

Churchtown Chatter

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Newsletter 1

Friday 6th September 2024

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After a very difficult summer for all of the Churchtown Primary School community, which has led to heightened levels of anxiety on the school return, it has been lovely to welcome back all families. The children have settled back into school remarkably well and shown great respect to all staff. Children have shared how they have had fun in class and have enjoyed being back with their friends & making new ones. Our new 2-year-old provision, Snowdrops, is now open and ready to welcome all children in from Monday 9th September. If you would like to book on one of our open mornings to see the Snowdrops room, as well as the rest of the school, please contact the school office.

We look forward to welcoming parents and carers into school for 'Meet the teacher' on Wednesday 11th September. There was a letter posted on the PA connect communication app with all the details you need regarding the sessions. Please contact the school office on 01704 508500 if you require any more information.

Thank you, parents and carers, for all you do to prepare your children for the start of the school year. It can be a particularly anxious time after a long break, especially this year. Children can feel anxious for many reasons but supporting them through that both at home and school through talking, reassuring and providing strategies is extremely helpful. Thank you! We are here to help if you require support.

Enjoy the beautiful weather this 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.



Reporting Absences

Please be reminded that school requires a reason for your child's absence on the **first** day of absence before 8:40am. You can either report your child's absence on the school parent app, or alternatively, you can telephone the school office and leave a message if it is outside of school hours.

For general illness, we ask that you contact school each morning and provide an update. If, however, the reason for absence is for a longer period of time, such as an operation, we would not expect to be informed daily. Our Attendance Officer would check in weekly and ensure that any support is offered.

If you have any queries or would like some support regarding your child's attendance, please speak to Mrs Welsh (Attendance Officer) who is happy to help.



As we return to school after the summer holidays, we would like to introduce you to our Churchtown Primary School Leadership, SEND and Pastoral Teams.

KEY SENIOR STAFF:



***Mrs Payne
Headteacher***



***Mr Miller
Interim Deputy Headteacher***



***Mr Dowd
Assistant Headteacher
EYFS & KS1***



***Mr Bowen
Interim Assistant
Headteacher***

SEND & PASTORAL STAFF:



***Miss Haury
Pastoral Team Leader
& Safeguarding
Manager***



***Mrs Tudor
SENCO***



***Ms Sutton
Assistant to the SENCO***



***Mr Bateman
Pastoral & Behaviour
Manager***



***Mrs Welsh
Attendance Officer***

YEAR GROUP LEADERS:



Mr Dowd
Early Years



Mrs Crookes
Year 1



Mrs Stalker
Year 2



Miss Suffell
Year 3



Miss Keeley
Year 4



Mr Bowen
Year 5



Mrs Bluck
Year 6

PE DAYS AT SCHOOL

In September, all children will come to school on PE and field days in their PE/field kit.

The days are as follows:

NURSERY BUTTERCUPS CHILDREN

Please bring your pumps on **TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY**

RECEPTION SUNFLOWERS - WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

RECEPTION BLUEBELLS - WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

RECEPTION TULIPS - TUESDAY & THURSDAY

**YEAR 1 - HEDGEHOGS, RABBITS & SQUIRRELS –
WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY**

**YEAR 2 – ROBINS, OWLS & SWANS –
MONDAY & WEDNESDAY**

YEAR 3 OAK – TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

YEAR 3 FIR – WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

YEAR 3 ELM – WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

**YEAR 4 – BIRCH, WILLOW, PINE & MAPLE –
TUESDAY & THURSDAY**

YEAR 5 ALDER – MONDAY & WEDNESDAY

YEAR 5 LARCH – MONDAY & TUESDAY

YEAR 5 BEECH – WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

YEAR 5 JUNIPER – TUESDAY & FRIDAY

**YEAR 6 – ASPEN, SYCAMORE & CEDAR –
TUESDAY & FRIDAY**

PE/FIELD KIT REQUIREMENTS

Navy tracksuit (navy hoodie is optional), white t-shirt or polo shirt and dark coloured trainers.

Please remember that the following items are **not** permitted:

Football kits, tracksuits with stripes/names or logos other than Churchtown.





Meet our Butterflies Wraparound Care Team



Miss Cornish
**Butterflies Manager – After
School Club**



Mrs Barbe
**Butterflies Manager – Breakfast
Club & After School Club**

Butterflies Workers



**Mrs Bolland –
Breakfast Club & After
School Club**



**Mrs Shepherd –
Breakfast Club & After
School Club**



**Miss Williamson –
Breakfast Club & After
School Club**



**Mrs Tyrer –
After School Club**



**Mrs Patten –
After School Club**



**Mrs Peet –
Breakfast Club**



**Mrs Ahmed –
Breakfast Club & After
School Club**



**Miss Cartwright -
After School Club**



**Mrs O'Connor -
After School Club**

Parent/Carer Information Session - Resources

A huge thank you to the parents, carers and grandparents who attended the information sessions held on Wednesday 4th September. Feedback from the sessions was positive and we are glad this was useful.

