



# Churchfields Primary School News

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15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

## Points to note:

- In this newsletter, you will find dates for:

- Term dates for 2023/24
- Class assemblies
- Parent/carer evenings
- Open classroom sessions
- Special events

- Upcoming meetings and events:

### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September

- Swimming lessons begin for ARC Holly, ARC Magnolia and Year 4 Sycamore classes
- Year 2 trip to the Tower of London

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

- Year 6 theatre show in school

### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

- PTA Fair: 1 – 4pm on site, everyone welcome

### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September

- How we teach maths – for parents/carers of children in Reception to Year 6
  - In person, 2pm in the Main Hall at school
  - Online, 5.30pm on Zoom (see separate email for link)

### Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

- Year 5 Open Classrooms – 2.45pm

### Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

- Year 3 Open Classrooms – 2.45pm
- How we teach early reading and writing – for parents/carers of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
  - In person, 6.30pm in the Main Hall at school

### Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October

- Year 1 Open Classrooms – 2.45pm

### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October

- Reception Open Classrooms – 2.45pm



If you are worried about something ....  
If you are worried about someone else.....

ChildLine  
0800 111111

You can talk to  
**ANYONE** who works  
for the school

Safeguarding is the  
responsibility of EVERYONE



Our first priority is to ensure all children and adults are safe.

Please do talk to any member of staff if you have any worries for yourself or others in our community.



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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

02.10.23	Year 5
03.10.23	Year 3
04.10.23	Year 1
05.10.23	Reception
09.10.23	Year 6
10.10.23	Year 4
12.10.23	Year 2

### 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 18<sup>th</sup> October, 3.45 – 6.30pm  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 3.45 – 6.30pm

### Spring term

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February, 3.45 – 6.30pm  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February, 3.45 – 6.30pm

### Summer term

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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

- PTA Fair – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 1 – 4pm
- Christmas concerts and fair dates TBC
- World Book days – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March
- British Science Week – 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> March
- Churchfields Culture Celebration Week – 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> March
- Sports day – Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and ARC on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May, 9 – 11am
- Sports day - Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6 on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June, 9 – 11am
- Nursery Sports day, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July
- PTA summer fair date TBC



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an incredibly positive start to a new school year and a real pleasure to see you again after the long summer break.

As you may have noticed, there has been lots of activity on site over the summer with new gates and fencing around the perimeter of the site, CCTV being installed, new gates and outside area improvements for the ARC classes, Hazel class redecoration as well as a thorough clean of the whole building. My thanks to Mr Hayes who was here for the whole summer making sure the works were successful. I also want to thank all of the staff for their hard work to get the school and classrooms ready to welcome your children – they look really smart.

We have also been making improvements in various areas for the new year, many of which you shared your views on last year – thank you for your contributions:

- parents/carers of children from Reception to Year 6 will have received an email with information about how you can support your child at home with their learning;
- we have introduced the new Medical Tracker system to make sure you know of any accidents in school;
- we have reviewed and improved our behaviour and anti-bullying policy (details below);
- we have off-set Years 1 – 3 and Year 4 – 6 lunchtimes (as the school meal numbers have risen from 240 on our busiest day to nearly 400 every day) with a much calmer lunch hall and outside space without the little/big ones as a result;
- we have increased the teaching of music to a full hour with our new programme and instruments supported by the PTA;
- we have re-vamped the libraries and have timetabled sessions of dedicated 'story' time for staff to read and enjoy books with the children – often a fond memory from our own childhoods;
- we have even more enrichment clubs and activities on offer (22 this term compared to 10 this time last year) plus three thriving school football teams;
- we have a simpler handwriting scheme being introduced with the younger children.

