

CHURCHFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL



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10th October 2022

Dear parents and carers,

Only two more weeks until half term. I cannot believe how much darker the mornings and evenings are and we have started to see a chill in the weather and many more wet days. Please ensure your children are careful on the way to and from school as we have had some concerned parents and members of the community worried that some of our older children who walk to school are not being as vigilant as we would want them to be on the roads. We will revisit road safety in school however if you could remind your children about keeping themselves safe. It is also the time of year that your child needs to come to school with a good coat. We like to get outside at break and lunch even if there is a bit of drizzle as this helps the children as they have fresh air and a break from the classroom. By ensuring they have a warn coat it helps to ensure that they are warm when they return to the classroom.

Attendance

Missed school days are a concern at the moment. Please support good attendance and encourage your children into school. We will always keep an eye out if children say they are unwell and contact you if necessary. As a school, we are aiming that every child hits the school target of 96%. I know that children can be ill and that is why we praise all children who are above the school target of 96%. To hit this target, they can only miss a maximum of 8 school days (over the course of the year). A major cause for concern is if your child ends the academic year below 90% as this is classed as persistently absent and is proven to affect progress in all subjects. This is the equivalent of 18 days off school. Please be aware that if your child has attendance that is below the school target then it is important that as a school, we are supporting you to address this. You may receive letters from Mrs Tucker, Mr Skupham, or myself; however if you are concerned, please come in and see any one of us to help to avoid the situation getting worse.

Harvest

Thank you for all your donations for the food bank and a big thank you to year 4 who showed the school values of responsibility in organising and supporting this. The children understood how hard it can be for some families and were pleased we

were making a difference.

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 Alarya Carnall for super joining in with our activities

Reception Mrs Locker Olivia Pitchers for this independent English work

Reception Mrs Nixon Joel Arrowsmith for a fantastic attitude to his learning

1B Nova-Rae Roberts for producing some fantastic writing

1M Lexi Hall for super writing

2M Maddison Statham for always having an excellent attitude towards her work

2R Jude Jenkins for always doing his best work

3HS Oscar Barrow for being a delightful member of the class

3RS Alice Dale for being the best she can be

4B Zach Jenkins for excellent effort with his reading

4S Beatrix Bailey for a superb independent write

5A Megan Bates for consistently demonstrating the school expectations

5S Mia Hastings for always living up to our school motto

6C Joel Richards for working incredibly hard and being successful

6S Leah Bennett for being a true delight to teach

Head Teacher Awards for the Week

NUR Holly-Ann Woodward for brilliant dancing to our songs (NUR)
RECEPTION Jaxon Barrow for being so enthusiastic about his learning

Y1&2 Gabriel Avram for always trying his best

Y3&4 Linkin Sargeant for showing a mature and positive attitude

Y5&6 Billy Speakman for resilience

Attendance

Years 1, 2, 4, & 6 are all above 96%

5 classes are on 98% Whole school is 96% Keep your attendance up!

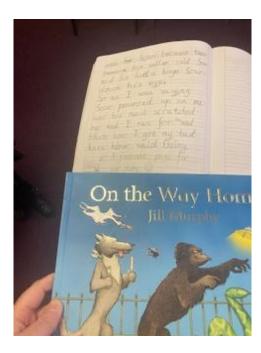
Team points

Week Term, so far
R 1,128 R 3,875
Y 1,065 Y 4,078
G 1,010 G 4,196
B 1,137 B 3,991

Our cross-country team did extremely well on Wednesday and made me very proud. We didn't have anyone first over the line but the teamwork and support they showed to each other was fantastic. Our school values of respect, responsibility and resilience were evident. Whilst runners from other schools left after their run, our whole team stayed and cheered until it was all finished showing that they understand the responsibility of being in a team and showing respect to each other. A special shout out to Billy Speakman who showed fantastic resilience and never gave up. Mrs Mawdsley hasn't stopped singing all your praises since.

Outstanding work

This week I had the pleasure of looking at a piece of outstanding writing from year 2. Ivy Weaver could recall all the crucial knowledge -she knew what a verb was, a noun and how to choose words for better effect – opting for pounced over jumped. **Fantastic work.**



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