



Churchfields Primary School News

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6th October 2023

Points to note:

Monday 9th October

- Year 6 Open Classrooms – 2.45pm

Tuesday 10th October

- Year 4 Open Classrooms – 2.45pm

Wednesday 11th October

- Poet Karl Nova in school – see flyer attached
- **Remember:** Flu immunisation consent deadline

Thursday 12th October

- Year 2 Open Classrooms – 2.45pm
- ARC trip to Crystal Palace Park Farm
- Year 6 trip to Chislehurst Caves

Friday 13th October

- Year 1 Geography walk in the local area am
- Year 6 History walk in the local area pm

Tuesday 17th October

- Flu vaccination day
- Year 3 Sumac and Poplar trip to Crofton Roman Villa

Wednesday 18th October

- Year 3 Baobab trip to Crofton Roman Villa
- Parent/Carer Evening 3.45 – 6.30pm

Thursday 19th October

- Parent/Carer Evening 3.45 – 6.30pm

Monday 30th October

- INSET day – school closed to children

Tuesday 31st October

- First day of Autumn 2 term – school open at usual times

Thursday 9th November

- **New date:** Individual and sibling group school photographs

Re-scheduled dates:

- Year 5 Open Classroom – Wednesday 1st November
- Year 3 Open Classroom – Monday 6th November
- Year 1 Open Classroom – Wednesday 8th November
- Reception Open Classroom – Wednesday 15th November



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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week we have had with the 'special phonecall' on Monday morning to tell us that Ofsted would be in school for the next two days for a full graded inspection. We had been anticipating their visit and a very busy 55 hours followed for everyone in school to pull together to show what we do to at Churchfields to the inspectors.

It was a very thorough and intense scrutiny of all aspects of the school with four inspectors (including two senior HMI inspectors) on Tuesday and two on Wednesday leaving no stone unturned by:

- meeting with leaders
- observing lessons in all classes, some multiple times
- talking with groups of children on different topics
- talking with staff
- looking at children's exercise books
- checking safeguarding arrangements
- checking children's individual EHCP plans are being followed in classrooms
- observing breakfast club, playtime, lunchtime and after school club
- meeting with trustees and governors
- listening to children read
- meeting many of you at the gates on Wednesday
- many meetings with myself and John Grove, CEO of the Quality First Education Trust
- looking at parents/carers, staff and pupil surveys

We are happy with the draft outcome and although a tiring process, it felt like they had understood the school and our community by the end.

The report will be published in 8 weeks or so as it needs to go through their checking and quality assurance process but I was really pleased that they saw how polite, confident and enthusiastic your children are. They recognised the ambition and quality of the curriculum we provide across all subjects and the skills and knowledge of the staff in delivering this. They saw excellent behaviour and attitudes from the children, a lively and bright Early Years environment and were particularly impressed with what is on offer with enrichment opportunities, developing children's leadership skills and how deeply our children understand issues of diversity and equality, mental health and justice. They had a couple of suggestions for further development in being even more precise in our teaching and helping children to show self-control without needing an adult that we had already started to work on before they came – it's reassuring to know we are on the right track. I'm confident that by the time the report comes out we will already have improved as we are working to make the school the best it can be for your children and your family regardless of whether Ofsted have been or not.

I am so proud of our school community and thank you and the staff for all of your support this week and since I joined the school last year. The inspectors said that the vast majority of the 176 of you that completed their survey and spoke with them directly had really positive things to say about the school – thank you for taking the time to do this. I was so very touched by the massive response to the call for last year's exercise books – it shows what a supportive and engaged community you are, thank you. There were a small number of not so positive responses – we don't get to see the written comments so please do contact me directly so I can hear your concerns and work to make improvements – I like feedback!

It's always good to keep perspective on an Ofsted visit and I'm sure the most important thing that happened this week from your children's point of view is that the chef found a way to get chips back on the lunch menu today – they were literally cheering in the lunch hall! Have a wonderful weekend!
Sarah Atherton, Headteacher



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Supporting Bromley Brighter Beginnings

Churchfields are proudly supporting Bromley Brighter Beginnings 'Christmas in a Bag' Appeal again this year. BBB is a local charity who help local families.

You can see all their great work here
<https://www.bromleybrighterbeginnings.org.uk/>

This year we have been asked to collect:

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Shower Gel

There is a box in the office if you would like to donate.

They would like all donations in **by half term** so they can calculate how many they have.

Thank you so much for your support

We need about **200 more** donations to go to beat our 2022 record!



Enter the BBC 500 Words Competition



The BBC has launched its 500 words story writing competition!

Open to children aged 5-11 years, it's a chance for them to let their imaginations run wild and write the kind of story they would love to read. We know that we have some fantastic storywriters at Churchfields and we would love them to enter!

Information about the competition and how to enter, along with lots of helpful tips and ideas, is available at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words> The closing date is **10th November**.

