



CHURCHFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL



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4th December 2022

Dear parents and carers,

A reminder of Christmas events:

Tuesday 6 th December	2:15 EYFS performance
Wednesday 7 th December	Year 2/3/4 festive fun 2:15-3:00
Thursday 8 th December	9:00 EYFS performance 2:15 Year 1 Festive Fun
Friday 9 th December	Christmas fair 4:00 – 5:30 Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Festive Lunch
Monday 12 th December	Christmas Jumpers all week
Tuesday 13 th December	Choir Performance 2pm and 5pm Nursery Festive Fun am session 10:30 – 11:15 Nursery Festive Fun afternoon session 2:00- 2:45 Reception Festive Fun 2:15-3:00
Wednesday 14 th December	9.15am Year 1 Christmas Assembly for parents 2.15pm Year 2 Christmas Assembly for parents

I am pleased to announce we have a new Facebook page to help with communication

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/543516200924390>

This will be used to try and help to keep you informed of school events.

The importance of reading

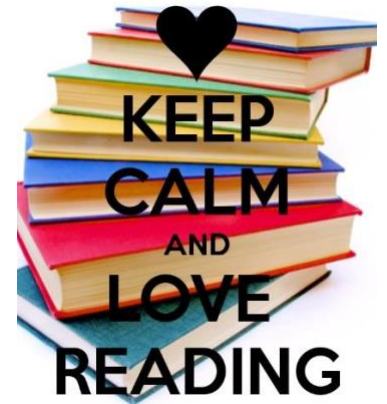
Reading is a skill we continue to develop throughout our lives, but starting this process as early as possible has significant benefits for our continued success as readers. This is why, as parents and carers, you play a vital role in supporting your child in becoming a fluent reader who is confidently able to apply their reading skills across all areas of their lives.

The teaching of reading and reading comprehension within the classroom is only part of a child's learning, and the value that is given to reading at home is equally important. Research suggests that children who read regularly outside of school perform significantly better in school assessments and so your support at home is essential in ensuring that your child makes the progress they are capable of. You can help your

child to achieve their full potential by listening to them read daily, reading (and re-reading) regular bedtime stories and by encouraging them to enjoy reading and sharing books together.

Some interesting facts:

- By the age of two, children **learn a new word every two hours**. This means that by the time they start school, they should be familiar with over 10,000 words.
- Children **who do well** in primary school have over **7,000 root words**, whereas those who are unable to meet age-related expectations have only about **3,000 root words**.
- There is a difference in reading performance equivalent to **just over a year's schooling** between young people who never read for enjoyment and those **who read for up to 30 minutes per day**.
- Children who often read books at age 10 and more than once a week at age 16 **gain higher results** in maths, vocabulary and spelling tests than those who read less regularly.



What this means is that reading is essential. Please support us by:

- Being a role model - read yourself
- Reading daily with your child (school book) or encouraging them to read
- Reading daily to your child (a bedtime story)
- Encouraging children to become much more fluent by suggesting that your child re-read a story they know well (research shows that children should be re-reading all the time)
- Practising phonics with your child (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tVKt4LltdA0>)
- Ensuring that your child is still reading during school holidays
- Giving lovely books as gifts

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 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	Poppy Sargeant for being very independent this week, we are all very proud.
Reception Miss Locker	David Pakula for a super week of learning
Reception Nixon	Logan Richardson for fantastic progress in phonics
1B	Alfie Jackson for having a fantastic week of learning and always having a smile on his face!
1M	Sidney-Lee Sargeant for being such a kind friend!
2M	Josie Richards for outstanding DT work
2R	Jayden Redfern for super hard work!
3HS	Penny Bennett for excellent writing
3RS	Gabriel Birchall for fantastic improvement in his handwriting
4B	Ike Owoeye for being very resilient when working more independently.
4S	Gracie Weaver for being a really kind, polite member of our class
5A	Marcie Elliott for fantastic resilience when working on fractions.
5S	Kayla Leese for excellent effort in all lessons
6C	Owen Worthington for exceptional attainment in his assessments
6S	Maddison Bates outstanding progress in her assessments

Head Teachers awards

NUR Maya Ward for her fantastic singing and signing for our Christmas concert

RECEPTION Evie Lou Sargeant for being a super helper at lunchtime

Y1&2 Keira Kirk for always being a star

Y3&4 Dominic Gajewski for improved attendance

Y5&6 Grace Elks for working independently

Attendance

Years 1, 4, & 6 are all above 96%

Whole school is 94% which is 2% below our target – there are still days being lost to illness

Attendance best class this week = 2R

TEAM POINTS

Week		Term so far	
Red	1,056	Red	13,319
Yellow	991	Yellow	13,423
Green	1,124	Green	13,524
Blue	1,084	Blue	13,388

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