



Churchfields Infants' School Weekly Newsletter

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Value of the month
Hope

Growing Together: Every Day In Every Way



Festive Read

What a fantastic turnout we had! We would like to say a big thank you to all the adults who attended our Big Read. The children had lots of fun listening to all the stories. We promote a love of reading within school and it is so valuable to model this at home too. Keep checking the newsletters for our next event.

Philosophy Friday

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

Would you choose no iPads or no television?

Why?

DIARY DATES:

Last Day Of Term
20th December

Back To School
4th January

Reception Tour
5th January at 9:15 am

Nursery Open Evening
10th January 5-6pm

Nursery Tours
11th January at 10 am

Year 2 Workshop
17th January

Nursery Workshop
18th January

Nursery Stay & Play
30th January

Reception Workshop
31st January

Year 1 Workshop
1st February

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



End Of Term

We are so proud of our children who performed magnificently in their Christmas concerts this week. Thank you for your kind words of encouragement and for supporting the children. Thank you to the staff team have worked very hard to prepare concerts. Thank you to everyone for your generous donations, we have raised an amazing total of **£730**. This year, we will be raising money for our school so we can enhance our playground spaces and equipment.

It has been a busy, successful term and have enjoyed watching the children learn and grow. I have given out so many Golden Headteacher Awards. It really is the highlight of my day when a child appears at my door bursting with pride and keen to show me their work or tell me how they have challenged themselves in their learning!

This is our last Newsletter of the term and I wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah and happy holidays for when we break up on Wednesday 20th December. I look forward to seeing you all on Thursday 4th January.

Mrs Anderson



Attendance Bear

The Attendance for the whole term is as follows:

1st Starfish 98%

2nd Koala 97%

3rd Panda 96.9%

Huge congratulations to Starfish who have the highest attendance for the whole term. Please also read the letter that was sent this week regarding term time absence.



End Of Term Parties

We are very excited to be holding our Christmas parties at school on **Monday 18th December**. Children are invited to wear their own clothes, as we will be holding parties all afternoon.

Each teacher has been in touch regarding party food. Please do sign up to bring a small amount of food for your child's class to enjoy during the afternoon and bring it to school with you on the morning of the party.

If your child has an EpiPen, please send them to school with their own party food in a lunchbox or bag to ensure they have food that is safe for them to eat.

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.

School Admissions 2024 - Reminder

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/>.

Nursery Stay & Play

Spend some time playing with your child in Nursery! Nursery are hosting a Stay and Play on **Tuesday 30th January**.

Morning session 8:45 – 10:00 am

Afternoon session 1:00 – 2:00 pm
(from 12:45 pm for parents of afternoon children)

Please remember not to use mobile phones while on-site. Younger children are welcome but must be kept with you.



E-Safety Tip of the Week!

Age Ratings

Please see attached an informative poster about age ratings and support in assessing whether a particular title is appropriate for your child. As well as, a '12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a Tech-Free Christmas' poster.



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12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holidays are tailor-made for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company – but with distractions like ping-pong notifications, the lure of games consoles and online boxing day sales, that can be more difficult than it sounds. Staying off our phones, laptops and tablets, however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season... You be glad you did! Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS CRAFTING
Get out the paper, glue and scissors and have a go at hand-making cards or gift tags. You could also create your own decorations to add a uniquely personal touch to the Christmas tree.

NATURE QUEST
Try a scavenger hunt in the garden or your local park. Challenge yourself and your family to find a collection of items from the wildlife of this time of year – like holly or pinecones, say.

CAROL KARAOKE
Sing your hearts out with a Christmas carol karaoke night. Pick out your favourite tapes and invite your family and friends to join in.

WANDER DOWN MEMORY LANE
How about making a scrapbook filled with your favourite memories from Christmas past? It's a fun way to share the skills you enjoy reliving those magical holiday moments.

TRY REFLECTIVE JOURNALING
Jot down your thoughts, feelings and reflections in a notebook or diary – you could also list some of your main goals for the new year.

WRAP IT UP
Take time to get inventive with your wrapping. Break out the paper, ribbons and bows to make parcelling up those presents into a creative adventure.

