



## Weekly Newsletter

**Growing Together: Every Day In Every Way**

Value of the month  
**Fairness**

### The Great Fire of London

This week we had a wonderful visit from Rainbow Theatre London, who performed an immersive re-enactment of the Great Fire of London.

The Year 1 children were transported back to 1665 and 1666 where they met Samuel Pepys and King Charles II amongst many others. Every child had a part in exploring what life would have been like during those times.

Please see more photos on our website, [here](#).



### Philosophy Friday

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

**Everything in the world was the same colour. Good idea or bad idea?**

**Why?**

### DIARY DATES:

**PTA Mother's Day Sale**  
28th March

**PTA Easter Egg Hunt**  
4th April

**Last Day of Term**  
4th April

**Half Term**  
7th-21st April

**First Day of Term**  
22nd April

### Signed Book Raffle

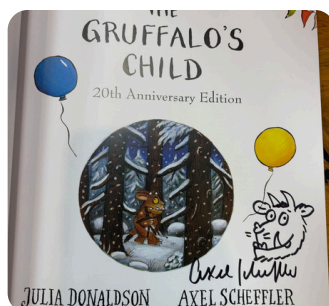
There is still time to enter the raffle to win an official 20th Anniversary Edition of *The Gruffalo's Child*, signed by illustrator Axel Scheffler...

To be in with a chance:

**Bring £1 into school on **by the end of today** in a named envelope**

Your child's name will be entered into the raffle and the winner will be drawn **next Friday**.

If you are entitled to pupil premium funding, your child/ren will be automatically entered into the prize draw.



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

## Lateness

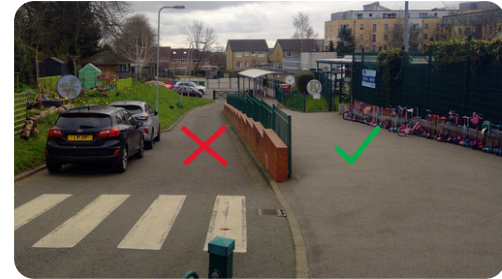
Please ensure that your child is on time for school. Mornings are now getting lighter and children are settled in their routines.

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.

The **Infant School** 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 a couple of minutes later to allow enough time for parents to leave, rather than to enable late children to enter.

**Please note that you must not walk down the road, it is unsafe and used for vehicles only.**

Please make sure your child carries their belongings so they are ready for the day. Often adults return to the office to drop bags and bottles. Obviously, this creates additional workload for our admin staff who often take several items to children during the school day.



## Smartphone Free Schools



You may share our concerns around the increasing use of smartphones in childhood and know that we actively promote '**Greet your child with a smile, not a mobile**' at collection time each day. You may have heard about the new initiative 'Smartphone Free Childhood'. Please see the poster that is attached below.

The Smartphone Free Childhood (SFC) movement is an initiative which we are keen to support. You may not consider this necessary while your child/ren are in the infant school, however, it is interesting to note that nationally **24% of 5 to 7 year old now own a smartphone**. SFC is a valuable programme and is also beneficial as children transition to junior and secondary schools. Many other local schools, including Churchfields Junior School, are promoting this parent-led movement and the associated pledge.

The SFC aim is to create healthier, happier childhoods and to help parents to support each other. Please see <https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/> to read more and sign **The Parent Pact** to join a growing movement of parents. You will find a **special parent-led Churchfields-only SFC WhatsApp group** where you may wish to share your concerns and helpful tips.

In the summer term, we will be hosting an online safety workshop. As part of the event, we will discuss this movement and also consider the transition to Year 3, working with the junior school to facilitate this. Keep an eye out for a date being released very soon.

## Collins eBooks

Well done to all of the families that have been accessing the eBooks on Collins Hub so far. A number of families have reported that when they log in their child hasn't been allocated any books. **Please note the app does not work on mobile phones**, so try logging in on another device. If you continue to have issues, please see your child's class teacher or Mrs Osborne.

## Wellies for Donation

If you have any spare or second hand child-sized wellington boots that you no longer need, Mrs Pert would be extremely grateful for the donation. Spending time in the nurture garden can get quite muddy at times and this would be a great resource to be able to have at school. Also, they are great for planting in too!



