

Churchtown Chatter

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Newsletter 11

Friday 24th November 2023

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The weekly newsletter is sent to all families each week and is full of important information. We have recently had positive feedback from parents as to how useful they find the newsletter; however, we know not all families access this communication. Please help us by encouraging other parents to read it as it is one of our main sources of communication between school and home.

This week our newsletter has started to have more of a 'Christmas' theme to it, as we are moving very quickly towards December, kicking off the festivities with the Churchtown Village Fete this Sunday, 26th November. The children in the choir from years 5 and 6 will be singing Christmas songs during the light switch on at 5pm. We would love you to come and watch us and join in with our merriment!

In the calendar section at the end of the newsletter, please note all the activities, parties and performances leading up to the day we break up. There is further information in the newsletter regarding PTA events running up to Christmas, namely the elf raffle and story time with Santa. We would appreciate your support with these events, which help to raise money for the school. **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.



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 (98%) - awarded 2 points
2nd Place – Reception & Year 3 (96%) – awarded 1 point

This week's attendance champions are **Y1 Hedgehogs** for **100%** attendance and punctuality.



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	219	Red Team
2nd	193	Blue Team
3rd	188	Yellow Team
4th	177	Green Team



Churchtown Primary School Open Mornings

We would like to invite prospective pupils and their families to our Open Morning. 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 date:

Wednesday 6th December 2023

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.

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'.

Our School Eco Club Champions would like to share



Facts of the Week!

- 13 billion cans are thrown out every year. If we stacked them on top of each other you could make 3 piles of cans that would reach to the moon!
- Recycling can save lots of energy. It takes lots of energy to make glass but by recycling glass that's already made we can save lots of energy – in fact it's enough energy to power a light bulb for 4 hours.

E-Bikes & E-Scooters



Please click [here](#) to access letter on our website which contains important information regarding E-Bikes and E-Scooters.



Churchtown Primary School Choir will be performing at 'Churchtown Christmas Light Switch On'! The lights will be switched on at 5pm and the choir will be singing from 4.50pm.

It would be lovely to see you there!



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 or from the school office.

Good luck!



The last day to purchase a raffle ticket will be Tuesday 28th November 2023.



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.

The School Games National Santa Dash returns for another fun-filled day of festive fun!

The 2023 Santa Dash will take place on **Friday 8th December 2023** on the school playground. All year groups will be participating

As in previous years, the Santa Dash is all about having fun whilst being active. Please remember to bring your Santa hat or Christmas hat if you have one!



ROTARY SHOEBOX SCHEME - 2023



SHOEBOXES TO BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL
Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th November 2023

SHOEBOXES BEING COLLECTED
Friday 1st December 2023

Changes to Admissions Arrangements for 2025-2026

The Trustees of Endeavour Learning Trust would like to give notice of proposed changes to the Admission Policy for Churchtown Primary School, which will apply from the 2025-26 academic year and thereafter, subject to any further consultation.

The draft policy for consultation can be viewed on the Local Authority (Sefton Council) website: (<https://www.sefton.gov.uk/schooladmissionspolicyandreports>) as they will be coordinating the consultation on our behalf or a hardy copy is available on request from our school reception.


Please click [here](#) to access further information regarding this on our website.

The **Southport Eco Centre** are running their yearly Christmas waste panto advert competition. The deadline for the competition is the **14th December** and all students who complete the competition will earn 3 Children's University credits.

Please click <https://www.southportecocentre.com/> to participate – good luck!

WWW.SOUTHPORTECOCENTRE.COM

This campaign has been designed and created by

 All entries earn learning credits*

* Credit can be applied throughout the school holidays and are not dependant on deadline for pantomime ticket competition.


southport
eco centre
education service



PARKING AROUND SCHOOL

Churchtown Primary School is situated on residential roads and we respectfully ask families to park legally and with due consideration for our neighbours and others. It is **never acceptable** to think that blocking someone's driveway is ok for a short period of time.

In addition, we have received a small number of complaints from our residents regarding inconsiderate parking outside their properties by our families.

There is a designated 'drop-off zone' to be used to 'drop-off' your child/ren, outside the front of the school building.

Please remember to park away from the school and walk or cycle whenever possible. This makes a huge difference to the safety of the children coming to and from school and makes the school run a better experience for all.

Thank you in advance of your co-operation in keeping Churchtown children and families safe.



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.

CHRISTMAS CARDS 2023



The P.T.A. were so impressed with the creativity of the children's Christmas card designs this year. As an extra reward, all submissions were entered into a 'lucky dip' draw to enable families to receive a value pack containing their child's design. The value pack consisted of 12 Christmas cards,

10 postcards, wrapping paper and sticky labels. The children drawn from the 'lucky dip' were: -

Skye D – Reception Sunflowers

Koby B – Year 3 Fir

Jake J – Year 5 Larch



We would like to thank all of our children for wearing something spotty or their pyjamas for Children in Need.

We would also like to thank you for your donations in support of Children in Need.

A total of £362.00 was raised – thank you!

Churchtown Primary School – Educational Visits

This academic year, our year group leaders are in the process of arranging trips for our children and you will be informed by letter when the trip for your child will take place and what it involves. We want to make parents aware of these trips earlier than anticipated so that any payment towards the trip can either be made in full or in instalments in order for your child to attend. Unfortunately, if we do not receive enough contributions for the trip then they cannot go ahead so we want to make parents aware as soon as we are able to.

The following educational visits are currently being arranged (*dates may be subject to change).

Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 Children (Year 1 and 2)

The Atkinson Theatre Trip – 'The Gruffalo's Child'

Tuesday 5th March 2024

£14.00 per child to be made via ParentPay

Nursery and Reception Children

Martin Mere

May 2024*

Further details to be confirmed

Year 1

Imagine That! Liverpool –

Communication has been made to Parents via letter Monday 25th March 2024

£10.00 per child to be made via ParentPay

Year 2

Blackpool Zoo

Monday 24th June 2024

Further details to be confirmed

Year 3

DEVA Roman Trip to Chester –

Communication has been made to Parents via letter

Thursday 14th December 2023

£14.00 per child to be made via ParentPay

Year 4

The Beatles Story –

Liverpool

June 2024*

Further details to be confirmed

Year 5

Young Voices at the AO Arena, Manchester –

Communication has been made to Parents via letter

Monday 5th February 2024

£22.00 per child to be made via ParentPay

Year 6 (current Year 5)

RobinWood Residential -

Communication has been made to Parents via letter

25th – 27th of September 2024

Year 6

End of Year Celebrations

May 2024*

Further details to be confirmed.



Date	Event
Sunday 26 th November 2023	Churchtown Village Christmas Light Switch on! 12pm-7pm
Tuesday 28 th November 2023	Y1 Travelling Science Show
Wednesday 29 th & Thursday 30 th November 2023	Rotary Shoebox Scheme – shoeboxes to be returned to school
Thursday 30 th November 2023	Re-scheduled Parents Meeting for Reception Sunflowers
Date	Event
Friday 1 st December 2023	Shoeboxes being collected by Rotary Shoebox Scheme
Tuesday 5 th 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 8 th December 2023	School Games National Santa Dash – on the playground
Monday 11 th December 2023	Nursery Show – 2.30pm
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
Wednesday 13 th December 2023	Christmas Dinner/Jumper Day
Thursday 14 th December 2023	Reception Show at St. Cuthbert's Church – 10am
Thursday 14 th December 2023	Year 3 Educational Visit to Chester
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
Date	Event
Monday 8 th January 2024	Back to School – Rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine!
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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