



CHURCHFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL



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17th October 2022

Dear parents and carers,

I cannot believe we have one more week and then we break up for half term. It's been a very busy half and the children have worked hard to learn and recall their crucial knowledge. I was pleased to welcome a visitor to school last week who commented on the purposeful atmosphere in the school and the way that children were rising to the challenges of their learning. He was particularly impressed with Reception and nursery who were focused on their phonics and writing and living up to the school motto of being the best that they can be.

As we are near half term, I thought it was important to give a few reminders or ask a few things to try and help with the smooth running of school.

- I cannot authorise pupil absence in term time except in exceptional circumstances (please note that Staffordshire County Council will be issuing fixed penalty notices for unauthorised absence). If you wish to request leave /holiday then please contact the office who will send you an electronic link.
- I am aware it can be frustrating if your child drops attendance due to medical appointments. However, if they are not present in school, no matter what the circumstances they are recorded as absent. If your child has underlying medical conditions or are undergoing treatment, then although their attendance percentage may drop we will be as supportive as we can.
- Please drive and park with care and consideration; to keep our children safe and to respect our neighbours. We are having more and more complaints about inconsiderate parking including blocking driveways and the private road opposite school. Please remember that any illegal parking can be reported to the police.
- School office hours are 7:45 – 3:30pm Monday to Thursday & 8:30am – 4:15pm on Friday. An answer machine is in operation when the office staff are not able to answer so please leave a message. I am pleased to say we have managed to appoint a new member of staff to the office who will start after the half term break. A big thank you to Mrs Tucker and Mrs Darlington who have been working hard to keep the office running smoothly even though it is understaffed.
- Pupil absence should be reported by 9:00am using the main reception. If the number is engaged please leave a message. (01782 567430).
- It's imperative that **EVERYTHING** is labelled with your child's name. We generate a massive amount of lost property which cannot be returned to its owner if it's not named.
- Named water bottles must be brought in daily.

- Can we ask that as much as possible long hair is tied up (this is to ensure we don't get outbreaks of head lice)
- Earrings should be taken out for P.E or plasters sent in from home so that pupils can cover them up themselves.
- The school day starts at 8:30 (children should be in class by this time) and finishes at 3:00 for year 1 – year 6. We are having lots of calls for children to leave early and this is affecting the smooth running at the end of the day and means your child misses the end of school recaps and reminders. Please can you try to avoid early pick-ups unless it is absolutely necessary.

School Terms and Holiday Dates 2022 -2023

As always, please avoid booking holidays in term-time. They can only be authorised if they are 'exceptional' circumstances. I have limited capacity to authorise holidays. Our registers are externally checked and there are strict guidelines in place with very little 'wiggle' room regarding authorisation.

Autumn Term 2022

Staff & Pupils Tuesday 6th September – Friday 21st October

Holiday: **Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October**

Training day: **Monday 31st October – School Closed**

Staff & Pupils Tuesday 1st November – Friday 16th December

Holiday: **Monday 19 December – Monday 2 January**

Spring Term 2023

Training day: **Tuesday 3 January – School Closed**

Staff & Pupils Wednesday 4th January – Friday 17th February

Holiday: Monday 20 February – Friday 24 February

Staff & Pupils Monday 27th February - Thursday 30th March

Training day: **Friday 31st March – School Closed**

Holiday: Monday 3rd April – Friday 14 April

Summer Term 2023

Staff & Pupils: Monday 17 April

Holiday: Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June

Staff & Pupils: Monday 5th June – Friday 21st July
Holiday: Monday 24th July – Friday 1st September

Stars of the Week

Nursery	Archie Whelan for joining in well during carpet activities
Reception Mrs Locker	Ava Kirk for always being the best she can be!
Reception Mrs Nixon	Emily Naylor for super listening and learning
1B	Quentin Timmis for trying hard to be the best he can be
1M	Finley Moreton for good progress in reading
2M	Reagan – Leigh Evans for always being the best she can be
2R	Lola-Anne Lench for fantastic participation in lessons
3HS	Darcie-Mae Cooper for excellent playscript reading
3RS	Daisy Birks for good progress in Maths
4B	Ellie Hambly-Middleton for outstanding determination in maths
4S	Jenson Howell for being the best he can be
5A	Olivia Hammonds for always being a fantastic asset to 5A
5S	Myla Brown for consistent effort and hard work
6C	Hope-Harper Crane for excellent fluency and intonation during English and Whole Class Reading
6S	Amelia Sargeant for always being the very best she can be