We also have some excellent new staff who have joined us (see below) and we welcome them to our wonderful community along with new families joining us in Early Years and throughout the school. I'm looking forward to a very positive year and to celebrating more successes with you over the coming months. Have a great weekend,



Ms Sarah Atherton  
Headteacher



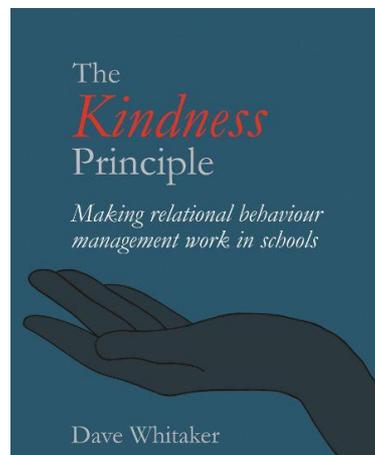
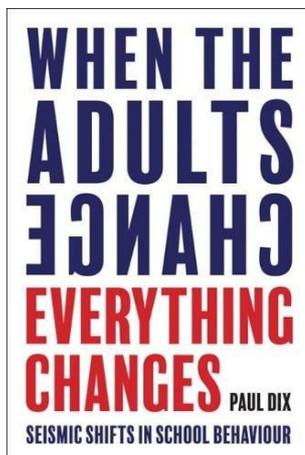
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## Behaviour and Anti-Bullying Policy 2023/24

Children at Churchfields behave well and we want to go even further in making school a positive environment for everyone. Following feedback from children, staff, parents and carers, we have reviewed and revised our approach to supporting children's behavioural development and also our anti-bullying approach.

Our behaviour policy guides staff to teach children the self-discipline to make the right choices and aims to build a community which values kindness, care, good humour, good temper, belonging and empathy for others. We based much of the policy on two books:



You can find the full policy on our school website <https://www.churchfields-q1e.org.uk/our-school/policies> and there is a quick summary below.

Following the Golden Rules is expected from everyone	We celebrate going 'above and beyond'	We respond and repair any negative behaviour
 <p><b>The Golden Rules</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>Ready</b></p> <p><b>Respectful</b></p> <p><b>Safe</b></p> </div> <p>We expect ready, respectful and safe choices from all children and we recognise and praise their efforts to follow the golden rules. We focus our time, energy and attention on appreciating the right choices, not looking for the wrong ones.</p>	<p>We recognise and reward learners who go 'above and beyond' our expected standards with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Praise and attention (frequently)</li> <li>- Names on the recognition board (daily)</li> <li>- Note or sticker home so others can praise them (regularly)</li> <li>- Phonecall home (occasionally)</li> <li>- Celebration assembly (weekly)</li> </ul>	<p>When children are not showing ready, respectful or safe behaviour, staff are ready to deliver consequences calmly and with care. This may be a non-verbal 'nudge', a reminder, a warning, time to think or a change of space. The swiftness and certainty of response is more effective than escalation of response. For repeated, serious or extreme behaviours we work with parents/carers to help the child improve.</p>

### Want to find out how you could use this at home?

Have a look at <https://www.whentheparentschange.com/> which has links, information and support, including a parent/carers bookclub!



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## Welcome to Churchfields - New Staff Members



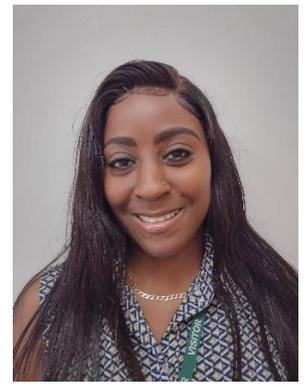
Miss Akhtar  
Year 1 Teacher



Mrs Soares  
Year 4 Teacher



Mrs Tevfik  
Teaching Assistant



Ms McKay  
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Cassidy  
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Butler  
Receptionist



Miss Vamos  
Teaching Assistant



Mr Kavanagh  
Teaching Assistant  
After School Club



Miss Goldsmith  
Finance Officer



Ms Proxa  
Midday Assistant

We are currently advertising for a **Forest School Leader** and **Midday Assistants** to join us.

