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Churchfields Infants' School

Weekly Newsletter

Growing Together: Every Day In Every Way

Value of the month
Inclusion

Nursery Mud Fun!

We have just re-opened our newly revamped mud kitchen in the nursery garden. This gives the children the opportunity to engage in pretend play, develop their physical skills (including changing into wellies before they can go into the area) and to find out more about the natural world.











Philosophy Friday

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

Would you rather invite a monster or a fairy to have tea with you?

Why?

DIARY DATES:

Y2 Cenotaph Trip
w/b 9th November

Nursery Stay & Play
10th November

Day Glow Day
20th November

Book Fair
20th November

Jolly Jumper Day
2nd December

Festive Big Read
2nd December PM

PTA Winter Fayre
5th December

Concerts
w/b 9th December
(see below)

Class Parties
16th December- to be confirmed

Last Day of Term
18th December

First Day of Term
4th January

A Mystery in Reception!

This week in Reception we have been hearing the story of 'Goldilocks and the Three bears'. We pretended to be detectives and looked for clues in our 'crime scene'. We found foot prints and porridge everywhere and we discussed who might have made the mess. The children were able to discuss their theories and come up with a plan to catch the culprit. We played with porridge and created lots of bear art.










Book Fair!



We are hosting a Book Fair on **Friday 20th November** from **3.00-4.00pm**.

You can **collect your child from 3pm** on these days and come and choose from a wide selection of lovely books.

We will also be opening **from 8.55-9.30am the same day for adults only browsing and buying**. This is a perfect chance to stock up on Christmas gifts without your child(ren). Books make wonderful presents for all ages!

Children who receive pupil premium will be eligible for a £5 book voucher.

Take a look at the poster below for more info about our book fair, including a chance to win a voucher to spend at the book fair!

Nursery Stay and Play



Spend some time playing with your child in Nursery! Nursery are hosting a Stay and Play on **Tuesday 10th November**.

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.

Christmas Concerts – A Reminder



We are so excited to be preparing to perform our Christmas concerts! For those of you who have not attended one of our concerts before, please read the following carefully to ensure the health and safety of all.

As we are a large school, **we perform each concert twice** to accommodate our 120 families in each year group and ask that the parents/carers from two classes attend on each day. Our school hall is fairly small so **please try to attend on your assigned day and keep guests to two per family** so we can fit everyone in comfortably.

Please also note that **we do not allow young siblings or other babies/children to attend our concerts**. We know that this may come as a surprise to some of you but this system works really well. Our children work very hard to perform for you and, with younger siblings in the audience, it is not always possible to hear our children speak or act. In the past, families have been supportive of this measure and have enjoyed giving their performing child their full attention. Please find suitable arrangements if you have other children. We will be hosting another Big Read before the end of term and would love to welcome your little ones into school then. We would like to thank you for your support in this matter.

For afternoon performances, we will open the pedestrian gate 15 minutes before each performance is due to begin so please do not feel the need to arrive before this time. For morning performances, we will lock all gates as usual for safeguarding purposes and then open the Year 2 gates at 9:10. This allows us to register the children safely before the concerts begin.

Please note the following dates and times:

Tuesday 8th December at 9:15am - Y1 Penguin and Starfish

Tuesday 8th December at 2:30pm - YR Butterfly and Squirrel

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

Thursday 10th December at 9:15am - Y2 Giraffe and Jaguar

Thursday 10th December at 2:30pm - YR Ladybird and Hedgehog

Friday 11th December at 9:15am - Y2 Koala and Panda

Traditionally, we have collection buckets at the end of our concerts so families can donate to our charity of the year - more information will be given on the day. We look forward to see you all there. Please do speak to Mrs Anderson or Mrs Beck if you have any queries.





Day Glow Day

On **Friday 20th November** we will be celebrating Day Glow Day as part of Road Safety Week.

Day Glow Day reminds us to **'Be Bright, Be Seen'**. Please do not feel pressured to buy your child new clothes - simply find your brightest, loudest clothes in your wardrobe or dress up box and remember the brighter, the better! Certificates will be awarded for the brightest outfits in each year group!



