



# Churchfields Infants' School Weekly Newsletter

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Value of the  
month  
*Thoughtfulness*

Growing Together: Every Day In Every Way

## Happy 150th Birthday Churchfields

Happy 150th birthday to our school!

On Tuesday we held a special assembly for Year 1 and Year 2 led by Mrs Paczynska, our History Champion, to launch our school's 150th birthday celebration. There was lots of audience participation from the children as we looked at objects and people and decided which were older or younger than the school. Many thanks to Queen Victoria for making a special appearance in the assembly!

To mark this sesquicentennial anniversary, we will be holding a number of exciting activities over the year and learning more about our school's history.



## Harmonica Performance

On Wednesday we were very lucky to have a musician in school to perform to all our children. Dave talked to us about the different types of harmonicas and how he had learned to play at the same age as some of our children are right now. The children thoroughly enjoyed this visit with many inspired to take up the harmonica. Dave also talked about one of the artists that we have been exploring in assemblies, Stevie Wonder, and the type of harmonica that he plays.

Thank you to Miss Lowery and Mrs Beck for organising this special performance. We hope that many children are inspired to learn an instrument, maybe even the harmonica!



## Philosophy Friday

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

**Tables that are made from chocolate. Good idea or bad idea?**

**Why?**

### DIARY DATES:

**Parent Consultations**  
12th February 3:40-6pm

**Half Term**  
19th - 23rd February

**INSET Day**  
26th February

**World Book Day**  
8th March

**PTA Mother's Day Sale**  
8th March

**Online Safety Workshop**  
15th March at 9:00am

**Stay & Play**  
21st March

**Victorian Dress Up Day**  
22nd March

**PTA Easter Egg Hunt**  
28th March

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

## Lunar New Year

On Saturday the Lunar New Year begins. Lunar New Year is a celebration of the arrival of spring and it is an important festival in China, Vietnam, North and South Korea and many other places in southeast Asia. It is celebrated all over the world. This year is the year of the dragon.

To celebrate, every child decorated a scale which we used to create a huge colourful dragon. Isn't it wonderful? Happy new year!



## Walk To School Challenge

The school are entering into the WOW - the walk to school challenge.

You will receive an email with a template for the children to design their own badge.

The theme this year is 'Walk with Imagination' we want you to imagine a different walk to school and draw it. What would it feel to fly like a bird, hop around like a kangaroo or even moon walk like an astronaut? Explore your surroundings and re-imagine your walk however you like. The design needs to be returned to school by **26th February**. The entries will be judged by WOW - the walk to school challenge campaign, which encourages pupils to walk, wheel, cycle or scoot to school by rewarding them each month with a special WOW badge! The winning design will be turned into an actual badge!

We can't wait to see your designs.



## Attendance Bear

The Attendance for the whole term is as follows:

- 1st** Panda 98%
- 2nd** Octopus, Jaguar and Koala 97%
- 3rd** Giraffe 96%

Well done everyone!



## PTA Thank You

Thank you to our wonderful PTA team who organised our Valentine's Cake Sale. The cakes looked delicious, so a big thank you to everyone who donated both homemade and shop-bought cakes. The sale was really popular.

Our PTA work hard to raise funds for our school which really do benefit the children. It is also a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends and become part of the team.

## PTA Mother's 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 (Reception, Y1 and Y2 only) on **Friday 8th March** with a named envelope containing the money.

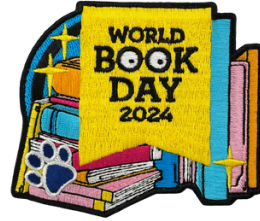


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## World Book Day And The Big Read

It's nearly World Book Day and we are busy planning a wonderful day of exciting activities. We will celebrate on **Friday 8th March**, please send children into school in weather appropriate pyjamas and shoes (no onesies or slippers).

We will also host our **Big Read at 9:15 am on Friday 8th March**. Our Big Reads are a chance to come into school, read and share stories with your child/ren - save the date.



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## Online Safety Workshop

This week, we have sent a detailed letter about e-safety. Please do take a look if you haven't yet had an opportunity to do so. As part of this, we have provided information about an upcoming parent workshop. On **Friday 15th March, at 9:00am**, we will be hosting an online safety workshop in the school hall. This event is open for all parents and carers to attend. It is designed to cover a range of topics, such as age-ratings, parental controls and helping your child to develop healthy online habits in a rapidly advancing technological age. Afterwards, at 9:30am, we will run a drop-in session until 10.30am. The aim of this is for you to come by and request support with devices, or to speak with us individually about any queries or concerns.

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## Victorian Dress-Up Day

We are celebrating our 150th year and we are working together alongside our PTA to organise a number of exciting events over the year.

We are delighted to announce that we will be holding a special dress-up day on **Friday 22nd March** as part of our celebrations. This event will include the nursery, infants and junior school children and we are asking that the children come to school dressed as pupils would from the Victorian era.

Please do not feel pressured to buy expensive costumes. It is time to be creative and use what you can find at home. As part of the day, we ask that pupils bring a penny to school as they would have back in 1874. We are both looking forward to this wonderful opportunity to learn about life at Churchfields in the past and celebrate our history.

Please see the letter sent on Thursday 1st February for more information.



## Nursery Stay & Play

Spend some time playing with your child in Nursery! Nursery are hosting a Stay and Play on **Thursday 21st March**.

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!



This week on Tuesday, it has been Safer Internet Day and these top tips have been written for you to share, and talk about, with your children. It's never too early to talk about life online!

### Inspire change by spending time online together

As your child starts to spend more time online and on devices, there will be opportunities for them to interact with others, make decisions and see a wide variety of content. Spending time with your child online together is an important part of them learning how they should behave and what to do if they are ever worried, upset or unsure about something on the internet.

### Make a difference by having regular discussions about the online world

As your child learns about the internet, they will likely have lots of thoughts and questions. Having regular discussions with your child gives them opportunities to tell you about the things they like doing online, as well as any concerns and worries they may have. A great time to have these conversations is whilst you are spending time online as a family.

### Manage influence by being aware of the different things which engage your child online

Your child might be influenced by a range of different things when online, such as exciting adverts, their favourite characters, and even by their friends. Not all influence online is negative, but it is important to be aware of what is engaging your child online and the impact this could have on them as they get older. Balance online influences with your own and your child's thoughts by talking about what they see and hear.

### Navigate change by having a clear picture of your child's developing interests

As your child grows up, their interests and hobbies will constantly change, and the things they are doing online are no different. Something they liked yesterday may be something they've lost interest in today. It is important to be curious and stay up to date with the games, apps and sites they are using and the safety settings available, so that you can help keep them safe as they start to explore the online world more.

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