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Churchfields Infants' School

Weekly Newsletter

Growing Together: Every Day In Every Way

Value of the month
Inclusion

Day Glow Day

Today was our Day Glow Day, which is an important part of Road Safety Week. Children have been learning how to stay safe on the roads, especially as the evenings are darker when the children leave school. See more photos on our website next week!






Cooking in Nursery

We have been telling the story of the gingerbread man in nursery this week and we made gingerbread men of our own to take home. We helped measure out the ingredients and mix and roll the dough, before each cutting out a gingerbread man with a cutter. Luckily, our gingerbread men didn't run away like the one in the story!






Philosophy Friday

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

You should include everyone at school. Do you agree or disagree?

Why?

DIARY DATES:

Jolly Jumper Day
2nd December

Festive Big Read
2nd December AM

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

Punctuality and Learning

Please ensure that your child is on time for school. Mornings are now darker and we have noticed that a growing number of children are late for school.

The gates open at 8:45 am and children must be in the playground, lining up with their friends by 8:55 am when the bell is rung. Children and families should not be running down the slope as families are leaving. We lock promptly to safeguard the site and the children. We allow enough time for parents to leave, rather than to enable late children to enter. being late also impacts are Admin Team who often need to escort late children to class.

Additionally, it is unsettling for children to arrive after their friends and they can feel embarrassed entering the classroom when everyone is already seated. Being late also means they may miss the first few minutes of the teaching session, which impacts on their learning.



Please support us to ensure that every child is ready for school by:

- Being on time
- Leaving the site promtly
- Encouraging your child to be independent by carrying their belongings

Our Secret Garden Library

We are proud to unveil our new-look library! The library space has been transformed into an enchanting secret garden and is now another inviting space for children to enjoy reading or share a book together.

The library was designed by our very own Mrs Pert, with inspiration for the space taken from Bernadette Watts. The beautiful art work you can see in the photos below was a collaboration between Art Skills Club children, Mrs Pert and our volunteer, Maya. Other children have been inspired to produce their own amazing pieces of work which we have shared in assembly. It is a truly magically space to have in our school. Thank you to everyone for their hard work. To see more of Bernadette's work, please click the link here.









Big Festive Read & Jolly Jumper Day

You are invited to our **Festive Read** on **Wednesday 2nd December** from **9am-9:30am**.

This time, **Nursery will also join in** (parents of the afternoon-only children can join at the start of their afternoon session). This will be a lovely start to the day for the children and for you. We would love for you (families) to wear something festive and bring a favourite book to read with your child/ren.

It is also our **Jolly Jumper Day!** Come to school in a 'jolly jumper'- it can be festive but that is not compulsory, any 'fun' jumper will be perfect! Finally, this day will also incorporate our Christmas lunch. Rather than the traditional roast dinner served on Wednesdays, a full festive lunch will be made for all the school-dinner children.

Michael Rosen Poetry Assembly

Last week, the Year 1 children took part in an exciting online Poetry Party with the fantastic author and poet Michael Rosen. This year's theme was 'Silly School Stuff', and the children had a wonderful time listening to (and joining in with) some of his famous poems.
You can find more information on the Michael Rosen website here.





Gardening Club Fun!

The Churchfields gardeners have been busy planting spring bubs and harvesting the remaining seeds and sunflower heads. We have been carefully raking leaves to add to the compost heap, making sure not to disturb any hibernating hedgehogs or frogs. The piles became so high and we worked so hard, we all deserved a turn to jump into the crispy golden leaves. A wonderful autumn tradition which the children all enjoyed and some lovely memories made together!













Attendance Bear

The Attendance for the week is as follows:

1st Octopus, Turtle & Jaguar 99%
2nd Penguin & Panda 98%
3rd Starfish & Giraffe 97%

Well done everyone.



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 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 Two gates at 9:10. This allows us to register the children safely before the concerts begin.

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.





Weekly Maths Challenge

Reception

Find 7 teddy bears (or other toys). They are going on a picnic and need to catch a bus.
Put them in a line. Who is first in the line? Who is third? Who is fifth?
The last toy is crying – move it so that it is second. Who is last now?
Draw a picture of the toys and label them 1st, 2nd…

Helpful hints: When out and about, link this to real queues that you see.



Years 1 and 2

You have a set of the digits from 0-9:

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

Can you arrange these digits in the five boxes below to make two-digit numbers as close to the targets as possible? You may use each digit once only.

largest even number	
largest odd number	
smallest odd number	
largest multiple of 5	
number closest to 50	

How will you know that your solution is as close to the targets as possible?

Use this 100 square to help you!

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100



E-Safety Tip of the Week!



Online Safety Storybooks

Do you enjoy sharing and reading storybooks with your child/ren? The following books are a fantastic age-appropriate way to raise awareness and understanding around online safety:

-Webster's Friend by Hannah Whaley
-Dot by Randi Zuckerburg
-Old MacDonald Had a Phone by Jeanne Willis and Tony Ross
-Chicken Clicking by Jeanne Willis and Tony Ross
-Troll Stinks by Jeanne Willis and Tony Ross

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