

# Churchtown Chatter

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**Newsletter 3**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023

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The newsletter is jam-packed full of information, please encourage parents to read it and share it with them. Not only is the dates page useful but this week we have information on Children's University, Harvest Festivals that are coming up at St Cuthbert's Church and the very important timeline for the ordering of school Christmas cards.

On the 29<sup>th</sup> September, **HRH Princess Anne** will be visiting Southport as part of the rededication of the War Memorial. As part of the celebration, local schools have been asked if they would like to enter a competition to produce a piece of work which will be exhibited at the Atkinson Theatre on Lord Street. All the pieces of work should be on the theme of **'To me, Remembrance is...'**

Please click [here](#) to find a template that can be used for this. Children can do a poem, story, painting, or a photograph to fit with this theme. The work must be submitted to the child's class teacher no later than Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September.

**Six winners will be chosen and will get to meet HRH Princess Anne on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September.**

Have a good weekend, Mrs Payne!

## RESPECT

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



## ATTENDANCE

The class with the best attendance this week is ....

**Sycamore – Year 6 (99%)**

The year group with the best attendance this week is...

**Year 6 – (96%)**



## 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.

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	63	<b>Yellow Team</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	62	<b>Red Team</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	59	<b>Blue Team</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	50	<b>Green Team</b>



## Churchtown Primary School Open Mornings

We would like to invite prospective pupils and their families to our Open Mornings. This is a great opportunity to take a look around Churchtown Primary, meet our staff and current pupils. The Open Mornings will start at 9.30am at the main school entrance (School Office).

Booking for this event is essential as we have limited spaces for each Open Morning. To reserve your space, please click the 'Book Event Online' button on our webpage to fill out your details, via the link below:

[Open Morning Webpage](#)

If you have any queries before making a booking please contact the school via telephone on **01704 508500** or email us at [office@churchtown.org.uk](mailto:office@churchtown.org.uk)

**Next available dates:**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023**  
**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023**  
**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

## Churchtown Primary School Baby & Toddler Group

Messy Play  
Storytime  
Snack

Arts and Crafts  
Rhyme Time  
Circle Activities

Come & join us  
Everybody is Welcome  
Mondays and Fridays - 8.50 to 10.30am

In the Early Years Hall

Organised & ran by Mrs. Cornish



St Cuthbert's Road, Southport, Churchtown, PR9 7NN  
01704 508500

## Churchtown Little Buds

Nursery & Reception  
After School Care



Little Buds is our after-school care for Nursery and Reception aged children. It is open every evening from the end of school until 5.55pm. Teaching Assistants from the school run the club and children are provided with a snack, as well as a multitude of activities to engage and interest all who attend. The cost per session is £10. Places are available and can be booked via our school app or at the school office. Please call 01704 508500 if you require further information.



For all children in Year 6, it is now time for you to apply for your child's place at a secondary school for Year 7, September 2024 entry.

Please click [here](#) to access a copy of the letter on our website titled 'Secondary School Admissions for September 2024'.

Further information can also be found on [www.sefton.gov.uk/startingschool](http://www.sefton.gov.uk/startingschool)

Sefton's online application for secondary schools is open from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 until the **national closing date of 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023** for you to submit your application.

It's that time of year when the children are designing their Christmas cards in school. Their completed design will be sent home on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023.

Details of how to order will be on the reverse of your child's design. In addition, a blank form will also be sent home, should you wish to create a different design or involve other siblings in the project.

**ALL** design forms are to be returned to school, **with payment** (cash or cheque), in the envelope supplied by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023.



Thank you to those families who have sent emails into school to enable us to celebrate outside of school achievements on a PowerPoint presentation during the Friday Praise Assemblies.

Moving forward, we would like to change the way in which we celebrate these achievements. We would like to invite the children to bring their trophies, medals, certificates etc. into school on Friday mornings, which they can then share during their Class Praise Assembly and then bring home again at the end of the day.

**Thank you!**



## PUNCTUALITY!

We would like to politely remind everyone that the school doors open at 8.40am and that children are expected to be in their classrooms by

8.50am for registration. The table below shows what a negative impact poor punctuality can have on a child's education.

Minutes late per day during the school year	Equal days' worth of teaching lost in a year
5 minutes	3.4 days
10 minutes	6.9 days
15 minutes	10.3 days
20 minutes	13.8 days
30 minutes	20.7 days

Core curriculum subjects are normally taught at the start of the day so it is important that children arrive on time to avoid missing key information.

## NHSDigital/National-Child-Measurement-...



### All Parents/Carers of Reception and Year 6 Pupils

Every year in England, school children in Reception and Year 6 have their height and weight checked at school as part of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP).

Please click [here](#) to access copy letter on our website which contains further information in relation to this.

### Reception Health Form / School Entry Health Questionnaire



Please click [here](#) to access copy letter titled 'Reception Health Form/School Entry Questionnaire'. The questionnaire can be found at: <https://forms.chathealth.nhs.uk/index.php/729545?lang=en>



# Harvest Festival Week



Autumn is here once again!

**The week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> October is Harvest Celebration Week.**

Working with organisations in our local community is an important part of life here at Churchtown Primary School. We are very proud of the work that our children do in supporting local and worldwide organisations in different ways across the year.

