



Churchtown Chatter

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Newsletter 14

Friday 15th December 2023



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This week we have had three-year groups perform for their grown-ups; Nursery, Reception and Year 5. The feedback we have received has been really positive; thank you for taking the time to speak to staff about how much you have enjoyed these, especially seeing your child perform amongst their peers. Thank you to St. Cuthbert's Church who have allowed us to use their facility for Reception and Year 5. We will all look forward to visiting next week, when we have our end of term Christmas assemblies at St Cuthbert's Church too.

Year 3 visited Chester yesterday for their visit linked to the Roman theme. Again, we have had feedback on the children's respectfulness and manners from adults involved in the day, especially the Roman soldiers who lead the day. The children thoroughly enjoyed marching through the streets of Chester!

Next week, we finish on Thursday for the Christmas holidays. Please be reminded that we close at 1.30pm. Children will have their lunch as normal before they start the holidays. Party day for KS2 takes place on Monday, if you haven't already, please support and contribute on ParentPay for Years 3 and 4 to visit Father Christmas and listen to a Christmas story. **Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Payne!**

LOVE OF LEARNING

This half term, the value that Churchtown is developing is Love of Learning. At the end of the half term, value champions will be nominated for each class.

LOVE OF LEARNING

At Churchtown creativity drives our love of learning. We believe that when learning is fun, purposeful, and when the voice and imagination of everyone is valued, we flourish.

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

The year groups with the best attendance this week are:

1st Place – Year 2 (97.2%) - awarded 2 points

2nd Place – Reception (95%) – awarded 1 point

This week's attendance champions are **Year 2 Owls Class** for the best attendance this week – **98%**.



BUDDY ASSEMBLY GROUPS

Each week in the 'Friday Praise Assembly' we have been checking the totals of the Buddy assembly groups. Classes and children gain points for super behaviour.

1st	248	Red Team
2nd	238	Yellow Team
3rd	226	Blue Team
4th	219	Green Team

Learning Champions

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CONGRATULATIONS!

to all of our award winners this week!
Children will bring home their postcard to share with you at home. These awards will also be celebrated in Praise Assemblies on Fridays.

Our School Eco Club
Champions would like
to share



Facts of the Week!

- Up to 60% of the rubbish that ends up in the bin could be recycled.
- The chemicals and the other resources like precious metals that batteries contain can be used to make new batteries and other useful things, so it's important to save them by recycling.

Churchtown Little Buds



As you are aware, school will be finishing for Christmas at 1.30pm on Thursday 21st December 2023. Little Buds After-School Club **will not be open** on this day. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

We have, however, been advised that Fun4Kidz will be able to offer places to **Reception** children on this day, as an alternative. Fun4Kidz can be contacted on 0151 932 9218 or 0151 924 0122 for more information or to book your place.

Thank you - The Little Buds Staff Team.

APPLY FOR A SCHOOL PLACE

Is your child born on or between
01/09/2019 and 31/08/2020?

If so, your child is due to start
school in September 2024!



**You MUST apply for a school place
online before 15 January 2024**

For more information or to make an
application, go to
www.sefton.gov.uk/startingschool

sefton.gov.uk 0151 934 3590
admissions@sefton.gov.uk

Sefton Council

Please click [here](#) to access further information in relation to this on our school letters page on our website 'Arrangements for Admission to Reception: September 2024'.



**Please be reminded that school
will close at 1.30pm on
Thursday 21st December for the
Christmas break.**

**Gates will open at 1.15pm and
close at 1.40pm.**

CAMP VENUES
 THE HUB @ BANKS (BANKS LEISURE CENTRE)
 ST ANNE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

ONLY £20 per day

NEW YEAR ENDEAVOUR HOLIDAY CAMP
 JANUARY 2024
 WEDNESDAY 3RD
 THURSDAY 4TH
 FRIDAY 5TH

COMPETITIONS PRIZES CERTIFICATES

Open to 5 - 12 year olds

Arts & Crafts, Athletics, Basketball, Dance, Dodgeball, Football, Invasion and Target Games, and much more!

8.30AM until 4.30PM

HAF WEST LANCASHIRE HOLIDAY ACTIVITY - FUN

ENDEAVOUR COMMUNITY
 Delivered by WEST LANCASHIRE SPORT PARTNERSHIP

To book your child's place please visit <https://ec.schoolactivity.co.uk> and if you have any queries please email holidaycamps@endeavourlearning.org

RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

Rainbow Hub will collect & recycle your real Christmas tree to save you time & hassle
Collecting Saturday 13th January 2024

To book your tree collection, fill out the online form at rainbowhub.org before 10th January 2024

We will be collecting trees in these postcode areas:
 PR5, PR6, PR7, PR25, PR26, WN6, WN8, L39, L40, BL6, Tarleton & Hesketh Bank

01704 823276 rainbowhub.org e.parish@rainbowhub.org

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School Health Screening

For those children who have started school in reception, their health and well-being will now be supported by the Sefton School Health's Team in partnership with you and school. During their time in reception, the Sefton School Health Team will visit school to screen your child's distance vision, hearing, height and weight.

If you do not wish your child to be included in any aspect of the screening programme, please ensure you inform the School Health Team by Friday 22nd December 2023 on 0151 247 6354 or by email to mcn-tr.seftonschoolhealth@nhs.net

Please click [here](#) to access copy letter on our website titled 'Reception Screening Letter 2024' for more information.

Dogs on School Premises

We would like to remind all parents and extended family members that dogs are not allowed on school premises.


