



CHURCHFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear parents and carers,

Headteachers Week-end Letter 27.09.20

I hope that you are all having a good weekend. I would like to start with a thank you for all the positive comments I have received to my email dbeardsmore@cfp.school and the lovely comments regarding your children being happy now they are back at school. These sentiments are shared by all of the staff in school – we are so happy to be back.

COVID

Can I thank you all again for your support during this time. We have been very lucky, and unlike many other schools have, up to now, not had to close classes, year groups or the school as we have had no positive cases. I am obviously monitoring this very closely and will keep you all informed via text and email. It is crucial that we have your up to date details so if you have changed emails, phone numbers etc please contact the school office.

Ongoing works

I am pleased to say that the new computer room is well on the way to being completed. The partition wall to create a staff room and computer room has been completed, the electrics and work surfaces are in place and we are now awaiting delivery of the IMACs. I am hopeful that the computer room will be finished by the second week in October.

The roof and new boiler works continue but I am pleased to say that they will be completed by half term giving us a new boiler for the winter and a roof that isn't leaking as well as the much needed playground space back.

Curriculum

School continues to be busy and we are starting to complete our assessments to look at areas that we need to work on in order to fill the gaps that may have been created during the lockdown period. As we continue to try and bridge the gaps in school there are areas that you can work on at home to help us.

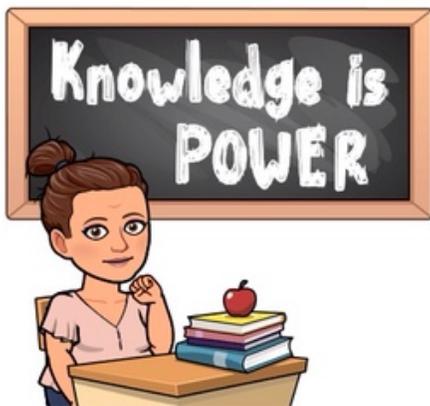
Depending on your child's age, if you can, try to work on the following areas:

- Number bonds to 10 (1+9, 2+8 etc)
- Number bonds to 20 (1+19, 2+18 etc)
- Number complements to 100 (50+50, 75+25, 60+40 etc)
- Multiplication tables starting with 2,5 and 10 and then moving to 4,8,3,6,9,11,12, 7
- Reading books at home
- Writing their name, a few simple sentences, a letter and stories to share with the family
- Practicing their letter and number formation
- Continue to use Maths Whizz and Timestable rockstars

This week I have spent a lot of time in Maths lessons and the school has been working on 1 more and 1 less and place value. The younger years are spending time adding 1 and 2 digit numbers and the place value increase to

100s, 1 000s, 10 000s, 100 000s as we move up the school. I have been impressed with how the children are tackling these problems and it is lovely to see how many children are 'good to be green' during their learning.

I have also enjoyed English lessons and love to see the variety of texts that the children are studying. These range from the Twits by Roald Dahl, Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz, The Miraculous Journey of Edmund Tulane by Kate DiCamillo, a non fiction book on 'All kinds of toys', Who's afraid of the Big Bad Book by Lauren Child, traditional tales like The Three Little Pigs and one of my favourite books, Cogheart by Peter Bunzl and many more. Ask your children to tell you about the books they are reading in class. This may be in English, in guided reading or in DEAR (drop everything and read). I know many of you were concerned that due to COVID-19 restrictions your child's reading book cannot be changed as often as we would have liked, however we are doing lots of reading in school and you can encourage your child to read any books you have at home.



As a school we have worked hard on our curriculum and believe the key to long term success for your child is to enable them to recall key facts and knowledge. We are looking at 'sticky knowledge' and will be spending time in school focusing on recall and retrieval. Your child may have already started to talk about 'sticky' knowledge and we will be using MarvellousMe to send information home on the key information that your child needs to recall and retrieve.

