



Churchfields Infants' School

Weekly Newsletter

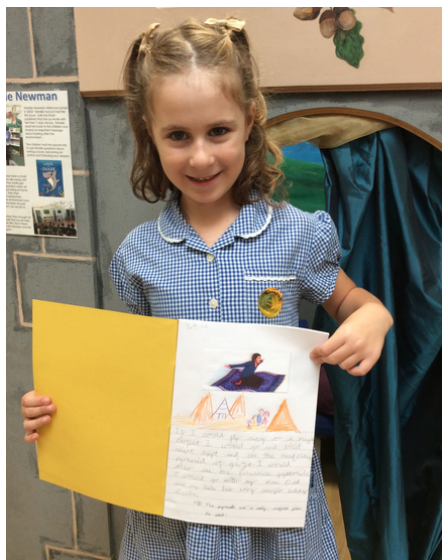
Growing Together: Every Day In Every Way

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Value of the
month
Friendship

Welcome Back

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely break. It has been wonderful to see our Year 1 and Year 2 children returning so happily and settling into their new classes. We have already seen some fantastic learning taking place, including some impressive writing, challenging maths and even our first Golden Book achievements!



Routines

Thank you for your patience as we settle back into our morning routines. Please make note of the following routines which will ensure your child settles into school as quickly and happily as possible.

The gates open at **8:45am**, and children should be in the playground by **8:55am**, ready for the bell.

On wet mornings, please listen to staff instructions as children may be directed straight to their classrooms. On dry mornings, please continue to use your usual class lines. Thank you for your patience today with the torrential downpour today. British weather is often unpredictable so please make sure your child brings a **hooded coat to school every day**.



Philosophy Friday

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

Would you rather be a cat or a rabbit?

Why?

DIARY DATES:

Curriculum Workshops

Details to follow

Flu Vaccinations

28th September

Big Read

2nd October- Not
Nursery
(2:45-3:15pm)

School Photos

7th October

Parent Consultations

w/b 12th/19th October
To be confirmed

Half Term

26th October - 30th
October

INSET Day

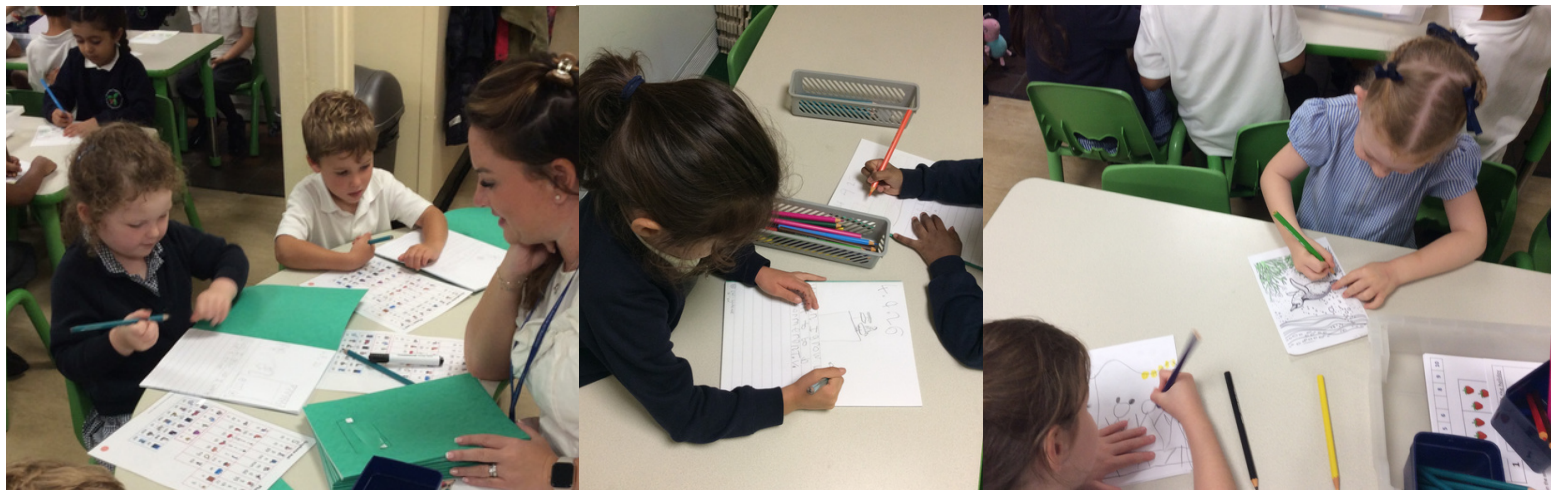
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When the bell rings, we ask that **adults move away from the lines**, allowing the children to line up and enter their classrooms independently. This is particularly important in the Year 2 playground, where six classes are lining up.