If you are someone you know is interested, the information is [HERE](#)



## What happened at school today?



Nursery exploring their environment



A busy reading corner in Reception



Year 1 using magic finger spacers in their writing



Year 2 working with partners to count in different jumps



Year 3 gardeners sharing in celebration assembly



Year 4 locating cities on the American continent



Year 5 watching an expert art demonstration



Year 6 engrossed in a detective story



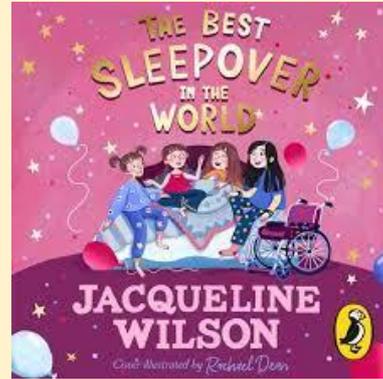
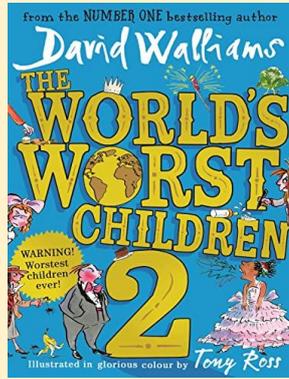
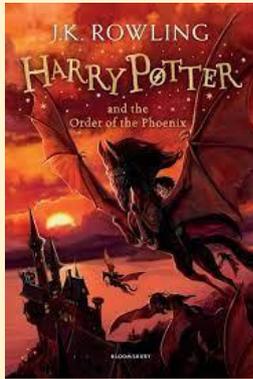
ARC children working with their teachers on maths



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## Birthday Book Donations



Happy birthday and thank you to Imogen for 'Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix'; Erin for 'The World's Worst Children 2' and Rose for 'The Best Sleepover in the World'. We will enjoy reading them!

### Book Suggestions

We really appreciate the birthday books that come into school to keep our libraries fresh and exciting.

We have been asked by some parents/carers for ideas for new and interesting books to add to our collection, especially for the older children.

In response to this we have set up wish lists on Amazon that you can use to help choose the books.

Please note: you do not need to purchase books from Amazon or only the ones on these lists - all donations are very gratefully received!

### [Nursery and Reception wishlist](#)

[Year 1 wishlist](#)

[Year 2 wishlist](#)

[Year 3 wishlist](#)

[Year 4 wishlist](#)

[Year 5 wishlist](#)

[Year 6 wishlist](#)

## An Amazing Achievement



Congratulations to Messaouda in Year 6 who won four medals at a basketball competition in Sevenoaks last week. It was fun but scary as there were over 100 people watching! Well done!

**Any good news, something to share or celebrate with the Churchfields community?**

Please do email us on [admin@churchfields.q1e.org.uk](mailto:admin@churchfields.q1e.org.uk)



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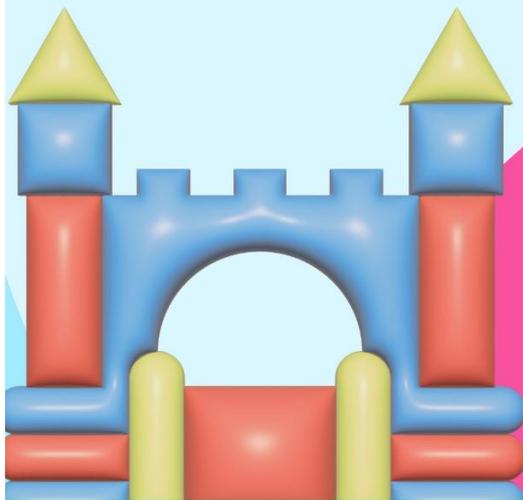
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## Summer Fair

SATURDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER, 1-4

CHURCHFIELDS ROAD, BR3 4QY



INFLATABLE ASSAULT COURSE, SLIDE,  
BOUNCY CASTLE, DIDI-CAR TRACK, BBQ,  
BEAT-THE-GOALIE, FACE PAINTING,  
BAR & COCKTAILS, BOTTLE TOMBOLA,  
ARTS & CRAFTS, BOOKS, TOYS & UNIFORM  
PRELOVED SALE, CAKES, ICE CREAMS  
AND MUCH MORE!.....

TOKENS, CASH AND CARD PAYMENTS

**ENTRY: £1 ADULTS, KIDS GO FREE, EVERYONE WELCOME!**



**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](mailto: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.



## Term Dates 2023/24

### **Autumn Term 2023**

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

### **Spring Term 2024**

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

### **Summer Term 2024**

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