

Churchtown Chatter

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Newsletter 2

Friday 13th September 2024

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Thank you for your attendance at Meet the Teacher this week. Your children enjoyed you coming into school to see their classroom and meet their teacher. For those that couldn't make it, the presentations and curriculum overviews have been added to our website 'Year Group' pages. Please see a link further down in the newsletter.

Please find on this week's newsletter information about Open Mornings that are taking place over the next few months. This is an opportunity to come and look around the school for anyone who is thinking of starting the school. Please pass this information on to any friends and colleagues who you think may like this opportunity. It is during the school day so visitors get a real flavour of life in school, as we ensure we see all areas of the school from Early Years up to Year 6.

Have a good 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.



Perfect Attendance!



Attendance at Churchtown this week has been exceptional following the tragic events over the summer holidays. We are so proud of all our children for not only showing resilience, but for also showing such compassion towards one another.

As always, if you have any queries or concerns regarding your child's attendance, please speak to Mrs Welsh (Attendance Officer) who is happy to help and support.



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. Cuthbert's Road, where staff will be on hand to sign you in.

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 which is on **Monday the 16th September.**

WITH THE POWER TO ACT



We are delighted to invite you to our
Open Evening

Tuesday 17th September, 5.30pm - 8.00pm
Headteacher presentations at 6.00pm and 7.00pm

Please join us for an informative and enjoyable evening to gain insight into school life at CTK!
CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM CENTRE

STAMFORD ROAD, SOUTHPORT, PR8 4EX
TRANSITION@CHRISTTHEKING-SCHOOL.COM 01704 565121



junior parkrun

There is a new Junior Park Run which has recently started in Southport. The event takes place at Hesketh Park, Park Crescent, Southport PR9 9ND every Sunday morning with a warm up starting at 08:50 (behind the cafe) and the run itself starting at 09:00.

It's a free, fun, and friendly weekly 2k event for juniors (aged 4 to 14-years-old) on a fully marshalled route by a team of volunteers lead by a race director. Parents are more than welcome to join their children along the route. More information about the event can be found at www.parkrun.org.uk/heskethpark-juniors/.

All participants need to do is register with Park Run www.parkrun.org.uk/register/?eventName=heskethpark-juniors to get a barcode which is scanned after each run. After 11 runs the children qualify for a free wristband showing that they have ran the equivalent of a half marathon. There are more wristbands available once other milestones have been achieved, such as 21 runs (for a marathon) etc.

Also, if any parents would like to volunteer (the more the merrier), all they need to do is email heskethparkjuniors@parkrun.com to confirm.

Open Evening

Thursday 19th September 2024 at 6.00pm



Headteacher Talks 6:10pm, 6:50pm and 7:30pm

A school where we all belong.
Talk to the boys.
Meet the Headteacher and other staff.

Car users, please use the Liverpool Road entrance (opposite Nixon's Lane)

Open Mornings

Monday 23rd, Tuesday 24th and Friday 27th September 2024, 9.15am - 11.15am



Experience what makes us the best school for boys to grow and develop.
See for yourself why our boys outperform boys in other schools.
If you are unable to make any of these dates then please phone for a personalised tour.

01704 577253 | mail@birkdalehigh.co.uk | www.birkdalehigh.co.uk | @BirkdaleHS



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, meet our staff and current pupils. The Open Mornings will start at 9.30am prompt 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 contact our school office on

01704 508500 or email us at office@churchtown.org.uk

Available dates:

Monday 23rd September 2024
Friday 11th October 2024
Friday 8th November 2024
Wednesday 4th December 2024
Thursday 9th January 2024

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SCHOOLS.



Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools

1

Download and sign up to the Asda Rewards app

Opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select a specific primary school or select 'Schools in Need'.

2

Shop in store across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com

Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to your chosen school each time you shop and scan.

3

Asda does the rest

The money raised will be donated through Parentkind to schools to spend on what they need most. This won't affect your own Cashpot earn.

Once opted in and selected a school, we will add £1 to your chosen schools Cashpot to help get them started.

Each school will get an additional £50 added to their Cashpot, after at least one customer has shopped and scanned their Rewards app.



For further information in relation to this, please visit: <https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools>

Meet the
TEACHER

It was excellent to see so many families attend the 'Meet the Teacher' event on Wednesday after school. We had lots of positive feedback from parents, including how important it was to get to see their child's classrooms and learn about some of the curriculum content being covered this year. For those that couldn't make it, the presentations and curriculum overviews have been added to our website 'Year Group' pages:

<https://www.churchtown.org.uk/year-groups>

GOODBYE!



Mr Amundsen began working at Churchtown Primary School in November 2022 as our School Site Manager. During his time with us, he has ensured that the school is safe and inviting for our children and staff each day.

I'm sure many of you will have seen Mr Amundsen wishing you well at the end of the school day at the school gates. Thank you for all you have done Mr Amundsen – we wish you luck for your future endeavours!

