



Weekly Newsletter

Growing Together: Every Day In Every Way

Value of the month
Thoughtfulness

World Book Day Next Week!



Philosophy Friday

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

You should think of others before yourself. Do you agree or disagree with this?

Why?

DIARY DATES:

World Book Day & Big Read (AM)
5th March

Nursery Stay & Play
5th March

Catch-up Phonics Workshops
(by invitation only)
Y1 - 9th March
YR - 16th March

PTA Mother's Day Sale
13th March

PTA Easter Egg Hunt
27th March

Last Day of Term
27th March

Spring Holiday
30th March - 10th April

First Day of Term
13th April

World Book Day takes place on **Thursday 5th March**. We have planned several events to take place to celebrate our love of books and reading:

- For Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, we are inviting families into school for our special WBD Big Read from **8:55 to 9:25am**. Children (and adults if you wish!) are encouraged to come into school wearing pyjamas and with their favourite (named) books ready to join our 'Bookfast'.
- Nursery will host a '**Stay and Play**' session (with children also wearing pyjamas!) which will include time for reading. The times are as follows:



Morning session 8:45 – 10:00 am

Afternoon session 1:00 – 2:00 pm

(from 12:45 pm for parents of afternoon children)



We look forward to seeing you there! Please see [Newsletter 21](#) for more details.

Reading Potato

Your child will be bringing home their potato **today** to decorate for World Book Day!



This should be the children's own work, with lots of talking and sharing ideas together at home. This is not a competition, it's a fun activity to spark lovely conversations about favourite stories and characters.

Please return your decorated potato to school by 2nd March so we can share the characters with classes and put together a whole-school display for everyone to enjoy on WBD.



We can't wait to see all of the wonderful creations!

A top tip for using paint on your potato: add PVA glue to the paint to help it stick!

Y2 – Junior School Transition

Year 2 children will bring home a New Entrants Transition Booklet provided by the Junior School in their bookbags today.



Although it is only February, there is a lot of work already happening behind the scenes to prepare for a smooth transition for our Year 2 children to the Junior school! The booklet contains important details about the process, curriculum and other information for you and your child/ren.

Please **complete the forms on pages 23-28** and **return them to the Junior School Office** as soon as possible, before Monday 9th March.

Year 1 and The Great Fire of London

Year 1 have started to learn about a new topic. We will be learning about a significant event from beyond living memory, the Great Fire of London. Having discussed how historians think the fire started in a bakery, we worked together to make some bread! The children had lots of fun following the recipe and becoming bakers. While we measured the ingredients, kneaded our dough and waited for it to bake, we thought about what it would have been like to make bread in 1666. This resulted in many delicious loaves of bread and lots of excitement for what we will learn next!



Lunar New Year Noodles- Reception

As mentioned in the last newsletter, Lunar New Year is one of the most important celebrations of the year amongst East and Southeast Asian cultures, including Chinese, Vietnamese and Korean communities, amongst others. It was traditionally a time to honour deities as well as ancestors and it has also become a time to feast! Reception have celebrated the festival by learning all about the traditions as well as cooking (and eating!) some Asian rice noodles. See some more photos on our website [here](#).



CJS Young Voices Choir

Thank you to Mrs Field and the wonderful Junior School Choir who performed for us this week. We enjoyed watching the choir perform some fantastic songs and even joined in with the 'air guitar' section of one! The children were amazed to watch a live performance. It was a wonderful opportunity for our Year 2 children to find out about life at the Junior School and for us to observe how past children have grown!



Have you watched our Curriculum Workshop videos yet?

Our teachers worked incredibly hard to create these workshops to explain year group expectations, key milestones (including early learning goals, communication development and SATs) and how you can support your child at home.

When first shared, viewing figures and time spent watching were lower than we had hoped, so we are re-sharing the video links and slides by email alongside this newsletter. Please check your email inbox for the workshop relevant to your child's year group. The date to view by has been extended to 27th March.

During consultations, a number of questions were raised that were addressed in the workshops. Even a quick skim through can provide helpful information and answer many of your questions.

Check-Treat-Complete: Head Lice

Head lice are a normal part of childhood - surveys of parents found that nearly 1 in 10 primary school children have lice at any one time. If you're a parent then you probably know what a hassle it can be to treat head lice and just how frustrating it can be when your child comes home scratching their head.

By following a simple three step process, Check-Treat-Complete, you can fight back. Please do ensure that long hair is tied back for school, and view the links below if you'd like any further guidance or support:

<https://www.onceaweektakeapeek.com/>

<https://www.onceaweektakeapeek.com/downloads/oawtap-parents-leaflet.pdf>



Mother Language Day

Did you know that there are 36 different languages spoken by Churchfields families? We are proud of the fact that we are a multicultural community at Churchfields and therefore we have chosen to celebrate [UNESCO International Mother Language Day](#), which fell on 21st February this year.

We had a special assembly, thinking about the different languages in the school community and celebrating our freedom to speak our different languages – including English of course!

We would be delighted if you could support us with this by talking to your child about the language(s) you speak at home and where those languages come from. If you would like to offer to come and read a story to your child's class in your language or teach some simple words and phrases to the children, please speak to your child's teacher or send an email to the class email address.



Attendance Bear

The Attendance for the week is as follows:

1st Octopus & Jaguar 99%

2nd Starfish 98%

3rd Penguin, Giraffe & Koala 96%

Well done everyone!



Uniform Reminder- Footwear

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school shoes each day.

For the **Infants**, socks and tights should be in school colours (white or grey) and children should wear sensible, plain black school shoes. If they have laces, your child should know how to tie them themselves as staff are unable to do this for everyone, every day.



On P.E. days, Year 1 and Year 2 children are allowed to wear their PE shoes to and from school.

For **Nursery**, children should wear black, velcro-fastening shoes.



Please note that boots are not suitable in our school.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a smart and practical uniform for all children.

Weekly Maths Challenge

Reception

This week, we have been exploring length and height.

Children often enjoy making things out of thin card, pretending they've made worms, snakes, caterpillars, lizards etc. Adults could provide craft materials for children to decorate, or other materials like linking cubes to make long narrow shapes.

Can you find a way of making one of your creations longer/shorter than any of the others? Have a look at everyone's creatures. Could you order or group them in some way?



Years 1 and 2

Frances and Rishi were given a bag of lollies. They shared them out equally and had one left over.

Just as they had finished sharing them their friends Kishan, Hayley and Paul came along. They wanted some lollies too so the children shared them out again between all of them. This time they had two lollies left over.

How many lollies could there have been in the bag?



E-Safety Tip of the Week!

Age Limits

Before the holidays, we provided some information on age limits for social media platforms. The link below provides some further details about these sites and platforms, along with safety tools and advice: www.saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/social-media-guides



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