Please also ensure children are supervised at all times and **do not use the playground equipment before or after school**.

Please **leave the school site promptly after drop-off** so that we can secure the gates safely.



A reminder that children should be collected promptly at the end of the school day. If you need to change your collection arrangements, please contact the school office before 1:30pm so that we can inform your child's class team. If you have children in the Junior School, the **Infant School children should be collected first**. We open our gates slightly earlier to allow for this.



Year 1 & 2 P.E. Days



We ask that children in Years 1 and 2 please wear their PE kit to school on their given PE day rather than bringing a kit in to school. They may wear trainers, as plimsolls are not suitable to wear all day, especially in cold, wet weather!

Children will take part in an outdoor and an indoor PE lesson on this day, so please send your child to school with shorts on underneath jogging bottoms (or just shorts if the weather is warm enough) so they can safely join in with their Gym lesson on the indoor apparatus.

PE days are as follows:

Monday: Panda/Jaguar
Tuesday: Octopus/Turtle
Wednesday: Penguin/Starfish
Thursday: Koala/Giraffe

Earrings

In line with our Health and Safety policy, **no earrings** are to be worn in school. **This includes ear spacers and clear or skin-toned plastic retainers.**

Young children are often unable to remove earrings themselves, and all types of earrings can easily caught or pulled during play and PE.

Thank you for supporting us in keeping everyone safe.



Nut Free School

As you may be aware, a number of our pupils in school have nut-based allergies. These reactions can result in anaphylaxis and prove fatal. A person with an allergy does not have to eat nuts or peanuts to have a severe reaction - this can be caused by surface contact and airborne particles. With this in mind, and staff having swiftly identified and removed some nut-based products within packed lunches in the past week, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you that we are a nut-free school and no nut-based products should be brought to school.

Please can we also remind you that, due to allergies across school, snacks at the end of the school day should not be given or consumed until you are off the school premises. Thank you for your support and understanding with this.



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!'



Empower a Child- Foster for Redbridge Council

You could be the one to guide, listen to, teach, and enrich a child's life, empowering them to become confident and independent young people.

If you have a place in your home and heart to foster a child, please call Redbridge Council on 020 8708 6068 or join us at our next virtual information session.

Visit

<https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/fosteringschools>
to book a place.



School Uniform

Please be reminded of our school uniform policy. More information regarding this can be found on our website, [here](#). There is also our pre-loved clothes rail available outside the infant office.

We ask that in the **Infant School**:

- modesty shorts (if worn) should be in school colours
- over-the-top headbands (unicorns etc.) and jewellery is not permitted in school
- socks and tights should be in school colours- white or grey
- sensible plain black school shoes



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 view our popular workshops which provide a valuable opportunity for you to understand how you can support your child at home with their learning. We will send dates and details nearer the time.



Weekly Maths Challenge

Have a go at one of the below challenges. If you'd like to share any pictures of your child/ren completing these, please send them to the school admin email address. We'd love to feature some of these on next week's newsletter!

Reception:

How many ways can you show five or find the number 5?

Here are a few ideas:

- the number 5 on a clock
- dots on a dice

How many more ways can you find?



Years 1 and 2:

5 monkeys are playing in the park. Each monkey has: 1 curled tail; 1 nose; 2 ears; 2 eyes and 4 legs.

1. How many little ears?
2. How many legs?
3. How many curled tails?
4. How many legs?
5. 2 monkeys go down the slide! How many legs?
6. Can you make up some more questions (and answers!) about the monkeys in the park? You can change how many monkeys there are if you like.



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.

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