Meet Our Expert
Anna Wood is a digital marketing expert with 15 years' experience in digital marketing, education, communications and brand experience. She is a frequent speaker at industry events and staff with the knowledge and skills to engage their audience into innovative campaigns where the needs and wants of people and performance is prioritised.

WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND
Delight in the great outdoors with some gentle walks over the holiday. The family can all wrap-up warm as you add to your step-count and savour the crisp winter air together.

BE A SEASONAL CHEF
Get the whole family working together in the kitchen to choose a recipe and whip up a festive feast that all of you can enjoy.

ENJOY A CHRISTMAS STORY
Christmas is a perfect time for watching a classic tale. Pick out your favourite and enjoy it with your family. A modern favourite by Chris van Allsburg or Tom Fletcher.

SNOWY SCULPTURES
If we're fortunate enough to get a little snow this year, it's a great opportunity to have a family snowman-building competition!

GAMES NIGHT GALA
Dive into some old-school board games and card games have stood the test of time for a reason!

GOODWILL TO ALL
You and your family could spend a day volunteering – perhaps at a food bank or helping a local charity. After all, kindness and thinking of others are part of what Christmas is all about.

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What parents need to know about AGE RATINGS

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If you have children, it is understandable to have concerns about the films and TV shows they watch, as well as the games they play. In this guide, we take a look at the two official ways you can assess if a particular title is suitable for your child. Both the BBFC and PEGI have search facilities on their websites that can be used to look up individual titles so you can check their ratings.

RATINGS FOR FILMS, TV & MUSIC VIDEOS

Since 1912, the BBFC (British Board of Film Classification) has informed UK residents of the age suitability of films, TV and music videos – providing parents with the information needed to assess whether or not it is appropriate for their child's age. This applies to cinema releases, DVDs and streaming video services such as Netflix.

WHAT ARE THE BBFC RATINGS?

BBFC ratings are broken down into seven age categories:

- U** Universal, suitable for all ages
- PG** Parental Guidance required
- 12** Suitable for ages 12 and over
- 12A** Suitable for ages 12 and over, accompanied by an adult
- 15** Suitable for people aged 15 and over
- 18** Suitable for people aged 18 and over
- R18** Adult content only available in specialist retailers

WHAT ELSE CAN BBFC REVEAL?

Accompanied with the age suitability rating, BBFC also provide an additional warning regarding the content and what to expect, such as sexual, violent or violent and strong language. This content is also rated in three levels: frequent, mild or strong.

LIMITATIONS OF BBFC RATINGS

It's important to note that there is no obligation on streaming video services to use or display BBFC ratings. Due to this, we advise that you check the rating online before your child streams the content. It may also be a good idea to watch the content first yourself or discuss it with other parents to help you decide whether or not it is suitable for your child.

RATINGS FOR GAMES

PEGI (Pan European Game Information) is a content rating system that ensures all video games are labelled with a minimum age recommendation. These age recommendations are based on the types of content featured within a game. With each game, PEGI also provides a content descriptor that indicates the potential issues and concerns, including sex, violence, bad language and drugs.

WHAT ARE THE PEGI RATINGS?

PEGI ratings are split into age restriction and content descriptors. Additional content descriptors help parents and children to understand the type of content featured within a particular game, including sex, fear, bad language, discrimination, gambling, drugs, violence, and in-game purchases. In combination, the two different ratings can provide a good level of information to help make informed decisions regarding the suitability for your child.

- 3** Suitable for ages 3 and over
- 7** Suitable for ages 7 and over
- 12** Suitable for ages 12 and over
- 16** Suitable for ages 16 and over
- 18** Suitable for ages 18 and over

PEGI content descriptors are broken down into eight categories:

- DRUGS**
- SEX**
- SMOKING**
- ALCOHOL**
- DISCRIMINATION**
- LANGUAGE**
- VEGANCE**
- INTEGRITY**

LIMITATIONS OF PEGI RATINGS

It's possible for young people to buy games online without a required proof of age, opening them up to age-inappropriate content without your knowing. We advise that you regularly monitor your child's gaming activities and maintain a honest and healthy dialogue with them about the online world.

PARENTAL CONTROLS

It is a good idea to put in place parental controls for all online accounts which your child may use to purchase or download online games e.g. The App Store, Google Play Store, PlayStation Store and Microsoft Xbox Store etc.

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