Following on from previous years successful food donations for The Southport Foodbank, we are again, working in partnership with them this year for our Harvest Festival. Children throughout the school will be asked to bring in food donations from the list below that will be collected by the Foodbank and distributed to those who require a helping hand within the local area.

As part of our Harvest Festival Celebrations, we will also be holding assemblies at St. Cuthbert's Church for all children in their Buddy Assembly Groups on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October.**

### **How to make your food donation**

Food items can be dropped off at St. Cuthbert's Church between

**3:00 – 3:45pm on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

**8:00am – 8:45am on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

If you have any problems with dropping food off at St. Cuthbert's Church, then children can bring it into school with them on the day.

Thank you for your help with this celebration and time to think about others.

The following items make up a typical food parcel, which means that they are the best items to donate:

Cereal  
Soup  
Pasta  
Rice  
Tinned tomatoes/pasta sauce  
Lentils, beans and pulses  
Tinned meat  
Tinned vegetables  
Tea/coffee  
Tinned fruit  
Biscuits  
UHT milk  
Fruit juice

Foodbanks also accept additional items that are not on the standard packing list and these are then included in parcels as treats.



## HRH The Princess Royal to visit Southport for rededication of the War Memorial

Friday 29 September 2023

Southport will welcome HRH The Princess Royal on 29 September to mark the rededication of the town's War Memorial which will be 100 years old on 18 November this year.

Her Royal Highness will be attending the event in her capacity as President of the Women's Section of the Royal British Legion.

The public event will consist of a parade marching from Victoria Park, Southport to the War Memorial where a service will be conducted to mark the re-dedication of the War Memorial. The Atkinson Gallery will also be holding an exhibition of work by local school children based on their reflections on Remembrance.

For further information please contact [southport.secretary@rbl.community](mailto:southport.secretary@rbl.community)



The parade will form up at Victoria Park from 10:30, departing 11:15.  
The service will begin at the War Memorial at 12:00.

Churchtown Primary School have been invited to attend an event that is being held to mark the rededication of the War Memorial in Southport.

A small selection of children and staff will be taking part in this event to mark the memorial being 100 years old this year.



Please visit the Children's University main website page to access more information about what they do and why: -

<https://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/>

There is also a tab at the top of the webpage called 'find an activity'. Here you will find a search engine to find learning destinations in our area (or further afield), together with ideas of what you can do at home.

<https://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/activity-search/>

### SOUTHPORT LANDMARKS TO TURN PURPLE TO HONOUR INSPIRATIONAL 14 YEAR OLD

Please click on the following link to read an article about two former Churchtown Primary School pupils, Eden & Ebony (brother & sister), and why they are turning Southport Town Hall and The Atkinson purple:

<https://standupforsouthport.com/southport-landmarks-to-turn-purple-to-honour-inspirational-14-year-old/>

## Chief Champions

In school this week, we have been voting for this year's Chief Champions. There were eight final candidates, with four children being voted in as Chief Champions: -

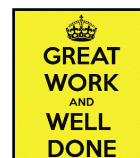
### Chief Champions

Isabelle C – Juniper  
Louis A – Aspen  
Lily M-D – Sycamore  
Jem D-S – Cedar



### Junior Leadership Team

Bella G – Juniper  
Daniel B – Sycamore  
Maya R – Aspen  
Jenson B – Cedar



Well done to you all for putting yourselves forward!

## Churchtown Primary School After School Club Information

Information has now been shared with parents and carers regarding the after-school clubs that will be taking place during this autumn half term.

All clubs will begin during the week commencing Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023. Please click on the links below to find out more information, costings and to request a space for your child. Applications will close on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 3.30pm, to allow time to allocate places and inform families.

### MONDAY

Year 5 and 6 Outdoor Athletics and Indoor Dodgeball  
<https://forms.office.com/e/hZYSNKdwrS>

### TUESDAY

Year 1 Dance  
<https://forms.office.com/e/x4k9et0Thm>

Year 5 and 6 Netball  
<https://forms.office.com/e/TP7vcvX8Fm>

### WEDNESDAY

Year 2 Dance  
<https://forms.office.com/e/jfnT4sAwz0>

### THURSDAY

Year 3 and 4 Outdoor Athletics and Indoor Dodgeball  
<https://forms.office.com/e/D11EBHG0Jg>

Year 4,5 and 6 Tennis  
<https://forms.office.com/e/XRas0tvfpf>



Date	Event
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Cycle to School Week (national event)
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Year 6 Residential Trip to Robinwood
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Southport War Memorial Re-Dedication in the presence of HRH The Princess Royal
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2023	Christmas card design orders and payment to be returned to school
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2023	Tempest Individual/Family Photographs
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2023	Tempest Individual/Family Photographs
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2023	P.T.A. Meeting in The Lodge 7pm – new parents welcome
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2023	Year 6 Curriculum Day at Stanley High School
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Harvest Assemblies in Church
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	World Mental Health Day
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	P.T.A. Mufti Day / Optional fancy dress
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Break up for half-term (normal times)
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	INSET Day
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2023	Back to School – Rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine!
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2023	P.T.A. Fashion Show – more details to follow
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Green Sefton – Southport Beach Clean Up!
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Churchtown Village Christmas Light Switch on!
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