If you would like to donate money linked to the tragic incidents that took place in Southport at the end of July, you can do this through two funding appeals – Southport Strong Together Appeal and the Alder Hey Children’s Charity, of which there are links below. However, there have been some enquiries about making donations direct to Churchtown Primary School. If you or someone you know would like to do this, then either phone, email or call into the School office. Any donations will be used to support our work and resources around the UK Trauma Council principles of safety, calmness, connectedness, in control and hopefulness.

A banner for the Southport Strong Together Appeal. The background shows a memorial area with many colorful flower bouquets and heart-shaped signs. Overlaid on the image are several text boxes: a large purple box with 'Southport Strong Together Appeal' in white, a dark blue box with 'Help us to support all those affected by the Southport knife attack', a white box with 'Donate today', and a dark blue box with 'Text SOUTHPORT followed by your donation amount to 70085*'. At the bottom, there are logos for 'In partnership with COMMUNITY FOUNDATION For Merseyside', 'Sefton Council', and 'Sefton CVS Supporting Local Communities'. A small icon of a camera is in the top right corner.

Southport Strong Together Appeal

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Sefton Council

Sefton CVS Supporting Local Communities

* donation amount plus one standard network rate message, and you'll be opting into hearing more from us. If you'd like to donate but don't wish to hear more from us, please text SOUTHPORTNOINFO

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/southport-strong-together>

Alder Hey

CHILDREN'S CHARITY

A blue silhouette of an elephant with a dashed outline, representing the Alder Hey Children's Charity logo.

If you wish to donate to the **Snowdrop Team** at Alder Hey Children’s Hospital, this can be done via the Alder Hey Children’s Charity.

Please click on the link below and then click on the **‘DONATE NOW’** button.

Once you have chosen your donation amount, you can specify within the next section that you would like your money to be donated to the Snowdrop Team.

<https://www.alderheycharity.org/>



Helping parents to understand the changes to fines for term time holidays

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for the Penalty Notice Fines issued for unauthorised holidays recorded by schools after 19th August 2024.

Who may be fined?

Penalty Notice Fines are issued to each parent who allows their child to be absent from school.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent who allowed the holiday receiving 3 separate fines.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for an unauthorised term time holiday the fine amount will be:

£80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Increasing to £160 if paid between 22-28 days.

National Threshold

There will be a single consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered by all schools in England of 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period.

These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence, including the U code (late after registers have closed).

For example: a 5-day holiday would meet the national threshold.

The 10-school week period can span different terms or school years.

Second Offence

(Within 3 years)

The Second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:

£160 per parent (who allowed the holiday) per child, payable withing 28 days.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed a Penalty Notice will not be issued and local authorities will need to consider other available measures to address the absence concerns. This may mean that cases are presented before a Magistrate's Court. Prosecution may result in criminal records and fines up to £2,500.

Cases found guilty in the Magistrate's Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.

**Penalty Notice
Fines for School
Attendance are
changing!**

flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child



- 1. Protect your child**
The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia
 - 2. Protect you, your family and friends**
Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family
 - 3. No injection needed**
The nasal spray is painless and easy to have
 - 4. It's better than having flu**
The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record
 - 5. Avoid costs**
If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare
- For more information visit www.nhs.uk/child-flu

Your Childs flu immunisation is due this term.

It's important that all parents/carers read and respond to this message to avoid receiving further telephone calls, texts and letters from our service.

Please visit this link <https://econsent.merseycare.nhs.uk/> and complete your Childs flu form with a 'yes or no'. You can select the nasal spray for the best protection or the alternative injectable flu if required via this link.

Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will help to protect them as well as more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu this year.

If you require any further support, please contact the Sefton school immunisation team on 0151 247 6130 who will be happy to help.

Vaccination & Immunisation Co-ordinator - Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust



Date	Event
Monday 16 th September 2024	Meols Cop High School to visit Y5 & 6 Assemblies
Wednesday 18 th September 2024	Stanley High School to visit Y6 Assemblies
Monday 23 rd September 2024	Open morning for prospective pupils and families – 9.30am to 11.00am
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
Tuesday 1 st October 2024	Re-arranged P.T.A. Meeting – 7.30pm in The Lodge – all welcome to attend
Friday 4 th October 2024	Harvest Assemblies in Church
Thursday 10 th October 2024	World Mental Health Day
Friday 11 th October 2024	Open morning for prospective pupils and families – 9.30am to 11.00am
Wednesday 16 th October 2024	Christ The King to visit Y6 Assemblies
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!
Friday 8 th November 2024	Open morning for prospective pupils and families – 9.30am to 11.00am
Wednesday 4 th December 2024	Open morning for prospective pupils and families – 9.30am to 11.00am

• Text in red is a new addition to the calendar