

Churchtown Chatter

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Newsletter 13

Friday 8th December 2023

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Congratulations to Zuzanna P in Willow class! Zuzanna entered the competition, which we advertised recently in the newsletter, to design a Christmas card for Southport's MP, Damien Moore. Last year Zuzanna entered the competition and was runner-up, however this year, with a new design, she has won the competition. Damien Moore came into the buddy assembly to present Zuzanna with her prize as well as informing her that her card is used as his official Christmas card and will be sent to the Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak and King Charles III. Zuzanna's parents were informed about their daughter's achievement and were invited in as a surprise for Zuzanna, to see her presented with the award and announcement in the assembly. Well done Zuzanna! Next week is Christmas dinner day, which takes place on Wednesday. There is further information in the newsletter about this, but please remember on this day children can wear a Christmas jumper, with their school uniform. On Christmas party days, children can wear full mufti or party clothes. Children in N-Y4 will visit Father Christmas for a story on party day; this is being organised by the PTA, so please support and donate to the PTA for this event, via ParentPay. **Have a lovely 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.



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 4 (96.4%) - awarded 2 points
2nd Place – Reception (95.6%) – awarded 1 point

This week's attendance champions are **Reception Tulips Class** for the best attendance this week – **99.5%**.



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	248	Red Team
2nd	238	Yellow Team
3rd	226	Blue Team
4th	219	Green Team

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.

Our School Eco Club
Champions would like
to share



Facts of the Week!

- The U.K. creates 26 million tonnes of rubbish every year. 12 million tonnes is recycled and 14 million tonnes is sent to landfill sites.
- In less than 2 hours, the U.K. produces enough waste to fill the Albert Hall in London.

Churchtown Little Buds



As you are aware, school will be finishing for Christmas at 1.30pm on Thursday 21st December 2023. Little Buds After-School Club **will not be open** on this day. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

We have, however, been advised that Fun4Kidz will be able to offer places to **Reception** children on this day, as an alternative. Fun4Kidz can be contacted on 0151 932 9218 or 0151 924 0122 for more information or to book your place.

Thank you - The Little Buds Staff Team.

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'.

FUN4KIDZ

PLAY + CHILDCARE

There will be no holiday club offered during the Christmas break. The next holiday club will be run during the February half-term break.

Story time with Santa

The PTA brings Santa to school... On Christmas party days, children in Nursery to Year 4 will be visiting Santa's grotto for story time and they will each receive a gift. We ask for a voluntary donation of £3 per child for this, paid through Parent Pay.

Children in Year 5 and Year 6 will receive a visit from Santa during their party day. No donation is needed for this.



CAMP VENUES
 THE HUB @ BANKS (BANKS LEISURE CENTRE)
 ST ANNE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

ONLY £20 per day

COMPETITIONS PRIZES CERTIFICATES

NEW YEAR ENDEAVOUR HOLIDAY CAMP
 JANUARY 2024
 WEDNESDAY 3RD
 THURSDAY 4TH
 FRIDAY 5TH

Arts & Crafts, Athletics, Basketball, Dance, Dodgeball, Football, Invasion and Target Games, and much more!

Open to 5 - 12 year olds

8.30AM until 4.30PM

WEST LANCASHIRE HAF HOLIDAY - ACTIVITY - FUN

ENDEAVOUR COMMUNITY
 Delivered by WEST LANCASHIRE SPORT PARTNERSHIP

To book your child's place please visit <https://ec.schoolactivity.co.uk> and if you have any queries please email holidaycamps@endeavourlearning.org

Christmas Dinner 2023

On Wednesday 13th December, it is our annual Christmas Jumper Day in school and as part of our festive celebrations, we will also be having our festive Christmas lunch on this day too. Please see the menu below:

***Roast turkey, chipolata sausages, stuffing balls
 roast potatoes, peas, carrots, sprouts, cranberry Sauce
 and gravy***



***Vegetarian option - cauliflower and caramelised onion
 tart with Double Gloucester & chives - served with the
 above vegetables***



***Pudding - A Christmas biscuit (gingerbread Christmas
 tree or snowman shortbread)***

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, who normally receive a Free School Meal, will automatically receive a Christmas dinner. **There will be NO deli bar option;** therefore, if your child does not wish to have the Christmas Dinner, there will be sandwich alternatives (ham or cheese) offered and pupils will note their preference in class before the day.

For Children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6), **there will also be NO deli bar option; therefore, children who do not want a Christmas lunch MUST bring a packed lunch to school.** If your child is entitled to a free school meal and does not want a Christmas lunch, there will be sandwich alternatives (ham or cheese) offered and pupils will note their preference in class before the day.

If your child is in Key Stage 2, please ensure that there is sufficient money in your Parent Pay lunch payments account (£2.35). No cash payments can be taken.

School Health Screening



For those children who have started school in reception, their health and well-being will now be supported by the Sefton School Health Team in partnership with you and school. During their time in reception, the Sefton School Health Team will visit school to screen your child's distance vision, hearing, height and weight.

If you do not wish your child to be included in any aspect of the screening programme, please ensure you inform the School Health Team by Friday 22nd December 2023 on 0151 247 6354 or by email to mcn-tr.seftonschoolhealth@nhs.net

Please click [here](#) to access copy letter on our website titled 'Reception Screening Letter 2024' for more information.



RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

Rainbow Hub will collect & recycle your real Christmas tree to save you time & hassle
Collecting Saturday 13th January 2024

To book your tree collection, fill out the online form at rainbowhub.org before 10th January 2024

We will be collecting trees in these postcode areas: PR5, PR6, PR7, PR25, PR26, WN6, WN8, L39, L40, BL6, Tarleton & Hesketh Bank

☎ 01704 823276 🌐 rainbowhub.org ✉ e.parish@rainbowhub.org



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SPRING 1 CLUBS - January 2024

An electronic form will be communicated via the ParentApp for the WLS Dance, Tennis, Netball, Combat, Yoga, Gymnastics and Zumba Classes that will begin in January. This timetable shows ALL clubs that will take place for the Spring Term. If a child is allocated a place in a PAID club then there will not be the option to cancel the place or select a club that is free of charge once the place is allocated. Payment is required BEFORE the club begins. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

The Lodge gate will be open for all clubs

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
STARTING 08.01.2024	STARTING 09.01.2024	STARTING 10.01.2024	STARTING 11.01.2024	
WLS Dance Year 1 & 2	Year 5 YV Choir - Mr Pritchard	WLS Dance Year 5 & 6	Year 5 YV Choir - Mr Pritchard	
3:20pm-4:20pm	For Year 5 children ONLY 3.20pm - 4.30pm	3:20pm-4:20pm	For Year 5 children ONLY 3.20pm - 4.30pm	
(Upto and including the 5th of February)	ENDS: Upto and including Tuesday the 30th of January 24	(Upto and including the 7th of February)	(ENDS: Upto and including Thursday the 1st of February)	
£4.00 per week (£20.00 payable to ParentPay)	NO CHARGE	£4.00 per week (£20.00 payable to ParentPay)	NO CHARGE	
STARTING 08.01.2024	STARTING 09.01.2024	STARTING 10.01.2024	STARTING 11.01.2024	
Tennis Year 5 & 6	WLS Dance Year 3 & 4	ZUMBA Year 3 & 4	WLS Dance RECEPTION	
3.20pm - 4.20pm	3:20pm-4:20pm	3.20pm - 4.20pm	3:20pm-4:20pm	
(Upto and including the 5th of February)	(Upto and including the 6th of February)	(Upto and including the 7th of February)	(Upto and including the 8th of February)	
£4.00 per week (£20.00 payable to ParentPay)	£4.00 per week (£20.00 payable to ParentPay)	£4.00 per week (£20.00 payable to ParentPay)	£4.00 per week (£20.00 payable to ParentPay)	
STARTING 08.01.2024	STARTING 09.01.2024	STARTING 10.01.2024	STARTING 11.01.2024	
Gymnastics Year 3 & 4	Netball Year 5 & 6	Yoga EY & KS1	COMBAT Year 5 & 6	
3.20pm - 4.20pm	3.30pm - 4.30pm	3:20pm-4:20pm	3.20pm - 4.20pm	
(Upto and including the 5th of February)	(Upto and including the 6th of February)	(Upto and including the 7th of February)	(Upto and including the 8th of February)	
NO CHARGE	£4.00 per week (£20.00 payable to ParentPay)	£4.00 per week (£20.00 payable to ParentPay)	£4.00 per week (£20.00 payable to ParentPay)	
	STARTING 09.01.2024	STARTING 10.01.2024	STARTING 22.02.2024	
	Meols Cop Dance Group	Tennis Year 3 & 4	Year 6 Drama Club	
	Year 5 and 6 (this club continues in Jan 24)		In preparation for the YEAR 6 end of year performance	
	3.20pm - 4.20pm	3.20pm - 4.20pm	3.30pm - 4.30pm	
		(Upto and including the 7th of February)	To continue until the end of the Summer term	
	NO CHARGE	£4.00 per week (£20.00 payable to ParentPay)	NO CHARGE	



Date	Event
Monday 11 th December 2023	Nursery Show – 2.30pm – entrance via the Botanic Park gate
Tuesday 12 th December 2023	Y6 Travelling Science Show
Tuesday 12 th December 2023	P.T.A. Meeting in The Lodge at 7pm – all welcome to attend – now cancelled. Rescheduled below.
Tuesday 12 th December 2023	School choir to perform at Cornerstone Methodist Church in conjunction with the Rotary Club – 7pm
Wednesday 13 th December 2023	Christmas Dinner/Jumper Day (with school uniform)
Thursday 14 th December 2023	Reception Show at St. Cuthbert's Church – 10am
Thursday 14 th December 2023	Year 3 Educational Visit to Chester
Thursday 14th December 2023	School choir to perform at Tesco, Kew 5pm to 6pm
Friday 15 th December 2023	Early Years & Key Stage 1 Party Day – mufti/party clothes Y5 Carol Concert at St. Cuthbert's Church – 9.15am
Monday 18 th December 2023	Key Stage 2 Party Day - mufti/party clothes
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
Date	Event
Monday 8 th January 2024	Back to School – Rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine!
Tuesday 30th January 2024	P.T.A. Meeting in The Lodge at 7pm – all welcome to attend
Date	Event
Monday 5 th February 2024	Y5 Educational visit to Young Voices at the AO Arena, Manchester
Friday 9 th February 2024	Break up for half-term (normal times)
Monday 19 th February 2024	Back to School – Rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine!
Date	Event
Tuesday 5 th March 2024	Early Years & KS1 Theatre Trip to The Atkinson - 1.30pm
Monday 25 th March 2024	Year 1 Educational Trip to Imagine That! Liverpool
Date	Event
May 2024	Nursery & Reception Educational Trip to Martin Mere
Date	Event
Monday 10 th & Tuesday 11 th June 2024	Year 4 Educational Trip to The Beatles Story, Liverpool
Monday 24 th June 2024	Year 2 Educational Trip to Blackpool Zoo
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