



# CHURCHFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL



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5<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear parents and carers,

This week we enjoyed a week of reading in school.

Classroom doors were decorated, mystery readers visited classrooms, favourite books were shared and children and staff dressed as their favourite character. A big thanks to the reading ambassadors and Mrs Mawdsley for arranging this



Parents have an important role to play in helping their children to become better readers and to enjoy reading. Reading with children at home improves their progress and development. Therefore, we would like you to read with your child each day if possible.

I shared the following in my assembly this week:

## SO HOW DOES READING IMPROVE LIFE CHANCES?

When you make a habit of reading for pleasure, you will see an improvement in your vocabulary when compared to non-readers.

By reading for just 20 minutes a day, you will read 1,800,000 words a year.

If you read for around 10 minutes a day, you will read 1,000,000 words a year. This would put you in the top 2% of reading achievement...

...this will have a positive impact on your performance in all your subjects at school (not just English!)

Reading also have a positive impact on your mental well-being.

By reading for 6 minutes a day you can reduce your stress levels by 68%!

Top tips for reading with your child:

1. Make time to read – even if it's only ten minutes a day.
2. Find somewhere quiet without any distractions - turn off the TV/radio/computer.
3. Talk about the book - asking your child questions. It doesn't have to be deep or meaningful questions. This positive interaction is so beneficial to children's development.
4. You can read anytime, anywhere!
5. Children don't just have to read their school book. They can read anything they wish e.g., a menu, a magazine, shop signs.

Our next event will be Red Nose Day – look out for the letter from Mr Skupham and School Council later this week.

## **Easter Bonnet**

Due to popular demand by the children, we will once again be holding our annual Easter bonnet competition in school and we invite all classes from Nursery to Year 6 to take part!

We will be holding two parades.

One for EYFS and Year 1 and another for Year 2 and 3.

Both parades shall take place on:

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023

EYFS / year 1            9:00

Year 2/3                10:45

Year 4, 5 and 6 will be photographed in their bonnet and these will be placed on the school Facebook page.

We will take photos of all the entries and put them on our school website for you all to see. Your Easter themed head wear could be bonnets, caps, top hats or headbands. Let your child be as creative as they like! Head wear will be judged and there will be one winner from each class. Winners shall receive a small Easter themed gift.

## **Allergies**

Allergies are much more common as many of you are aware and it is something, we should all be mindful of. We now have several children in school who have a nut allergy. These foods, even in trace amounts, may cause a severe reaction (anaphylaxis). Even touching contaminated surfaces may cause a reaction. School staff have been trained to recognize such a reaction and to administer medication in an emergency.

Can we ask that you follow the information below:

- Never take food allergies lightly; they can be serious and life-threatening.
- Tell your child, "DO NOT SHARE FOOD."
- Frequent hand washing reduces the spread of viruses during the school year and helps protect food allergic students. Wash hands thoroughly after eating. Similarly, encourage good hygiene before and after-school. If your child had peanut butter for breakfast, please have them wash their hands. Wash hands and surfaces before handling textbooks, computers or school equipment.

- PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY PRODUCTS WITH PEANUTS/ NUTS FOR SNACK / LUNCH OR PARTIES. **Potential allergens could include the following:** Spreads, e.g., chocolate spread, cereal bars, some types of biscuit containing nuts, cakes containing nuts
- Check the bottom of the ingredient label to see if it may contain peanut/nut products or was processed in a peanut/nut factory.
- If you wish to send items into school to share for birthdays, please ensure that they are nut free and are individually wrapped so the children can take the item home with them and eat at home. A popular item is small bags of Haribo.

This will help us to ensure everyone's safety

### **Parents evening**

We are in the half term where we will be having our second parents evening

#### **Year 6**

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March

You should have received the link

#### **5A parents evening**

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Link will be sent next week

#### **Rest of school**

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March

Link will be sent next week

Appointments will take place in classrooms

### **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.

#### **Spring Term 2023**

Staff & Pupils Monday 27th February - Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March

**Training day: Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – School Closed**

**Holiday:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Friday 14 April

#### **Summer Term 2023**

Staff & Pupils: Monday 17 April

**Holiday:** Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June

Staff & Pupils: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July

**Training Day: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July - School closed**

**Summer Holiday:** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September

**Stars of the Week**

Nursery	Arlia Dutton for listening well during carpet activities
Reception Mrs Locker	Reggie Harding for trying so hard with his independent writing
Reception Mrs Nixon	Rayyaan Sharfaz for making me smile
1B	Cody Anderson for having such a fantastic week!
1M	Heitor Figuiredo Martinelli an excellent first week in school
2M	Willow Cooper for always trying to be the best she can be
2R	Teddy Boyle for always participating well in discussions
3HS	Ruby Tipping for always being enthusiastic
3RS	Isabella Poole for a great first week at Churchfields
4B	Oliver Tondos for super effort in all lessons.
4S	Lily-Irene Cork for her consistently positive attitude
5A	Lawson Critchlow for fantastic attention and effort during mathematics
5S	Aria Bowen for being lovely and cheerful and for always working well in lessons.
6C	Lily Wilshaw for always being the best she can be
6S	Geezer Buxton for being a genuine pleasure to teach

Blues

On 20 we have:

Lois Barlow, Evie Cartwright, Mariette Obioha, Jay Tugrul, Indy Birks, Olivia Pitchers, Kayla Leese

Head Teachers awards

NUR	Jaxon Taaffe for being super this week and trying new experiences
RECEPTION	Lily Gallimore fantastic progress with reading
Y1&2	Tasha Quinn for being brave

Y3&4 Charlie Pattison for helping me and giving good advice

Y5&6 Harry Bennett for epitomising the school values every day

#### Attendance

Year 2 best year group attendance of the week 96%

Year 6 best attendance for year so far 96%

(Y1, Y4 & Y5 are all going back up to 96%)

Whole school attendance for the week is 94%

Attendance best class this week = 2M 99%

Week	Term, so far
<b>Red 2,062</b>	<b>R 10,499</b>
Yellow 1,918	Y 10,431
Green 1,865	G 10,438
Blue 2,025	B 10,487

Any general queries or if you are unsure who to contact – [office@cfp.school](mailto:office@cfp.school) or [headteacher@cfp.school](mailto:headteacher@cfp.school)

Thank you for your continued support,

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