We understand some parents/carers were unable to attend, as such we have uploaded the slides used during the session onto our school website. These can be found by visiting the following link:

<https://churchtown.org.uk/support-resources/support-for-parents-and-carers>

The page will be regularly reviewed and updated to provide further supporting resources.



We would like to invite you to **Churchtown Playgroup** which runs each **Monday** morning (term time only) in the Early Years Hall from 8.45am-10.30am.

Access will be via our main office on St. Cuthberts Road, where staff will be on hand to sign you on.

Playgroup is a lovely social experience for both adult and child. We have a large selection of toys and activities, as well as painting, crafts, snack and an adult led rhyme time session. We look forward to seeing you for our first session on **Monday the 16th September**.



Duchenne Day

Next Friday, 13th September, we will be raising the profile and awareness of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) by asking children and staff to wear green accessories alongside their school uniform (e.g. green hair ribbons, socks, sunglasses etc.). This is to support the work of the leading charity, Action Duchenne, who help people living with the condition.



Dear Parents and Carers,

On Wednesday 11th September 2024 we will be hosting meet the teacher sessions in school. These are to provide you with the opportunity to see your child/ren's classroom and meet their teacher/s. The teachers will give key messages and share information about the year group and learning that will take place. We will be providing 2 sessions for each class and both of the sessions will include the same content and are repeated to allow you to attend different sessions.

3:15 pm & 3:45pm For EYFS: Buttercups, Bluebells, Sunflowers, Tulips,

Please enter via your child's classroom door. For parents/carers of children in Sunflowers, please enter via Tulips classroom door

3:15 pm & 3:45pm For Y1: Squirrels, Rabbits, Hedgehogs

3:15 pm & 3:45pm For Y2: Owls, Robins, Swans

3:15 pm & 3:45pm For Y3: Fir, Oak, Elm

Please enter Via the old hall doors from the playground

3:45 & 4:15pm For Y4: Maple, Birch, Pine, Willow

3:45 & 4:15pm For Y5: Larch, Beech, Alder, Juniper

3:45 & 4:15pm For Y6: Cedar, Sycamore, Aspen

Please enter Via the old hall doors from the playground

Staff will be on hand to direct you to the classrooms where your child's teacher will be.

Ez Mills - Sefton Educational Psychologist, Heather Fowler - Safeguarding and Welfare Lead for Endeavour Learning Trust and the Churchtown Senior Leadership Team will be in The Old Hall should parents/carers wish to have a conversation on the evening.

<u>Year groups</u>	<u>Classes</u>	<u>Classroom for meeting</u>	<u>Teachers</u>
Nursery Reception	Buttercups	Buttercups Classroom	Mrs Mallett
	Bluebells	Bluebells Classroom	Mrs O'Grady & Mrs Langley
	Sunflowers Tulips	Tulips Classroom	Mr Cocks Miss Wilson
Year 1	Hedgehogs Squirrels	Squirrels Classroom	Mrs Crookes Mrs Finney
	Rabbits	Rabbits Classroom	Mrs Coysh
Year 2	Robins	Robins Classroom	Mrs Stalker
	Swans Owls	Swans Classroom	Mrs Thornley Mrs Davies
Year 3	Fir Oak	Oak Classroom	Miss Everitt Miss Suffell
	Elm	Elm Classroom	Ms Staples
Year 4	Birch Pine	Birch Classroom	Miss Keeley Mrs Bowers
	Maple Willow	Maple Classroom	Mrs Bowen Mrs Watkinson
Year 5	Larch Alder	Larch Classroom	Mrs Shawcroft Mr Bowen & Mrs Hopkins
	Beech Juniper	Beech Classroom	Miss Doran/Mrs Howard Miss Wynne
Year 6	Sycamore Aspen	Aspen Classroom	Miss Morris/Miss Hart Mrs Collins
	Cedar	Cedar Classroom	Mrs Bluck



Date	Event
Tuesday 10 th September 2024	P.T.A. Meeting in The Lodge at 7.30pm – all welcome to attend
Wednesday 11 th September 2024	Birkdale High School and Greenbank High School to visit Y5 & Y6 Assemblies
Wednesday 11 th September 2024	Meet the Teacher Meetings – 3.15pm, 3.45pm & 4.15pm
Thursday 12 th September 2024	Tarleton High School to visit Y5 & Y6 Assemblies
Friday 13 th September 2024	Duchenne Day – wear green
Tuesday 24 th September 2024	Myfoto Individual/Family Photographs
Wednesday 25 th September 2024	Myfoto Individual/Family Photographs
Wednesday 25 th to Friday 27 th September 2024	Year 6 Residential Trip to Robinwood
Friday 4 th October 2024	Harvest Assemblies in Church
Friday 18 th October 2024	INSET DAY
Friday 25 th October 2024	Break up for half-term (normal times)
Monday 4 th November 2024	Back to school – rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine!
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