

Churchtown Chatter

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Newsletter 9

Friday 10th November 2023



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At 11am today the whole school congregated on the school playground for our remembrance service. This was led by Major McEntee and James O'Carroll, a military veteran. In attendance was Pauline Matthews and her husband Paul. Mrs Matthews used to attend Churchtown Primary 70 years ago as did her mother, Alice Ainscough, 100 years ago. As part of the service, we remembered their time as pupils at Churchtown and shared a letter written by the head teacher, Mr Vine to Alice on 20th November 1923. The children had a two-minute silence as part of the service. Major McEntee commented on the outstanding behaviour and respectfulness of the children and thanked them for this. As headteacher, I was exceptionally proud of the children and have expressed this, in particular to our youngest children, both nursery and reception.

Thank you to parents for your attendance at parents' evening this week.

We look forward to seeing any families at the Remembrance Service on Sunday who will be in attendance. Our school will be laying a wreath at the Cenotaph.

Have a good 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 1 (97.9%) - awarded 2 points

2nd Place – Year 3 (97.4%) – awarded 1 point

This week's attendance champions are **Y1 Hedgehogs Class** who have had a wonderful team effort with their 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.

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| 1st | 151 | Blue Team |
| 2nd | 142 | Red Team |
| 3rd | 134 | Green Team |
| 4th | 126 | Yellow 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 School, 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:

Monday 13th November 2023 – fully booked
Wednesday 6th December 2023 – new date added

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



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'.



Churchtown Primary School will be taking part in 'Odd Socks Day' on **Monday 13th November 2023**, in conjunction with the Anti-Bullying Alliance and the patrons – Andy and the Odd Socks.

#AntiBullyingWeek
#OddSocksDay





Friday 17th November 2023

Challenge yourself to be SPOTacular!

Children will be able to wear something spotty or their pyjamas.

A suggested £1 donation for Children in Need can be made via ParentPay by clicking [here](#).



**Elf
Raffle**

The P.T.A. are holding a raffle for the children in school to win a Christmas Elf and an advent calendar. Raffle tickets cost £1 and these can be purchased via ParentPay.



Good luck!

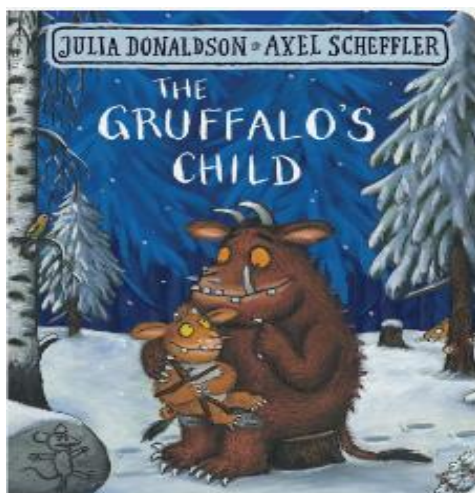


Early Years and KS1 Theatre Trip to The Atkinson – March 2024

An exciting opportunity has arisen for us to take our Early Years and Key Stage 1 children to see the live performance of 'The Gruffalo's Child' at The Atkinson on **Tuesday 5th March 2024 at 1.30pm.**

This exciting visit will form part of our World Book Day celebrations that will be taking place during that week.

More information regarding this wonderful opportunity can be found on our letters page on our website, by clicking [here](#).



Whittakers School Uniform

Knitwear alteration

We have received communication that Whittaker's knitwear has been altered. This is due to the price increase of the garments. The original jumper has increased in price significantly and therefore all schools apart from Greenbank have selected the new knitwear.

The new knitwear is a 50/50 wool/acrylic mix with a tighter knit. This makes it warmer, longer lasting and easier to wash, though without the "wool" look of the original jumper/cardigan.

As well as being a better fit for school wear there is a significant difference in price. We have changed our mannequin's in the main reception of school to reflect the new garments.

After speaking with the manager of Whittakers we understand why the change has been made. The new knitwear does wash better and it does appear to longer lasting.



FASHION SHOW

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

£7

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

On behalf of the P.T.A. we are pleased to confirm that the total amount of money raised by them at the fashion show is

£654.84



Please be advised that there is currently no crossing patrol at the zebra crossing on Cambridge Road, by the Bold Arms.

We therefore request that all parents, carers and children remain vigilant at all times when crossing Cambridge Road.

Thank you for your continued support.

PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR MESSAGE IN RELATION TO A **CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION** FROM:

DAMIEN MOORE MP
Member of Parliament for Southport

“Ahead of sending out my Christmas cards this year, which typically go to friends and organisations across Southport, and to colleagues in Westminster, including to the Prime Minister and to the King, I wanted to let you know of a competition I am running.

This year, I am looking to display the creative and artistic ability of primary school pupils in Southport, and I would be honoured if pupils at your school would consider designing a Christmas card each, from which I could pick one to be sent out as my official Christmas card.

All primary school pupils in Southport are invited to take part in the competition. As a guide, the designs should be interesting, light and funny, and pupils should express what Christmas means to them. Ultimately, this is about showing off their creativity, so I encourage all the children to draw or paint as their imagination takes them.

The design they create should be on an A4 piece of paper, and on the back of the design it should have the name of the pupil, their year group and their school.”



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

***** All submissions are to be returned to school for the attention of Mrs J Scaife, (Heads' PA) NO LATER than Wednesday 22nd November 2022 *****



| Date | Event |
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| Sunday 12 th November 2023 | Remembrance Day Service at The Monument, Lord Street |
| Monday 13 th November 2023 | Wear odd socks to school day to celebrate difference and to mark the start of anti-bullying week |
| Monday 13th November 2023 | Sefton Immunisation catch-up – 3pm – The School Lodge |
| Monday 13 th to Friday 17 th November 2023 | Anti-Bullying Week |
| Wednesday 15th November 2023 | P.T.A. Meeting in The Lodge at 7pm – all welcome to attend – Rescheduled from 07/11/23 |
| Thursday 16 th November 2023 | Southport Learning Partnership – Discovering Local Futures. At the Waterfront Hotel – to be attended by the School Council. |
| Friday 17 th November 2023 | Children in Need |
| Sunday 26 th November 2023 | Churchtown Village Christmas Light Switch on! |
| Tuesday 28th November 2023 | Y1 Travelling Science Show |
| Date | Event |
| Tuesday 5th December 2023 | Y2 Travelling Science Show |
| 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 |
| Friday 8th December 2023 | School Games National Santa Dash – on the playground |
| Monday 11 th December 2023 | Nursery Show – 2.30pm |
| Tuesday 12th December 2023 | Y6 Travelling Science Show |
| Tuesday 12 th December 2023 | P.T.A. Meeting in The Lodge at 7pm – all welcome to attend |
| Wednesday 13 th December 2023 | Christmas Dinner/Jumper Day |
| Thursday 14 th December 2023 | Reception Show at St. Cuthbert's Church – 10am |
| 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 |
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| Monday 8 th January 2024 | Back to School – Rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine! |
| Monday 5th February 2024 | Y5 Educational visit to Young Voices at the AO Arena, Manchester |
| Tuesday 5th March 2024 | Early Years & KS1 Theatre Trip to The Atkinson - 1.30pm |

- Text in red is a new addition to the calendar