

Churchtown Chatter

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Newsletter 6

Friday 13th October 2023

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 <https://twitter.com/churchtownsch> &

Finally, it feels like Autumn is arriving with the change of weather! Please make sure all children are dressed and equipped for the wet weather with a coat and hood for the rainy days. It is fine for children to change in to school shoes when they arrive if they want to wear outdoor shoes/wellington boots for wet morning walks to school. After half term, it is winter uniform for all children in school. There is further information about this in the newsletter. Our book fair is in school for two more days after the weekend, Monday and Tuesday after school. It will be out on the school yard, weather permitting. Please come and support us by purchasing books.

We break up for half term next week, Friday 20th October. On Friday we are raising money for our PTA which then comes to school directly to benefit your children. Last year and this year, the PTA are giving money raised to each year group for their educational visits, helping support the prices for these visits. Children can come in mufti clothes or, if they wish, in fancy dress. We ask that you donate £1 (voluntary contribution). This can either be paid on ParentApp or by bringing cash into school. Thank you for your support with this in advance.

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 CHAMPIONS

The year groups with the best attendance this week are

1st Place - Year 1 - awarded 2 points
2nd Place - Reception – awarded 1 point

This week's attendance champions are **Y3 Oak Class** for 100% attendance AND punctuality this week!



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	98	Red Team
2nd	96	Blue Team
2nd	91	Yellow Team
4th	72	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 3rd November 2023
Monday 13th November 2023
Tuesday 16th January 2024



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.



Come along to our Scholastic Book Fair— AFTER SCHOOL on: -

Monday 16th October 2023
Tuesday 17th October 2023

This will take place on the school yard, weather permitting!



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.

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'.

On Friday 20th October we are raising money for the P.T.A.
The children can come into school in mufti clothes or fancy
dress. This does not have to be Monster Mash related
costumes – this can be any fancy dress costume.
We ask that the children make a £1 voluntary contribution.

Punctuality

We would like to politely remind everyone that the school gates open at 8:40am and that children are expected to be in their classrooms by 8:50am at the latest. If you arrive after this time, you are expected to enter school via the front office where Mrs Welsh, our Attendance Officer, will sign your child/children in school using the InVentry system which is located by the office. We can appreciate that morning times are busy and that you might be in a rush to get your child into school as soon as possible, however, your child's safety is imperative which is why they must be signed in prior to going to their classroom.

Children who are late entering school will now be asked to sit by the head's office. We would like to stress that this is not because they are in trouble, but because it is the safest place for them to wait. It is not always possible for a member of staff from your child's class to accompany them to their lessons due to staffing, so please be mindful of this. Mrs Welsh will accompany any children to class who are unable to walk on their own for whatever reason from 9.10am onwards.

We would also like to remind you that persistent lateness can have a negative effect on your child's attendance and result in missed learning opportunities. Our core curriculum subjects (literacy and numeracy) are often taught first thing in the morning.

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

green Sefton

Sefton Council 

On Saturday 4th November 2023, Green Sefton are hosting another Southport Beach Clean-Up. This is a part of the Keep Britain Tidy Great British Clean.

If you wish to attend and support them, they are meeting at the Weld Road roundabout car park at 10:00am. Litter pickers, bin bags and hoops to hold them open will be provided but **please bring your own gloves and wear suitable outdoor clothing and sturdy footwear.** (You may use your own equipment if you have it.)

If you do take part and take any photographs, please send them to the office. It will be great to see you all working hard.

Thank you in advance for making a difference to our planet!



As a school, we are making a conscious effort to reduce the amount of paper that we are using. **ParentApp** is an efficient way of updating multiple parents/guardians regarding important information. Certain letters will therefore now be sent via **ParentApp** message and email, such as letters regarding attendance.

If, for any reason, you do not have access to emails, please inform school on 01704 508500 and we will ensure that letters continue to get sent home via post.

Thank you for your co-operation in assisting us with becoming a paperless school!

FASHION SHOW



£7

Join us for a fun filled night of fashion, entertainment & variety of stalls selling lots of different products...

Includes
A glass of mulled wine and a mince pie

Thursday 2nd November
6-10 pm
@ churchtown school



For tickets please contact
churchtownpta2@gmail.com



North Meols Library Association
The Cornerstone Library
Churchtown

Cornerstone Church, 1 Marshside Road,
Southport, PR9 9TL

We are pleased to announce the
GRAND OPENING
of Your **COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

On

*****SATURDAY**28th**OCTOBER****

DAVID LONSDALE (*Heartbeat*),
will formally open the Library
at 10am

- Come as your favourite book character, *Bring your favourite book*
 - Have a go at our book tombola

Further details on Mighty Radio and on our Facebook page

Cornerstone Library opening hours:

Tuesday 10:00 - 13:00, Wednesday 10:00 - 16:30, Thursday 13:00 - 16:30
Saturday 10:00 - 13:00

North Meols Library Association is registered in England and Wales as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation Registered Charity Number: 1162565. Registered address: The Cornerstone Library, 1 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TL. Tel. 07896 112471.