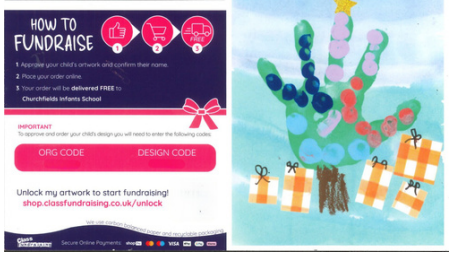


PTA Winter Artwork

Have you seen your child's winter artwork yet? Why not turn your child's creativity into personalised gifts that everyone will love?! There are many wonderful products you can purchase with your child's artwork on, such as Christmas cards, mugs, gift labels and more! All of our proceeds go directly to the PTA, funding future amazing opportunities for our school.







IMPORTANT MESSAGE

The deadline to order is midday on the 12th November.

Weekly Maths Challenge



Reception

Choose a favourite teddy bear or soft toy. Hold it in one hand. Now hold it in the other hand. Feel how heavy it is.

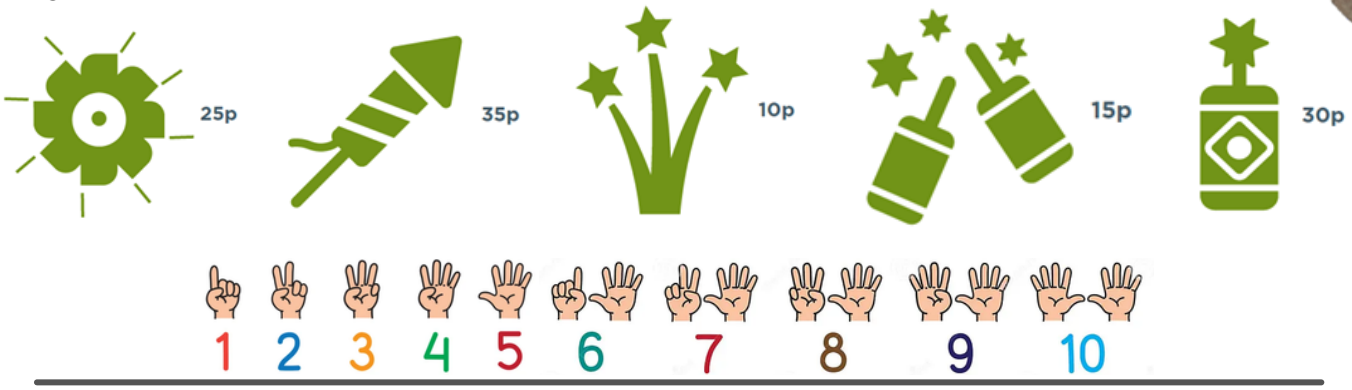
Can you find three pieces of fruit or vegetables which are heavier than your toy?

Hold your toy in one hand and the piece of fruit in the other to feel the difference. Can you find three which are lighter than your toy?

Years 1 and 2

Find the coins that will buy the fireworks.
Choose two fireworks and see how much they will cost altogether.
Do this again with different fireworks.





E-Safety Tip of the Week!



Setting Boundaries

It's never too early to start setting rules about when, and for how long, your child can use devices; you can start to introduce the subject of internet safety at the same time. Encourage children to use devices in a shared space like a lounge or kitchen. Make sure to keep other devices out of reach and use passwords so that children can't go online without asking you first. It's also a good idea to have tech-free mealtimes and not to allow children to have devices in their bedrooms at this age.

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Taking into account the rising cost of living as well as the need to recycle, we will also be selling second hand books for a small donation.

Did you know that our school earns **FREE** books for every book sold at the fair? So this is a great opportunity to stick up our classrooms with brand new resources.

Please note that we will accept both **CARD** and **CASH** payments.

Book Fair Voucher Competition:

Would you like the chance to win either a £10 or £5 voucher to be used at our book fair?

Please create a poster advertising the fair and encouraging others to attend. We are looking for the children's own work, they can draw, collage or paint. The more creative the better!

Please hand posters into the office by **Monday 9th November**. Winners will be notified before the book fair.









