



Churchfields Infants' School Weekly Newsletter

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Value of the
month
Peace

Growing Together: Every Day In Every Way

Day-Glow Day!

Today was our Day Glow Day, which is an integral part of our Road Safety Week. Children have been learning how to stay safe on the roads, especially as the evenings are darker when the children leave school.



Design & Technology In Year 2

In Year 2 this week, the children have started a new Design and Technology project where we will be designing and then creating our own vehicles. The first step was to explore what wheels and axles are and how many various vehicles need to have. The children experimented with 3 different ways to attach their wheels and axles to a vehicle; cardboard triangles, straws and clothes pegs. They had lots of fun working cooperatively to create their vehicles and we then discussed the pros and cons of each method ahead of creating our own designs next week!



Philosophy Friday

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

School every day of the year.
A good idea or a bad idea?

Why?

DIARY DATES:

Flu Vaccinations
29th November

PTA Christmas Fayre
2nd December
12:00 - 4:00 pm

Reception Visit
4th & 12th December

Jolly Jumper Day
6th December
Details to follow

Festive Read
8th December

Nursery Tours
14th December 10:00
11th January 10:00

Reception Tour
5th January at 9:15 am

Nursery Open Evening
10th January 5-6pm

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

Book Corner Competition

We are pleased to announce that the winner of our book corner competition is...

Octopus Class!

The children and adults have all worked extremely hard to create a wonderful reading space. Well done everyone.



Year 1 History Workshop

This week our Year 1 children took part in a fascinating workshop run by historians from Epping Forest Museum. They travelled back in time 150 years, beyond living memory, to find out if toys that children played with in the past are the same or different to toys now. The workshop enabled the children to develop their historical enquiry skills as they looked carefully at a diary from the past and handled artefacts. The children impressed our visitors with their observation skills and thoughtful questions.



PTA Christmas Fayre

The PTA are collecting Christmas tree chocolates for the fayre.

Our PTA would be grateful if they received any donations of chocolate Christmas tree decorations by Friday 1st December. We would also appreciate any dairy-free and nut-free options to accommodate those with allergies. Please bring any donations to the school office.



Attendance Bear

The winners for the week beginning 13th November are:

1st Giraffe, Octopus, Starfish 97%

2nd Turtle, Jaguar 96%

3rd Koala, Panda 95%

Well done everyone!



Book Competition

Thank you so much to everyone that entered our 'Don't Judge a Book By Its Cover' Competition. We had a large number of entries which made it really difficult to select the winners. All entries were very much valued and the children have explored lots of book talk from taking part in this activity. There were some super titles.

Your child may wish to write their story and we will be able to share them with their teachers and peers in school.

We have chosen a winner from each year group and they are:

Elizabeth in Squirrel Class, Jacob A in Octopus Class and Alra in Jaguar Class.

We also have two bonus winners for outstanding effort.

Theo in Giraffe class was selected, not only did he create an exciting front cover, he also wrote the first chapter of the story!

Nico in Butterfly class was also selected because he has been working hard on his fine motor skills both at school and home. His creation was absolutely beautiful and he had clearly put a lot of hard work into it.



Festive Read

You are invited to our Festive Read on **Friday 8th December at 9 am**. This time, Nursery will also join in. This will be a lovely start to the day for the children and for you.

We would love for you (parents/carers) to wear something festive and bring a favourite festive book to read with your child/ren. Please make sure you put your name in all books you bring with you.

As always, we will also provide a wide selection of books for you to enjoy.

Nursery Open Evening

We would like to invite parents and carers to an open evening on **Wednesday 10th January** when you can come and view the nursery, chat to the nursery teachers and ask any questions you might have.

Feel free to drop in between **5 and 6 pm** - no need to book.



Christmas Concert

We are very excited to be able to invite parents into school for our Christmas performances this year. Please note we do not allow siblings or other babies / children to attend our concerts - please refer to the letter emailed to parents on the 20th November.

Tuesday 12th December at 9:15am - Y1 Penguin and Starfish

Wednesday 13th December at 9:15am - Y1 Turtle and Octopus

Wednesday 13th December at 2:30pm - YR Hedgehog and Butterfly

Thursday 14th December at 9:15am - Y2 Panda and Giraffe

Thursday 14th December at 2:30pm - YR Squirrel and Ladybird

Friday 15th December at 9:15am - Y2 Koala and Jaguar

School Admissions 2024

If your child is starting Reception, transferring from infant to junior school, or transferring from primary to secondary school in September 2024, you must apply online at www.redbridge.gov.uk/schools/schooladmissions/. Application rounds are now open and must be **submitted by 15th January 2024**.

The deadline for parents and carers to apply for primary school places for children born between 01/09/2019 and 31/08/2020 is on **15th January 2024**. Please note that where parents are intending to request deferred entry for their summer-born children, they still need to apply by this deadline.

Further information on applying for primary school, as well as the link to the e-Admissions portal, can be found at <https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/schools/primary-school-admissions/>.

E-Safety Tip of the Week!



Online Safety Storybooks

Do you enjoy sharing and reading storybooks with your child/ren? The following books are a fantastic age-appropriate way to raise awareness and understanding around online safety:

-Webster's Friend by Hannah Whaley

-Dot by Randi Zuckerberg

-Old MacDonald Had a Phone by Jeanne Willis and Tony Ross

-Chicken Clicking by Jeanne Willis and Tony Ross

-Troll Stinks by Jeanne Willis and Tony Ross



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COME AND VISIT

SANTA'S GROTTO

AT CHURCHFIELDS CHRISTMAS FAYRE

SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER

12 - 4PM

BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW AT

www.pta-events.co.uk/churchfields

Tickets £4



Santa's Grotto has been kindly donated by
Pack Your PJ's bell tent & teepee hire



Churchfields School Christmas Fayre

Saturday 2nd December

12-4pm

Come and join us for festive fun!

- Food • Drinks • Stalls • Gifts • Choir
- Cakes • Raffle • Tombola • Funfair • Games

Adults £1 entry
Kids go free!



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CHRISTMAS LUNCH MENU

**Roast Turkey, Yorkshire Pudding, Stuffing
& Gravy**

or

**Halal Roast Turkey, Yorkshire Pudding,
Stuffing & Gravy**

or

**Tomato & Mozzarella Puff

**Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Peas

Chocolate Ice Cream Log

or

Fresh Fruit

We hope to see your child for a fun festive lunchtime experience!



Dietary Safeguarding

Christmas Lunch Menu

December 2023

**Roast Turkey or Halal Roast Turkey with Gravy,
served with Roast Potatoes**

or

SD Vegetable & Butter Bean Ragu

Carrots & Peas

SD Lemon Biscuit

P.S. Halal served where requested by school.