



Churchfields Infants School

Weekly Newsletter

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8th September 2023

Value of the
month
Kindness

Growing Together: Every Day In Every Way

Welcome Back!

A big warm welcome to all our new Reception and Nursery children. It has been a pleasure walking around the school spending time with the children who are settling brilliantly and working very hard. I have already awarded quite a few Golden Headteacher Awards for exceptional learning.

For those returning, please remember your child has enjoyed being at home for several weeks, so you will need to allow time for your child to become more confident in their new surroundings. The most effective way of helping your child to settle is to make sure they attend regularly and arrive promptly every morning. Mrs Beck and I will be ready to greet you at the gate.

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.

Please see our [photo gallery](#) for more photos.



Philosophy Friday

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

**Would you
rather be
a cat or a dog?**

Why?

DIARY DATES:

Curriculum Workshops

Reception - 27th September

Year 1 - 28th September

Year 2 - 4th October

Nursery - 5th October

Parent Consultations

W/C 16th October

To be confirmed

Flu Vaccinations

20th October

Half Term

23rd - 27th October

INSET Day

30th October

Individual Photos

8th November

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

Clubs

At Churchfields Infants' School we are always looking for new ways to inspire our children to love learning and also create a wide range of experiences and opportunities that enhance our curriculum.

As of next week, our clubs will return.

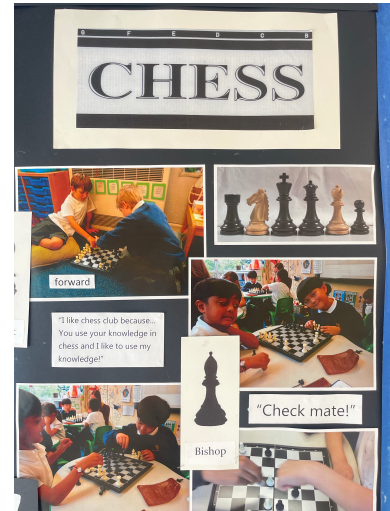
Monday - Multi-Sport and Lego.

Tuesday - Gymnastics, Film and Book.

Wednesday - Athletics, Art Skills and Art & Craft.

Thursday - Football, Chess, Mindfulness.

Friday - Cricket.



Our Outdoor Learning Area

September is here once again and we are lucky to have the wonderful weather to return to. We are entering into the second phase of planning our Outdoor Area, with a vision to create a biodiversity environment for our children to be part of and enjoy. We wish to support wildlife and habitats by introducing mini ponds, bug hotels and small wildflower areas. We shall receive a delivery of shrubs and trees from the Wildlife Trust in November which will need planting. After a dark winter, we all think of spring, so now is the time for us to start planting bulbs as autumn slowly arrives.

We have kindly received a small donation from Waitrose to help with purchasing plants but we are in need of any building material such as logs, palettes, stone and pebbles to help create these spaces. We would very much appreciate any donations from works you may have had done and materials that are no longer needed. Please ask family and friends.

As always, we thank you for your continued support. Please look out for dates when the planting will begin with more information to follow.



Reading Review Scrapbooks

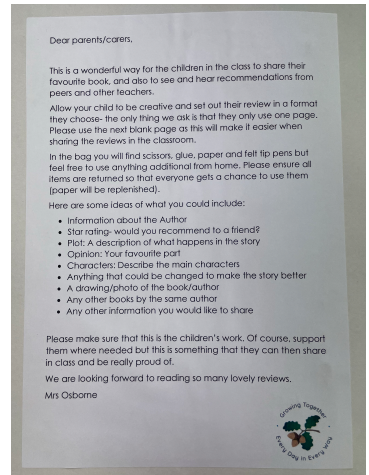
At Churchfields Infants' we are always thinking of ways to encourage a love of reading.

We are excited to announce that we will be sending home Reading Review Scrapbooks. The books will go home with a child each week creating a wonderful opportunity to share favourite books and receive recommendations from peers and other teachers.

Why not browse the books in our Telephone Lending Library or visit the local library to discover some new favourites.

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 your lovely reviews.



Nut Policy

We would like to remind parents that our school has a strict '**No Nut Policy**'. We have children in school who have **severe** (airborne) nut allergies.

We ask that you do not give your child any nut products (including chocolate spread) if they have a packed lunch and also ask children to refrain from eating snacks on our premises before and after school. We thank you for your support and understanding in this matter.



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!'



Philosophy Friday

Here at Churchfields, the children take part in P4C - Philosophy for Children. Each week we will post a new question on the newsletter for you to discuss at home with your children. Please see the front page for this week's question.

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:

Year 2 – 4th October.

Year 1 – 28th September.

Reception – 27th September.

Nursery – 5th October.

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

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.



Alternatively, you could just share photos with those who you really want to share the photo with (grandparents etc.) via WhatsApp or iMessage rather than via social media.



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