

CHURCHFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL



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22nd January 2023

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you have had a good weekend.



I would like to thank you for all your kind words since we announced the death of Mrs Beetson. She is very much missed in school and a reminder that school will finish at 2pm on Thursday for all children (children who are booked on Bright Sparks after school club can attend from 2pm). She impacted on the lives of many of our children and families and we say our final goodbye to her. She will be making her last journey past the school at 3pm if you wish to pay your respects.

We have had the added complication this week with snow. I will always endeavour to keep school open but will make the decision based on the roads around school and the safety of the site. It is also important to remember that we have staff coming to school from many different places – Congleton, Werrington, Crewe, Stafford to name a few so I also need to consider their safe journey to school. If the decision is taken to close school you will be informed via:

- Text message
- The facebook group
- Staffordshire school closures website

It is vital that the office team have your most up-to-date details.

Important dates for Year 1, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 children

Year 1

All children in this year group take part in the Phonics screening, this is not a test and purely identifies the knowledge of phonics children have before moving to Year 2. This takes place w/c: 12th June 2023.

Year 2

All children in Year 2 carry out reading and mathematics questions to identify their knowledge and skills, before moving into KS2. This is done in a relaxed classroom environment, with staff that children are familiar with. These will take place during a three-week period in May, w/c 9th May, w/c: 15th May 2023 and w/c: 22nd May 2023

Year 4

All children in Year 4 will complete a multiplication tables check. This assesses the children's knowledge of the times table up to 12x12. This will take place in a two-week period in June, w/c 5th June, w/c 12th June

Year 6

Year 6 SATs are w/c: 9th May 2023 (Due to the Bank Holiday on Monday 8th May 2023, they will begin on Tuesday).

Tuesday 9th May 2023 – Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Wednesday 10th May 2023 – Reading Thursday 11th May 2023 – Maths Paper 1 and Paper 2 Friday 12th May 2023 – Maths Paper 3

Holidays

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.

Spring Term 2023

| Training day: | Tuesday 3 January – School Closed | |
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| Staff & Pupils | Wednesday 4 th January – Friday 17 th February | |
| Holiday: | Monday 20 February – Friday 24 February | |
| Staff & Pupils | Monday 27th February - Thursday 30 th March | |
| Training day: | Friday 31 st March – School Closed | |
| Holiday: | Monday 3 rd April – Friday 14 April | |
| Summer Term 2023 | | |
| Staff & Pupils: Holiday: | Monday 17 April Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June | |
| Staff & Pupils: Holiday: | Monday 5 th June – Friday 21 st July Monday 24 th July – Friday 1 st September | |

| <u>Stars</u> | | |
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| Nursery | Minnie Clewes for being very enthusiastic about her learning | |
| Reception Mrs Locker | Ayla Gajewski for beautiful writing in English | |
| Reception Mrs Nixon | Tristan Birks for making me smile every day | |
| 1B | George Gray for trying so hard with his writing | |
| 1M | Spencer Haden for trying hard in all areas | |
| 2M | Alexander Panayotov for an exceptional attitude towards all of his learning | |
| 2R | Tillie Mae Ashmore Finney for always putting in 100 percent effort | |
| 3HS | Max Cartwright for always being the best he can be | |
| 3RS | Ollie Sinclair for great input during lessons | |
| 4B | Harriet Podmore for gaining confidence and always trying her best | |
| 4S | Mason Woollams for excellent effort in mathematics | |
| 5A | Freddie Pattison for always being the perfect example of the Churchfields values | |
| 55 | Ruby Tuesday Rodgers for excellent effort in every lesson | |
| 6C | Thomas Barrow for an excellent attitude to learning and always being the best he can be | |
| 6S | Archie Simcock for excellent progress in English | |
| Head Teachers awards | | |
| NUR | A. Baker for fantastic story telling | |
| RECEPTION | Jorgie Perry for being the best she can be | |
| Y1&2 | Alfie Jackson for being the best he can be and making good choices since the Christmas break | |
| Y3&4 | Rafan Sardar for fantastic manners and making me smile | |
| Y5&6 | Bobby Kirkham for being a delight | |

Attendance

Year 4 best attendance of the week 96% Year 6 best attendance for year so far 96% Whole school attendance for the week is 94% Attendance best class this week 4S with 98%

| Week | Term, so far |
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| R 1,630 | <mark>R 2,593</mark> |
| <mark>Y 1,669</mark> | Y 2,583 |
| G 1,635 | G 2,505 |
| B 1,591 | B 2,438 |

Thank you for your continued support,

Diane Beardsmore Headteacher