Stories must be typed up and submitted online; we would be happy to help with this in school if children are not able to do this at home.

Please also send a copy of your child's story to aspen@churchfields.q1e.org.uk as we are planning to compile the best ones into a special Churchfields book of stories.



We are part of the Penge School Uniform Hub

Penge School Uniform Hub



Save money and the planet: buy preloved uniform!

**Sense charity shop,
104 High Street, Penge
(next to the Post Office)**

General uniform suitable for all schools available, as well as specifics for Alexandra, St John's and Churchfields Schools, with more coming soon!

Open Mon-Sat 9am-5pm,
Sun 10am-4pm

Organised by Alexandra Junior School PTFA.
For more info, contact: treasurer@ajsptfa.org.uk
Supported by Penge BID



Penge School Uniform Hub!

Pre-loved Churchfields school uniform in sizes age 2 to 15 is now available 7 days a week from the Sense charity shop on Penge High Street. 100s of items in stock - so much it won't all fit on the shop floor, so please ask if you cannot find the size you need. **Dresses, skirts, trousers, shorts, jumpers and cardigans all £1. Polos shirts 50p.** This new collaboration between Sense Penge and multiple local primary schools means that parents now have a single one-stop-shop to find affordable second-hand school uniform for their primary age children.
All proceeds to the Sense charity.



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Class Assemblies 2023/24

Class assemblies will be held in the school's Main Hall, starting promptly at 2.45pm.

Autumn Term

07.11.23 Year 6 Elm
 14.11.23 Year 6 Oak
 21.11.23 Year 5 Cherry
 28.11.23 Year 5 Olive
 05.12.23 Year 4 Aspen

Spring Term

16.01.24 Year 4 Sycamore
 27.02.24 Year 4 Hazel
 05.03.24 Year 3 Sumac
 12.03.24 Year 3 Poplar
 19.03.24 Year 3 Baobab

Summer Term

23.04.24 Year 2 Hickory
 30.04.24 Year 2 Maple
 14.05.24 Year 1 Rowan
 21.05.24 Year 1 Silver Birch
 11.06.24 Reception Palm
 18.06.24 Reception Beech

Open Classrooms 2023/24

Come along to the classroom at 2.45pm so the children can show off their learning.

Autumn Term

09.10.23 Year 6
 10.10.23 Year 4
 12.10.23 Year 2
 Re-scheduled due to Ofsted:
 01.11.23 Year 5
 06.11.23 Year 3
 08.11.23 Year 1
 15.11.23 Reception

Spring term

22.01.24 Year 3
 23.01.24 Year 2
 24.01.24 Year 1
 25.01.24 Reception
 29.01.24 Year 6
 30.01.24 Year 5
 01.02.24 Year 4

Apple class, ARC Holly and ARC Magnolia will write to you separately about when the children will share their learning with you.

Parent/Carer Evenings 2023/24

Autumn term

Wednesday 18th October, 3.45 – 6.30pm
 Thursday 19th October, 3.45 – 6.30pm

Spring term

Wednesday 7th February, 3.45 – 6.30pm
 Thursday 8th February, 3.45 – 6.30pm

Summer term

Wednesday 17th July, 3.45 – 5.30pm
 Please note – in the summer term you will receive your child's end of year report before the parent/carers evening.

Special Events 2023/24

- Christmas concerts and fair dates TBC
- World Book days – Thursday 7th March
- British Science Week – 11th – 15th March
- Churchfields Culture Celebration Week – 25th – 28th March
- Sports day – Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and ARC on Friday 24th May, 9 – 11am
- Sports day - Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6 on Friday 7th June, 9 – 11am
- Nursery Sports day, Wednesday 10th July
- PTA summer fair date TBC



Term Dates 2023/24

Autumn Term 2023

Friday 20 th October 2023	Last day of Autumn 1 term
Monday 23 rd to Friday 27 th October 2023	Autumn half term holiday
Monday 30 th October 2023	INSET day, school closed to children
Tuesday 31 st October 2023	First day of Autumn 2 term
Thursday 21 st December 2023	Last day of Autumn 2 term

Spring Term 2024

Monday 8 th January 2024	INSET day, school closed to children
Tuesday 9 th January 2024	First day of Spring 1 term
Friday 9 th February 2024	Last day of Spring 1 term
Monday 12 th to Friday 16 th February 2024	Spring half term holiday
Monday 19 th February 2024	First day of Spring 2 term
Thursday 28 th March 2024	Last day of Spring 2 term

Summer Term 2024

Monday 15 th April 2024	First day of Summer 1 term
Monday 6 th May 2024	May Bank Holiday, school closed
Friday 24 th May 2024	Last day of Summer 1 term
Monday 27 th to Friday 31 st May 2024	Summer half term holiday
Monday 3 rd June 2024	INSET day, school closed to children
Tuesday 4 th June 2024	First day of Summer 2 term
Wednesday 24 th July 2024	Last day of Summer 2 term