## Attendance Bear

The Attendance for the week is as follows:

**1st** Starfish 100%

**2nd** Turtle 99%

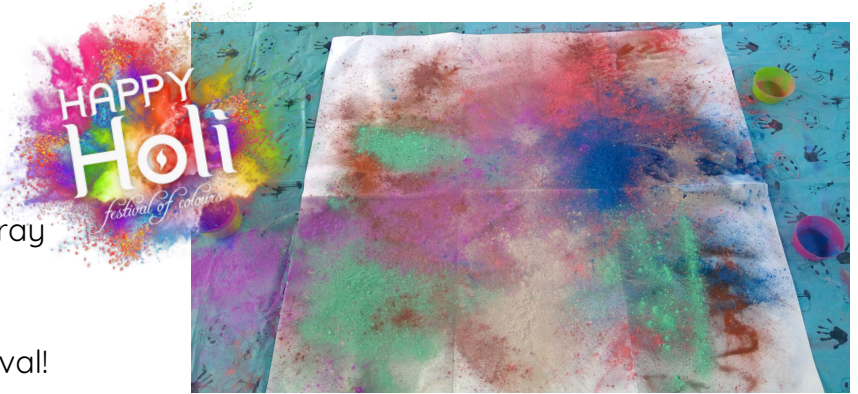
**3rd** Penguin, Giraffe & Koala 98%

Well done everyone!



## Happy Holi

Last week it was Holi, the Hindu festival of colour. Miss Roults led an assembly to learn more about Holi and created our very own powder paint artwork. During Holi, people spray coloured powder solutions at each other and smear it on each other's faces. Happy Holi to our families who celebrate this colourful festival!



## Eid Al-Fitr

With Eid approaching, we understand that some families may wish to celebrate at home on **Monday 31st March**.

To aid our administration process, can we ask that **if you plan to keep your child at home that you complete the online absence form by following the link: <https://tinyurl.com/CISEid25>**



On **Tuesday 1st April** we will be learning about Eid and invite all children to wear special celebration clothes to school as part of occasion. As with all our special days, make sure clothes are suitable and safe for school. Each class will share dried fruits together and the children will enjoy exploring how Eid is celebrated across the world. We learn about many different festivals through the year as an important part of our personal development offer.

Our RE mantra states, "RE helps us to learn about and respect what our friends believe."

## Enrichment Clubs & Wrap-around Care

We have a few spaces remaining in some of our enrichment clubs (gardening, film and chess), as well as Breakfast Club and Teatime Together. Please visit our website [here](#) for further details.



## Year 1 & 2 Computing

In Year 1, the children have been hard at work as TV chefs! They have been breaking a recipe (about making a delicious jam sandwich!) down into small steps then using video features on the tablets to record themselves carrying out the instructions. Our next steps are to edit the videos and add audio commentary.



This half term, Year 2 are focusing on being safe researchers. They are focusing on what research is, how to structure questions using a mindmap tool and safely conduct research. Their next steps are to use the research to create a presentation and develop their presentation skills.



## PTA Information

Please see the important PTA information in the PTA News section below. This includes information regarding the **Mother's Day Sale**, **Easter Egg Hunt** and **School Fayre** advertising.



## Buttons and Pearls in Nursery

This half term in nursery, our topic is 'buttons and pearls'. We have been counting, sorting, threading and playing with buttons, reading stories about what happens when we press buttons and doing button art. This week we found out about London's 'other royal family' - the pearly kings and queens, who are celebrating their 150th anniversary this year. We are lucky enough to have a real-life pearly prince in the nursery and he and his dad showed us their pearly costumes, decorated with hundreds of buttons, and told us about what it means to be a 'pearly'.



## Weekly Maths Challenge

### Reception

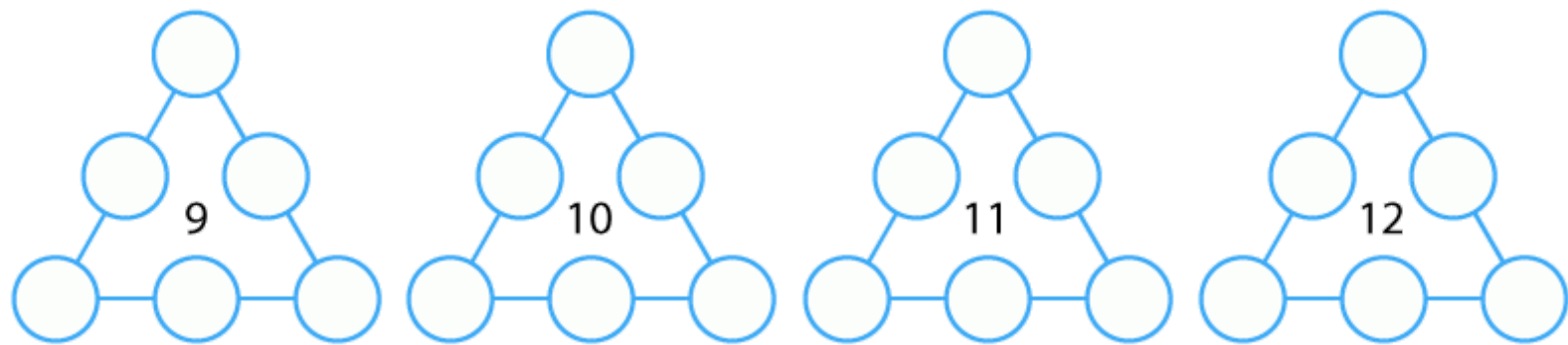
This week, we have been exploring the number 9. We have been considering how 9 can be represented, looking at 9 on a tens frame and thinking about the composition of 9. Can you show different ways of making 9? We'd love to see some of your work!



