

# Churchtown Chatter

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**Newsletter 7**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

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The children have had a fun day in school in their fancy dress or mufti clothes. Thank you for all your voluntary contributions, we will let you know how much we have raised via newsletter after half term.

Praise assemblies today were full of celebrations, including bronze awards, value champions, class attendance awards and children who brought in certificates, photos and awards to show their out of school achievements. It is really beneficial to all children to hear about the out of school hobbies and clubs that others do. Not all of these are paid clubs so it gives all children the opportunity to access things and inspires them to think about different activities they may like to try.

Parents evening is on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November, there is further information about this in the newsletter. The booking system for this will be open from Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November and the entrance for all parents this year will be through the Old Hall via the Lodge Gate, not the main office.

Hope you all have a lovely half term and please remember it is winter uniform for all children from Y1-Y6 after the holidays. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October as Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October is INSET day.

## LOVE OF LEARNING

After half term, the value that Churchtown will be 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

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**1<sup>st</sup> Place - Year 5 (96%) - awarded 2 points**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Year 2 (95%) – awarded 1 point**

This week's attendance champions are **Y2 Kestrels Class** for the best attendance (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.

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	123	<b>Blue Team</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	116	<b>Red Team</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	116	<b>Green Team</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	105	<b>Yellow 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 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](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 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](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.

## 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](http://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'.

## Learning Champions

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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.



# green Sefton

Sefton Council 

On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> 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!



Churchtown Primary School has once again agreed to take part in the national **Rotary Shoebox Scheme**. Information regarding this has been communicated with parents via the Parent App, however a copy of the letter titled 'Shoebox Scheme 2023' can be found on our letters section of the website, by clicking [here](#).

If you would like to be involved, please complete the [online form](#) and then send your £3 donation per box into school, in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name, class and number of shoeboxes required together with the total amount enclosed by **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023**.

For further information on the shoebox scheme, please visit: -

<http://www.rotaryshoebox.org>

Many thanks for your support.

## Values Champions

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Once again, we have had lots of nominations for our Values Champions for 'Respect for All'. Well done to all the children who were nominated. The overall winners are listed opposite and they will receive a book from Mrs Payne!



## The Winners Are

**Theo G – Reception Tulips**

**Jasper O – Year 1 Hedgehogs**

**Jude R – Year 2 Owls**

**Olivia C – Year 3 Oak**

**Marcus M – Year 4 Maple**

**Thea M – Year 5 Larch**

**Ryder M – Year 6 Juniper**

Well done! Well done! Well done! Well done! Well done! Well done!



**Polite request from our PTA**

Our school PTA is a vital part of our school community: bridging gaps in funding for educational equipment and facilities.

**Are you able to spare some time?**

There are a number of ways that you can help the PTA, from an hour selling sweets and drinks at a disco, to playing an active role in the leadership of the PTA.

If you are able to assist with the running of stalls at fairs, assisting at discos, selling prize draw tickets and generally assisting with the running of events, please email the PTA Chair on [churchtownpta2@gmail.com](mailto:churchtownpta2@gmail.com).



Thank you so much to everyone who visited the Book Fair.

We made a grand total of £681.53, which has given us £272.61 to spend on books for our school.