Head Teachers awards

NUR	Ava Pattison for being a really good friend
RECEPTION	Lottie Lockett-Dutton for her really positive attitude
Y1&2	Kasian Walton for always being the best he can be
Y3&4	Molly Weaver for being a very hard-working member of the school
Y5&6	Kaumi Weerasingha for always being the best she can be

Attendance

Years 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6 are all above 96% (Y5 is VERY close)

3 classes are on 98%

9 classes are 96% or higher

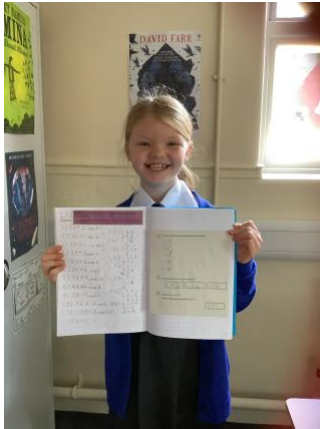
Whole school is 96%

Keep coming to school to help you succeed!

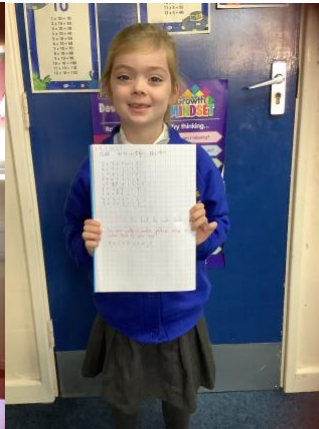
Week	Term, so far
R 908	R 4,783
Y 960	Y 5,038
G 853	G 5,049
B 1,109	B 5,100

Outstanding work

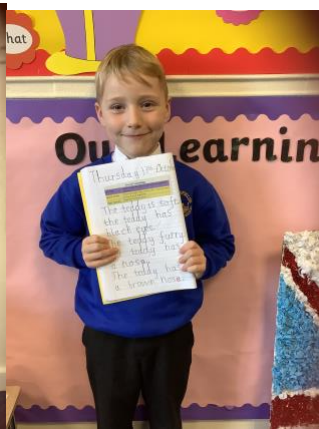
Some outstanding work this week from across the school



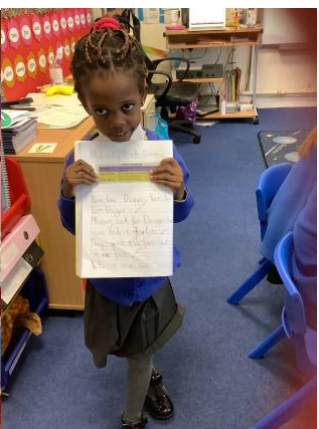
Amelia Grace Amison



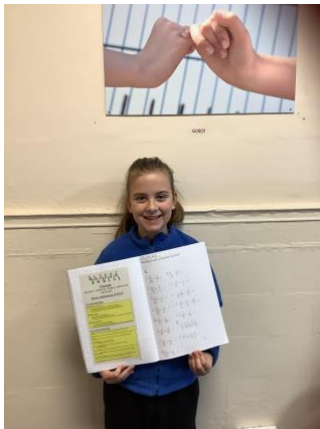
Keira Kirk



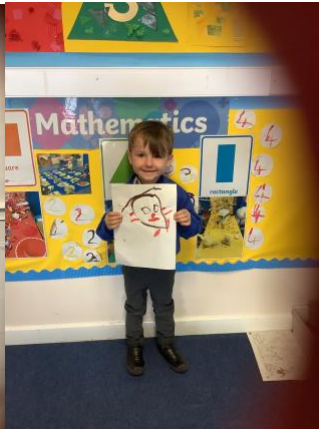
Oscar Rodgers



Michelle Obioha



Angel Colton



Ezra Smith



Isabella Elks



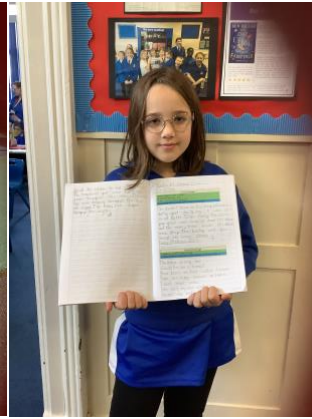
Daisy-Mae Dale



Emily Naylor



Sullivan Moore



Paulina Cypryanska

Any general queries or if you are unsure who to contact – office@cfp.school or headteacher@cfp.school

Thank you for your continued support,

Diane Beardsmore
Headteacher