

Churchtown Chatter

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Newsletter 4

Friday 29th September 2023

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It has been a very busy week in school with lots of exciting things happening. The majority of Year 6 have been to Robinwood and had a brilliant time. Thank you to the staff team that supported with this, the children have made amazing memories. For those children who decided not to go to Robinwood, they have had some great activities taking place in school; circus skills, yoga session and nerf fun.

We also took a group of children to the rededication of the war memorial today, where Princess Anne was present.

A parade of Southport schools and service people lead their way down Lord Street to a short service at the war memorial. The children got the chance to see and meet Princess Anne. There are highlights from all of the fantastic things that have taken place this week on our Facebook page, so please have a look.

Please read further down in the newsletter about school photographs that are taking place next week on Monday and Tuesday. All the information you require is listed but if you have any queries please phone the school office. It is harvest assemblies next week also in St Cuthbert's Church, please read how you can make donations further on in the newsletter. **Have a great 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 CHAMPIONS

The year groups with the best attendance this week are

Reception with 96.3% (2 points)
Year 3 with 95.3% (1 point)

This week's attendance champions are **BLUEBELLS**, with the highest attendance in school this week – **99%**



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.

1 st	80	Red Team
2 nd	73	Blue Team
3 rd	70	Yellow Team
4 th	59	Green Team



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 on your chosen date 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

Next available dates:

Friday 13th October 2023

Friday 3rd November 2023

Monday 13th November 2023

Tuesday 16th January 2024

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

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

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



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'.

flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child



- 1. Protect your child**
The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia
- 2. Protect you, your family and friends**
Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family
- 3. No injection needed**
The nasal spray is painless and easy to have
- 4. It's better than having flu**
The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record
- 5. Avoid costs**
If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

For more information visit
www.nhs.uk/child-flu

Sefton Immunisation Team will be visiting
Churchtown Primary School on **Thursday 5th
October 2023** to administer the flu vaccination to
children from Reception through to Year 6 and to
Nursery children who were aged two or three
years old on 31/08/23.

For further information on these vaccinations,
please click [here](#) to access the flu vaccination
letters on the school letters page on our website.



This year, we have made a conscious effort to ensure that our attendance incentives/rewards are as inclusive as possible. There are now three different incentives/rewards, which are as follows:

- 1.** Each week, the two year groups with the highest attendance will be announced in assembly. First place will receive 2 points and second place will receive 1 point. At the end of the school term, all the points will get added together

and the year group with the best attendance will have a non-uniform day on the first day back of term. Parents/Guardians of the winning group will be notified via the parent app.

- 2.** Each week, we will have our 'Attendance Champions'. This could be the class with the highest attendance, most improved attendance, best punctuality or for any other reason that is deemed appropriate. Our attendance champions will also be announced in assembly and they will have 'the attendance star' on their classroom door as an acknowledgement of their effort. They will also have an attendance bear and trophy in their classroom for a week.

- 3.** Attendance certificates and pencils will be presented to children who have exceptionally high attendance at the end of the summer term.

If you have any queries regarding your child's attendance, please ask to speak to Mrs Welsh via the school office.



Harvest Festival Week



Autumn is here once again!

The week beginning 2nd 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 6th 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 5th October 2022

8:00am – 8:45am on Friday 6th 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.



Tempest Photography will be visiting school on **Monday 2nd of October** and **Tuesday the 3rd of October 2023** for individual and sibling photographs.

On **Monday the 2nd of October**, individual photographs will be taken for the following year groups:
Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 6

On **Monday the 2nd of October**, sibling photographs will be taken for the following year groups:
Year 6

Children who have siblings in the school will have their photographs taken (*unfortunately it is not possible to have photographs taken with younger siblings who have not started at school yet*).

On **Tuesday the 3rd of October** individual photographs will be taken for the following year groups:
Nursery*, Year 4 and Year 5

On **Tuesday the 3rd of October**, sibling photographs will be taken for the following year groups:
Nursery*, Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5

*Nursery children who are not in school on a Monday or Tuesday will be informed of a 'mop up day' where individual and sibling photos can take place. This also applies to any child who is absent from School on Monday or Tuesday. **Parents will be informed of this at a later date.**

There is no change for any child who takes part in swimming on Monday in year 5 - individual and sibling photos will be taken on Tuesday.

All children who have PE on a Monday and/or Tuesday must wear their school uniform and bring trainers in a bag to change into for PE

Children are expected to wear their full school uniform for their photograph.

Any child who attends an 'After School Club' on a Monday or a Tuesday will be expected to bring their PE kit in a bag to get changed into, e.g. Year 1 Dance, Year 5&6 Netball and Athletics/Dodgeball



CHRISTMAS CARDS 2023

A gentle reminder that **ALL** design forms are to be returned to school, **with payment** (cash or cheque), in the envelope supplied by.....

Monday 2nd October 2023.



The Bear and The Reindeer Story Writing Competition

Southport BID are inviting young people of Southport and the wider Liverpool City Region to enter a written story based on the characters 'The bear & The Reindeer'.

The two characters are being transformed into **illuminated installations** which will light up The Town Hall Gardens in Southport over the Christmas period. The winning submission will be chosen as the official story of 'The Bear and The Reindeer' and will be displayed in The Atkinson Library.

The author of the winning submission will also receive the prize of an iPad, plus £100 vouchers to spend in a Southport town centre venue of their choice. Shortlisted submissions will also be displayed at Southport Library over the festive period.

Please click the link below for more information, submission guidelines and to make your entry: -
<https://southportbid.com/bear-and-reindeer/>



Date	Event
Monday 2 nd October 2023	Christmas card design orders and payment to be returned to school
Monday 2 nd October 2023	Tempest Individual/Family Photographs
Tuesday 3 rd October 2023	Tempest Individual/Family Photographs
Tuesday 3 rd October 2023	P.T.A. Meeting in The Lodge 7pm – new parents welcome
Tuesday 3 rd October 2023	Year 6 Curriculum Day at Stanley High School
Thursday 5th October 2023	Flu Vaccinations
Friday 6 th October 2023	Harvest Assemblies in Church
Monday 9th October 2023	Y1 Audiology re-testing
Tuesday 10 th October 2023	World Mental Health Day
Thursday 12th October 2023	Scholastic Book Fair – after school
Friday 13th October 2023	Scholastic Book Fair – after school
Monday 16th October 2023	Scholastic Book Fair – after school
Tuesday 17th October 2023	Scholastic Book Fair – after school
Friday 20 th October 2023	P.T.A. Mufti Day / Optional fancy dress
Friday 20 th October 2023	Break up for half-term (normal times)
Monday 30 th October 2023	INSET Day
Tuesday 31 st October 2023	Back to School – Rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine!
Thursday 2 nd November 2023	P.T.A. Fashion Show – more details to follow
Saturday 4 th November 2023	Green Sefton - Southport Beach Clean Up!
Sunday 26 th November 2023	Churchtown Village Christmas Light Switch on!
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