

# Churchtown Chatter

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**Newsletter 16**

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024



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## Happy New Year and best wishes for 2024!

The staff have supported a positive start back for the children. Visiting all classes this week to welcome them back, it is evident the children have settled back quickly, routines had been re-established and learning very swiftly started. Class teachers have reminded the children about Churchtown and their own class expectations linked to behaviour and routines.

Miss Roughley, a new sports coach from West Lancs. Sports Partnership is working with us this half term. Dance is her specialist area so all classes will be covering a program of dance. Miss Roughley is also doing an after-school club from Monday to Friday. We still have spaces on some of our clubs running after school, please make an enquiry to the school office if you are looking for places (these are not just in dance clubs). Please follow this link to information on our website on after school clubs [after school club activities](#).

We have a number of educational visits coming up this term, please check the dates at the end of the newsletter for more information. **Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Payne.**

## FRIENDSHIP & FAMILY

This half term, the value that Churchtown is developing is Friendship & Family. At the end of the half term, value champions will be nominated for each class.



## ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

The year groups with the best attendance this week are:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Reception (98.6%) - awarded 2 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Year 5 (96.4%) – awarded 1 point

This week's attendance champions are **Reception Sunflowers** for having **100%** attendance this week!



## 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.

1 <sup>st</sup>	299	Red Team
2 <sup>nd</sup>	262	Yellow Team
3 <sup>rd</sup>	245	Blue Team
4 <sup>th</sup>	238	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.

# 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 copy letter  
from David Clayton, Chief Executive,  
Endeavour Learning Trust, titled  
'Start of Term Letter – January 2024'.

# HOMEWORK INFORMATION




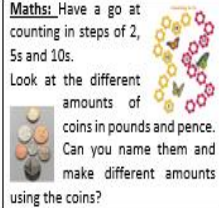





Information about the homework we set for children at Churchtown can be found by visiting the year group pages on our website. These can be found by clicking the relevant link below:

[Reception](#) [Year 1](#) [Year 2](#) [Year 3](#) [Year 4](#) [Year 5](#) [Year 6](#)

As part of our homework offer, children in Reception to Year 3 have brought home a 'homework menu' this week. Each learning task included in the menu links to specific areas of focus in our curriculum during the half term. The menu will support children with consolidating key knowledge and help to inform you of your child's learning by allowing them to share this knowledge with you at home. There are a range of activities included in the menu and children are able to pick activities to complete over the duration of the half term.

An example of a homework menu can be seen opposite:

Work completed will be celebrated in class during each half term, with children being encouraged to talk about their learning with their teachers and peers.

<p><b>English:</b> Look at different stories written by Julia Donaldson. (There are stories on You tube if you don't have the books at home). Maybe you could write a book review about your favourite story stating why you like it or retell the story in your own words.</p> 	<p><b>PSHE:</b> Can you write about a time you helped someone in need? How did you feel helping someone else?</p> 	<p><b>Children's choice:</b> Share something you have learnt at home! Maybe you could do some baking, crafting or go on an outing somewhere</p> 
<p><b>Maths:</b> Have a go at counting in steps of 2, 5s and 10s. Look at the different amounts of coins in pounds and pence. Can you name them and make different amounts using the coins?</p> 	<p><b>Music:</b> Research some facts about Chinese New Year and create a fact file poster.</p> 	<p><b>History:</b> Can you write down 5 facts about Christopher Columbus to share with your friends in class?</p> 
<p><b>Spanish:</b> Can you create a picture and label all your favourite jungle animals in Spanish?</p> 	<p><b>Science:</b> Can you create simple food chains from different habitats? Think about how you could present your learning?</p> 	<p><b>Design and Technology:</b> Can you create a moving monster. Think about your design and how it can move.</p> 



# PUNCTUALITY



The school gates open at 8:40am and children are expected to be in school for **8.50am** ready for their morning register.

Children are marked as arriving late to school between 9:01am and 9:21am. If they arrive after 9:21am, their morning mark will be marked as unauthorised.

Children who arrive late, will need to enter school via the front office. Mrs Welsh will sign in any children who are late using the InVentry system, which is located by the front office.

Parents and guardians of children in nursery and reception are expected to wait with their child until it is convenient for the child to be taken to class. Please be mindful that staff will need to leave the class that they are in, to come and collect any children who are late. This can be disruptive for other children and we do not always have the capacity to collect children from the office straight away.

Punctuality is closely monitored and if we have concerns regarding a child's attendance, parents/guardians will be contacted by Mrs Welsh.

We acknowledge that anybody can have a morning when they are late due to unforeseen circumstances. However, persistent lateness is not acceptable and unauthorised absences can result in the local authority issuing penalty notices.

Here is a reminder of how poor punctuality can affect a child's learning opportunities.

<b>Minutes late per day during the school year</b>	<b>Equal days' worth of teaching lost in a year</b>
5 minutes	3.4 days
10 minutes	6.9 days
15 minutes	10.3 days
20 minutes	13.8 days
30 minutes	20.7 days

We would like to stress that we are here to support our children and families and we will continue to do all we can to help in situations where we can.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding punctuality or attendance in general, please ask to speak to Mrs Welsh via the office.

**Thank you for your continued cooperation with this matter.**



This week we have begun to connect families of children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 to Seesaw. Thank you for connecting to your child's account. This will allow you to see some of the work that your

child is working on in school. If you have any further questions about this, please do speak with your child's class teacher, who will be able to offer advice. We will be rolling this out for other year groups later in the school year.



## HAPPY RETIREMENT

**Mr Myerscough** began working at Churchtown Primary School in September 2018 as a member of our site team. Mr Myerscough has worked tirelessly to ensure that the school site is safe and inviting for our children and staff each day. I'm sure many people will have met Mr Myerscough welcoming families each morning at the school gates. Thank you for all you have done Mr Myerscough and we wish you a healthy and happy retirement.



## GOOD BYE and GOOD LUCK

**Mrs Reese** began working at Churchtown Primary School in July 2021 as a Midday Supervisor. Mrs Reese has been responsible for the safety and welfare of the children during their lunch breaks as well as preparing for and clearing up after the lunchtime period. Mrs Reese has been supportive of children of all ages, in particular Nursery, during her time working at the school and we wish her well with her future endeavours.



Date	Event
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January to Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2024	Storytelling Week
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	P.T.A. Meeting in The Lodge at 7pm – all welcome to attend – <b>cancelled. New date to be arranged.</b>
Date	Event
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Y5 Educational visit to Young Voices at the AO Arena, Manchester
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Safer Internet Day
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Churchtown Charity Collection – Southport Learning Partnership: Love My Community to raise money for charity - TBD
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	P.T.A. Smartie Challenge – more information to follow
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Break up for half-term (normal times)
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Back to School – Rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine!

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Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Early Years & KS1 Theatre Trip to The Atkinson – 1.30pm
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	World Book Day
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Year 1 Educational Trip to Imagine That! Liverpool
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Easter Assemblies in St. Cuthbert's Church
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Break up for Easter Holidays – 1.30pm
Date	Event
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Back to School – Rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine!
Date	Event
May 2024	Nursery & Reception Educational Trip to Martin Mere
Date	Event
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Year 4 Educational Trip to The Beatles Story, Liverpool
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Year 2 Educational Trip to Blackpool Zoo
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