**Thank you for your continued support.**



# October half term Challenge 2023

<p><b>Activity 1</b> <b>Observational Drawing</b> Go outside and collect some leaves of varying shape, size and colour. Take them home and cut the leaves in half lengthways and glue one half to your paper. Using pencils, crayons or felt tips and your observation skills draw the other half of the leaf. There are some extra ideas here <a href="#">Mirror Leaf Drawings: Nature Art - The Imagination Tree</a></p>	<p><b>Activity 2</b> <b>Can you spot....?</b> List these items onto a piece of paper: <b>red leaf, rock, squirrel, birds' nest, brown leaf, mushroom, spider web, wildflower, conker, pinecone, scarecrow, feather, berries, worm, bark.</b> Now go on a walk or a bike/scooter ride and see how many of these things you can spot. Take a photo when you have found each item. You can tick them off over a few days.</p>	<p><b>Activity 3</b> <b>Autumn Miniature Garden</b> Have a look at this link for some ideas on how to create a miniature garden <a href="#">Enchanting miniature gardens / RHS Campaign for School Gardening</a> Design your garden and then go outside to collect lots of materials such as leaves, conkers, twigs, moss, flowers, mini figures. Create your garden! Send us your photo.</p>	<p><b>Activity 4</b> <b>Get cooking</b> Why not get in the kitchen and make or bake some delicious treats? Here is some Autumn themed inspiration or maybe you have your own favourite recipe! <a href="#">Autumn / Fall Themed Food for Kids - Eats Amazing</a></p>
<p><b>Activity 5</b> <b>BBC 500 Words</b> Write your very own short story and enter the BBC 500 words competition. Stories need to be submitted by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November. For all details of how to enter and some inspirational tips follow this link <a href="#">500 Words - BBC Teach</a> When you send a photo of your completed story, you will get 3 credits!</p>	<p><b>Activity 6</b> <b>Get moving!</b> Decide on your favourite sports activity – for example running, walking, cycling, dancing, football, gymnastics, tennis, boxing. Design a set of at least 5 warm up exercises that help you get ready for your sport or activity, list them and then do each exercise. Time how long it takes to complete the set. Why not do each set every day to improve your fitness?</p>	<p><b>Activity 7</b> <b>Hibernation Fact File</b> Many creatures hibernate in the late Autumn and Winter. Make a poster about hibernation. What is it? Which animals hibernate? How do different creatures hibernate? Plus any other fascinating facts about hibernation. Don't forget to decorate your poster <a href="#">10 fascinating facts about hibernation - National Geographic Kids</a> (<a href="http://natgeokids.com">natgeokids.com</a>)</p>	

Collect extra Children's University credits during the October holiday by completing this challenge. Each activity is worth 1 credit (unless otherwise stated) when you take evidence of your activity to your teacher or send it to your local Children's University. Send it to [SeftonCU@elevate-ebp.co.uk](mailto:SeftonCU@elevate-ebp.co.uk)



# 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/>

## Churchtown Parents' Meetings Wednesday 8th November

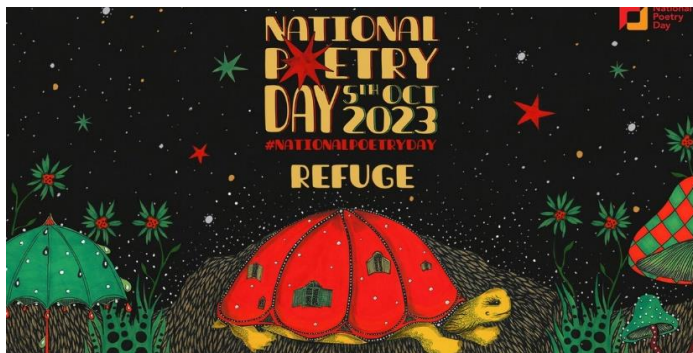
**School closes at 2pm**

Parents' Evening is taking place on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023 and we are pleased to announce that we will be doing this in school, as a face-to-face meeting.

The online booking system will allow appointments to be made from Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023 at 12noon and will close on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 4pm.

Please click [here](#) to access a copy of the letter on our website titled:

'Churchtown Parents Evening – 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023'.



### National Poetry Day Homework Competition Winners

Thursday 5th October was National Poetry Day and this year's theme was 'Refuge'. National Poetry Day is an annual, national celebration that encourages everyone to create, experience and share poetry with family and friends.

To mark this special day, children from across the school were encouraged to write a poem to celebrate this year's theme of 'Refuge'. Our winners from each year group are below:

Year Group:	Name:
1 (Squirrels)	Grace
2 (Owls)	Ben
3 (Ash)	Archie
4 (Pine)	Daniel
5 (Beech)	Damir
6 (Aspen)	Holly


Our winners received a book as a prize for their fantastic poetry and their winning entries will be shared in our celebration assemblies next half term. Well done to all children who participated, there were so many fantastic entries to choose from. Winning entries can be viewed on our school social media:

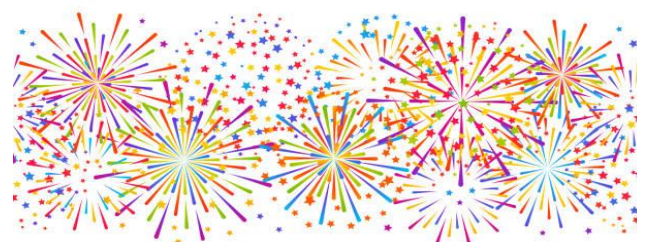
<https://www.facebook.com/ChurchtownPrimarySchool/>

### School lunchtime menu – W/C 30<sup>th</sup> October

When we return after the half term break, we will be serving 'Week 2' of our current school menu.

