursery – Thursday 3rd October

Workshops will begin at 5pm. **Joining details for Y1 and Nursery will be emailed on Monday.**

Weekly Maths Challenge

Reception

Can you hop on one foot 10 times? Can you clap 10 times?
What else can you do 10 times and count?
Can all your family do it too?

Years 1 and 2

Choose 5 of your favourite toys.
Put them in order from shortest to tallest.
Are any taller than the length of your hand?
Now put them in order from lightest to heaviest.
Are they in the same order?
Which are in a different place?



Take a look at Zaki (Giraffe) & Musa (Hedgehog) enjoying the beetle maths game from last week. Well done!



E-Safety Tip of the Week!



Staying Safe

Our children may not have developed the skills and ability to critically analyse all situations yet so it is important to talk to your child about hoaxes and challenges that may appear on the internet. Some challenges are fun and provide no risk, however there will be challenges that are risky/dangerous. Your child may see others complete certain challenges online without being harmed and therefore may want to repeat them and not consider the potential risks to themselves. Make sure they know that they should talk to you (or another trusted adult) about what they see online, particularly if they plan to try a challenge or if something scares or upsets them. We would always advise that if your child has not heard about an online challenge, then do not draw attention to it as this may lead to them searching for it out of curiosity, so just talk about challenges in a general sense. Reassure your child that challenges that suggest that bad things will happen if they do not complete the tasks are not real. The following link will provide you with further information as well as content to help you talk to your child:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/connecting-safely-online/advice-forparents/tackling-the-hard-stuff-on-social-media-to-support-youngpeople/online-challenges-are-they-harmless/>

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