Whilst many children and adults love dogs, some find them intimidating or suffer allergies. Can we please therefore ask that dogs are not brought onto school premises (including in arms or inside jackets!) unless they are guide dogs or assistance dogs.

Please ensure that you make other relatives/friends who collect children aware.

Thank you for your understanding.



Winter Challenge 2023

<p>Activity 1 Winter Reading Challenge Go to the website below to create your profile. Read 3 or more books and complete the challenges set. Send a picture of your certificate and you will receive 3 credits. wintermini.org.uk</p>	<p>Activity 2 Active Challenge Take part in one of the Sport England challenges, you could try the socks in a box challenge, the wall ball challenge or any others you like the look of. Don't forget to send a picture. https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/competition/socks-in-the-box-60-second-challenge</p>	<p>Activity 3 Create some characters. Save some used cardboard toilet rolls and create some characters with them. You could decorate them as a snowman or penguin or create your own characters. Here's some ideas: https://whatmomslove.com/kids/christmas-toilet-paper-roll-crafts-for-kids/</p>	<p>Activity 4 Tasty treats! Have a go at making a winter tasty treat...you could make marshmallow penguins or snowmen biscuits... https://www.eatsamazing.co.uk/category/fun-food-for-kids/creative-food-tutorials/winter-themed-recipes</p>
<p>Activity 5 Scavenger hunt! Why not get outside for a walk and take pictures of as many of the following things that you come across: Shadows, a tree stump, a puddle, a squirrel, a worm, fallen leaves, a spiders web, a log, some ice, a feather, a road sign, some birds. I look forward to seeing what you've seen.</p>	<p>Activity 6 Write a winter themed story Use your imagination to write a winter themed story. Think of an idea, create your main character then decide where the story is set. Have a beginning, middle and end! https://readingeggs.co.uk/articles/2015-06-19-story-writing-for-kids/ I can't wait to read them all!</p>	<p>Activity 7 Create a snow globe Have a go at making a snow globe by recycling a used jam jar or similar, find a small figure that could go in it and follow the instructions on this website https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/how-make-snow-globe Don't forget to send a picture.</p>	

Collect extra Children's University credits during the Christmas holiday by completing this challenge. Each activity is worth 1 credit. Send evidence of your activity to SeftonCU@elevate-ebp.co.uk This could be a photograph, video, a work sheet, or writing about what you did. Remember to include your name and the school you attend!

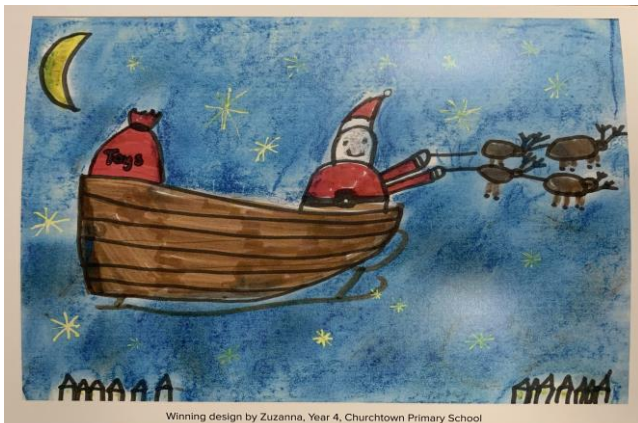
MP Damien Moore's Christmas Card competition 2023



Congratulations to Zuzanna, one of our Year 4 pupils, on winning Mr Moore's annual Christmas card competition.

Primary schools across Southport were invited to participate in the competition. Out of 600 submissions, Zuzanna's entry was chosen as the winning design and will appear on Mr Moore's Christmas card which will be sent to the King, members of Parliament, foreign dignitaries and local organisations.

Please click [here](#) to read the full story.



Winning design by Zuzanna, Year 4, Churchtown Primary School



ParentPay

LUNCH DEBTS

Polite request for those families who have lunch debts on ParentPay – can you please ensure that these debts are cleared prior to the end of term.

Thank you in advance of your assistance

Thank you for our Christmas Dinner!

All of the staff and pupils at Churchtown Primary School would like to thank all of our kitchen staff for their hard work in preparing a festive meal for us all to enjoy – it was delicious!





Date	Event
Monday 18 th December 2023	Key Stage 2 Party Day – mufti/party clothes
Tuesday 19 th December 2023	Christmas Assemblies in Church
Thursday 21 st December 2023	Break up for Christmas – 1.30pm
Friday 22 nd December 2023	INSET Day
Date	Event
Monday 8 th January 2024	Back to School – Rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine!
Tuesday 30 th January 2024	P.T.A. Meeting in The Lodge at 7pm – all welcome to attend
Date	Event
Monday 5 th February 2024	Y5 Educational visit to Young Voices at the AO Arena, Manchester
Friday 9 th February 2024	Break up for half-term (normal times)
Monday 19 th February 2024	Back to School – Rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine!
Date	Event
Tuesday 5 th March 2024	Early Years & KS1 Theatre Trip to The Atkinson - 1.30pm
Monday 25 th March 2024	Year 1 Educational Trip to Imagine That! Liverpool
Date	Event
May 2024	Nursery & Reception Educational Trip to Martin Mere
Date	Event
Monday 10 th & Tuesday 11 th June 2024	Year 4 Educational Trip to The Beatles Story, Liverpool
Monday 24 th June 2024	Year 2 Educational Trip to Blackpool Zoo
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