We are excited to be offering a special, bonfire-themed menu on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> of November, including delicious butcher's hotdogs and 'bonfire' chocolate cakes.

	Menu (W/C 30th October)
Monday	N/A INSET DAY
Tuesday	Jacket Potato with a choice of Cheese, Tuna or Beans
	Carrot Sticks and Cucumber
	✓ Jacket Potato with a choice of Cheese or Beans
	Angel Delight
Wednesday	Beef Burger in a Bun with Chips
	Sweetcorn
	✓ Vegetable Burger in a Bun with Chips
	Shortbread
Thursday	Roast Ham with Our Finest Roast Potatoes
	Cauliflower, Peas & Carrots
	✓ Vegetable Pie
	Victoria Sponge Cake
Friday <b>Bonfire-themed lunch</b> 	<b>Butcher's Hot Dog in a Bun</b>
	<b>Corn on the cob</b>
	✓ <b>Vegetarian Hot Dog in a Bun</b>
	<b>'Bonfire Cakes'</b>





Date	Event
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!
Date	Event
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2023	P.T.A. Fashion Show
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Green Sefton - Southport Beach Clean Up!
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Children's Book Week
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023</b>	<b>P.T.A. Meeting in The Lodge at 7pm – all welcome to attend</b>
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	School closes at 2pm Parents Evening from 2.30pm
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Remembrance Day
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Remembrance Day Service at The Monument, Lord Street
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Anti-Bullying Week
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Southport Learning Partnership – Discovering Local Futures. At the Waterfront Hotel – to be attended by the School Council.
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Children in Need
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Churchtown Village Christmas Light Switch on!
Date	Event
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Y2 Kestrels & Robins Class Performances (Kestrels & Robins parents to attend) – 2.15pm
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Y2 Owls & Robins Class Performances (Owls parents to attend) – 2.15pm
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Nursery Show – 2.30pm
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023</b>	<b>P.T.A. Meeting in The Lodge at 7pm – all welcome to attend</b>
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Christmas Dinner/Jumper Day
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023</b>	<b>Reception Show at St. Cuthbert's Church – 10am</b>
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Early Years & Key Stage 1 Party Day Y5 Carol Concert at St. Cuthbert's Church – 9.15am
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Key Stage 2 Party Day
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Christmas Assemblies in Church
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	Break up for Christmas – 1.30pm
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023	INSET Day
Date	Event
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Back to School – Rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine!

- Text in red is a new addition to the calendar

## Support available over the Half-Term Holiday

Sefton Women's And Children's Aid - 0151 922 8606 or [help@swaca.com](mailto:help@swaca.com)

24hr National Domestic Abuse Helpline - 0808 2000 247

Childline - 0800 1111

NSPCC - [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk)

Go to a chemist and ask for ANI (Action Needed Immediately)

ANI is a codeword scheme that enables victims of domestic abuse to discreetly ask for immediate help in participating pharmacies.

### Online Safety

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>



#### Talk with your child about responsible use of their phone

Discuss what is okay and not okay to use their phone for. Talk about time limits and expectations of where the device can and cannot be used, this could include things like the phone being charged outside their bedroom overnight.



#### Discuss what to do if something upsetting or worrying happens

Give them the strategies they need in case something concerning happens whilst they are using their device. This could be to lock the screen and tell an adult, to make a report to the platform they are using, or to block the user.



#### Explore parental controls

Take a look at the controls available both on the phone itself and on your home Wi-Fi. Talk these through with your child too. Parental controls are a helpful tool, but an open conversation with your child is the most important thing.