### Years 1 and 2

Arrange the numbers 1 to 6 in each set of circles below.

The sum of each side of the triangle should equal the number in the centre of the triangular shape. How are you going about trying to find an arrangement that works?



You might like to use this interactivity to try out your ideas:

<https://nrich.maths.org/problems/number-round>

You can drag the numbers into the circles, and, if you like, you can put the total in the centre of the circle to remind you what you are aiming for!



## E-Safety Tip of the Week!



### Cyberbullying Conversations

The link below provides expert tips to help you talk about cyberbullying with your child/ren at home. These are organised into the categories '6-10', '11-13', '14+' and 'my child is vulnerable'. The headings for each age group are broken down into:

1. Before you start the conversation
2. Things to talk to them about
3. What to do next
4. Getting further help

[www.internetmatters.org/issues/cyberbullying/cyberbullying-conversation-starter-guide/](http://www.internetmatters.org/issues/cyberbullying/cyberbullying-conversation-starter-guide/)

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# PTA



## • Mothers Day Sale

The PTA are hosting a Mother's Day sale.

If you would like your child to purchase a gift for their loved one, please send them into school (**Rec, Y1 and Y2 only**) on **Friday 28th March** with their money in a sealed envelope with their name, class and amount of money written on the front. Please also note if you are happy to donate your leftover change.

The gifts available will be priced between **£2 - £12**. See poster for more details.



## • Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Bunny is getting ready and is very excited to visit our Nursery and Infant children, on **4th April**, to help with their Easter Egg Hunt.

The children will hunt for 3 tokens, which they will exchange for a chocolate (or allergy-safe) egg. The event has been kindly sponsored by Le Mahzen Chocolatier- thank you!

If you would like your child to take part in the Easter Egg Hunt, please go to our online events page to buy your ticket: [www.pta-events.co.uk/churchfields](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/churchfields).



## • Summer Fayre Advertising Boards

We are starting to get ready for our Summer Fayre on the **7 June**.

Stow Brothers are kindly sponsoring us again this year and we can receive £1000 for 100 advertising boards. These will only be outside your home for a couple of weeks.

**This is a very easy way for us to secure £1000 for the school.**

Please sign up it only takes under a minute! Thank you! Please click the link below:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdXXetVXnPyHo9Vwoq6ZD96p7lJdx5n5r7ukUz4ngRv829LuQ/viewform?pli=1>



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**Website:**

<https://www.facebook.com/churchfieldsschoolpta>





Smartphone Free Childhood is a grassroots movement of parents who believe childhood's too short to be spent on a smartphone

## We're on a mission to

01.

**Bring parents together** to start new and positive conversations about the problems of smartphones and social media in childhood

02.

**Empower parents to wait to get their kids a smartphone** until at least the end of Year 9, through signing up to the Parent Pact in their region

03.

**Demonstrate that parents are demanding change** at scale, and therefore force the government and tech companies to act

## Why we're doing this now

We've been put in an impossible position by the tech companies. It's a lose lose - either allow our children access to something all the evidence tells us is damaging, or say no and risk alienating them among their peers at a crucial stage of their social development.

**We believe something needs to change, and it starts with all of us.**

## How you can get involved

**Sign the Parent Pact** - Join the growing movement of parents choosing to delay - it takes 30 seconds  
[parentpact.smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk](https://parentpact.smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk)

**Join your WhatsApp community** - Find solidarity, support and inspiration - we have one in every county in Britain  
[whatsapp.smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk](https://whatsapp.smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk)

**Help build the movement** - Volunteer to be a Regional Leader and start making change in your community  
[regionalleadersignup.smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk](https://regionalleadersignup.smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk)

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