I had the pleasure of teaching 3A on Thursday afternoon and they blew me away with how well they could recall the key knowledge in geography around the UK, the 7 Continents, Europe and the name of European countries. They could recall facts with ease and I tested them again on Friday morning and they were all still able to recall. I will revisit them again on Wednesday and see how much of the knowledge has stuck!



Lunches

As I am sure you are aware, we currently have a staggered break and lunch in order to minimise contact between different year groups on the playground. I am aware that some children were struggling to eat their lunch in the time available so we have extended the time they have to eat to 30 minutes. Can I suggest that if your child is in Year 1 or 2 it may be beneficial to send them with an additional snack for the afternoon as they eat their lunch 11:40 – 12:10 and some of them are peckish in the afternoon. On the same note Year 5 and 6 have their lunch at 12:40 which is a long time from when they arrive at school at 8:20/8:25 so it may be beneficial to ensure that they have a snack to have at break.

I am currently working with Chartwells to look at a hot grab bag as an alternative to cold sandwiches. As soon as I have confirmed the details I will send the information out.



Key Dates

- We are joining thousands of schools, offices and community groups on **Friday 9 October** by taking part in **#HelloYellow** and raising the profile of mental health and well being. Your child can bring in a donation – buckets will be on the playground for collection. However, we want as many children as possible to wear yellow and conversations to take place about the importance of mental health and well being.
- Half term **Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October** – School closed for half term week
- **Monday 2nd November** – School closed to all children – Staff training day
- **Friday 13th November** School Closed for NURSERY ONLY. The rest of the school Reception – Year 6 to receive the flu jab. I apologise that we have had to close to nursery however to ensure social distancing and to make sure all children in Reception – Year 6 can get the flu jab there was no alternative.

As always, we ended the week with our celebration assembly.

Stars of the week



Name	Class	Reason
Mikey Mcging	Nursery	For settling well into Nursery
Brandon Carnall	Reception Miss Jackson	Super work on phonics
Kasian Walton	Reception Mrs Nixon	For being the best he can be
Faith Anwar	Year 1 Miss Roper	Settling well into Year 1
Freddie Heaps	Year 1 Mrs Meek	Excellent writing in phonics
Shiloh Richards	Year 2 Mrs Pattison	Super Writing
Ellie Hambly-Middleton	Year 2 Mrs Mawdsley	For working well in all lessons
Max Summers	Year 3 Miss Archer	Excellent work in Maths on place value
Daisy Booth	Year 3 Miss Lawton	For super ideas durin English
Thomas Barrow	Year 4 Miss Jackson	For always contributing in class
Zachary Beeston	Year 4 Miss Brown	For excellent work in geography
Ruqayah Sardar	Year 5 Mrs Shenton	Enthusiasm and effort in all learning
Jensen Statham	Year 5 Miss Smith	Always being ready to learn
Kasie Lea Pinnock	Year 6 Mr Cotton	Outstanding Assessments
Madison Locock	Year 6 Mr Skupham	Outstanding Assessments

Headteachers star of the week



Name	Class	Reason
Kavin Kumar	Nursery	Always being the best he can be
Eddie Titley	Reception	For improved letter formation and writing his name independently
Rafan Sardar	KS1	For being the best that he can be at all times
Lacie Critchlow	LKS2	For trying hard with all aspects of her work
Kai Bromley	UKS2	Excellent attitude to all areas of learning since returning to school

Attendance

I am pleased to say that nearly every class is above the school target of 96% and we are currently at 97.3% as a school. The class with the best attendance is 2M – well done Mrs Mawdsley's class.

Team of the week is:

BLUE TEAM. Well done!

Team for the Year so far is:

Yellow Team. Well done!



If you have any questions or queries regarding any aspect of school then please contact dbeardsmore@cfp.school and I will get back to you. Remember, if you wish to see the class teacher you need to make an appointment in advance. When entering the school building, you need to continue to wear your mask.

I hope you are having a fantastic weekend and we look forward to the start of a new week.

Diane Beardsmore
Headteacher