COMPASSION ACTS

Victoria Centre, 197a Sussex Road, Southport, PR8 6DG
Tel: 01704 264505 / email: hello@compassionacts.uk
Registered Charity Number: 1172948

Dear Churchtown Primary School,

Harvest Festival 2023

Thank you so much for all your support and your recent donation of 150kg of food. Your support of Compassion Acts has ensured we can provide help and support to individuals in our community who are in crisis. We are so grateful of your partnership.

Last year Compassion Acts fed 4,689 people with our Foodbanks and handled 3,525 shopping trips to our Food Pantries. This required over 76.4 tonnes of food to provide these people with emergency support. With demand growing year on year, your help and assistance will be invaluable in providing support to people that need it.

While we take great pride in being able to offer this help, we wish the need for it did not exist. It is our firm belief that no one should have to depend on charity to secure basic necessities such as food. That's why we are also going 'upstream' to address the root causes of poverty. Donations just like yours enable us to continue to provide essential support to those in need, while pursuing our mission to eradicate the need for such support altogether.

We would like to ask; will you continue to partner with us again to help make a difference? We can explore other pathways of partnership e.g. you may want to organise a collection in your church or we could arrange a talk. If this is of interest you, please do not hesitate to get in touch, we would be more than happy to provide you with additional information.

Once again, thank you for your contribution and for being compassionate members of our community.

Best regards,



Richard Owens
Chief Executive Officer
Harvest Festival Appeal



**Oral Health Team visit to
our Early Years Children
–
Wednesday 18th October
2023**

Early Years children and staff are looking forward to welcoming the local Oral Health Team into school next Wednesday afternoon. This visit is to support our teaching about the importance of good oral hygiene and is part of the Early Years Curriculum.

Improving the oral health of children is a Public Health England (PHE) priority, with an ambition that every child will grow up free of tooth decay, to help give them the best start in life.



Winter School Uniform

After half term, winter uniform will be in place and expected.
Please ensure that all white shirts are tucked in.



Churchtown Primary School v-neck jumper or cardigan

Grey long trousers

Grey skirt or

Grey pinafore dress



White, plain shirt suitable for school tie

School Tie

Black school shoes (No boots)

Grey socks or grey tights

School bookbag with logo



In Reception

Yellow polo shirt, plain or with school logo

waterproof suit for outdoor play



In Nursery

Yellow polo shirt, navy jogging suit and black plimsoles



Hair

All shoulder length/long hair must be tied back using a navy, black, white or yellow hair band, scrunchie, bobble or small bow.



Jewellery

If your child has pierced ears, small studs are permitted. Studs must be removed by the child for PE or will be covered with a plaster during the lessons. Children who wear watches must take full responsibility for them. **No other jewellery must be worn to school.**

The link below takes you to Whittakers and you will be able to see the required uniform. You of course do not need to buy it from this shop and items without logos are acceptable provided they are the correct colours.

<https://www.whittakersschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/southport/churchtown-primary-school/>



Date	Event
Monday 16 th October 2023	Scholastic Book Fair – after school
Tuesday 17 th October 2023	Scholastic Book Fair – after school
Wednesday 18 th October 2023	Oral Health Team visiting early years children
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
Saturday 4 th November 2023	Green Sefton - Southport Beach Clean Up!
Monday 6 th to Friday 10 th November 2023	Children's Book Week
Wednesday 8 th November 2023	School closes at 2pm Parents Evening from 2.30pm
Sunday 12 th November 2023	Remembrance Day Service at The Monument, Lord Street
Monday 13 th to Friday 17 th November 2023	Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 17 th November 2023	Children in Need
Thursday 16 th November 2023	Southport Learning Partnership – Discovering Local Futures. At the Waterfront Hotel – to be attended by the School Council.
Sunday 26 th November 2023	Churchtown Village Christmas Light Switch on!
Wednesday 6 th December 2023	Y2 Kestrels & Robins Class Performances (Kestrels & Robins parents to attend) – 2.15pm
Thursday 7 th December 2023	Y2 Owls & Robins Class Performances (Owls parents to attend) – 2.15pm
Monday 11 th December 2023	Nursery Show – 2.30pm
Wednesday 13 th December 2023	Christmas Dinner/Jumper Day
Thursday 14 th December 2023	Reception Show at St. Cuthbert's Church – time TBC
Friday 15 th December 2023	Early Years & Key Stage 1 Party Day Y5 Carol Concert at St. Cuthbert's Church – 9.15am
Monday 18 th December 2023	Key Stage 2 Party Day
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
Monday 8 th January 2023	Back to School – Rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine!

- Text in red is a new addition to the calendar