

Churchtown Chatter

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Newsletter 5

Friday 4th October 2024

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 <https://www.facebook.com/ChurchtownPrimarySchool> &
 <https://twitter.com/churchtownsch>

We have had a lovely morning at St Cuthbert's Church celebrating 'Harvest'. The children were exceptionally respectful of their surroundings and a credit to their parents and staff, in the way they behaved walking to and from church and during the assembly. The newly formed Junior Leadership team supported by welcoming us into church and the Chief Champions very eloquently read harvest poems. Compassion Acts came to collect the food that you had donated and were grateful for the contributions, which will be used in our local community. Finally, our small number of parents who are running the PTA met this week for their AGM, which was followed by a meeting to discuss the events for this academic year. The PTA will once again be using the funds they raised last year to support all children in school by funding part of each year groups educational visit or visitor into school. The PTA do an amazing job with the resources they have to organise and run events and in advance of this academic year I would like to thank them for their continued hard work for raising money for Churchtown Primary School.

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.



The closing date for a batch delivery to school is **Sunday 13th October**. Order before Sunday 13th October and have print orders delivered to school **with no post and packing charges**. Once the batch deadline closes the galleries stay open until Christmas, but parents pay for delivery and have them sent home.

Also, order before Sunday 13th October and there is a 10% discount on orders of £25 or above.



Apply for your
secondary school
place

Arrangements for admission to secondary schools September 2025

For all children in Year 6, it is now time for you to apply for your child's place at a secondary school for Year 7, September 2025 entry. Please click [here](#) to access a copy of the letter on our website titled: **'Secondary Admissions – September 2025'**.

Further information can also be found on:
<http://www.sefton.gov.uk/startingschool>

Sefton's online application for secondary schools is open from 1st September 2024 until the **national closing date of 31st October 2024** for you to submit your application.



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 visit our school website <https://www.churchtown.org.uk/> or call our school office on **01704 508500**.

Available dates:

Friday 11th October 2024
Friday 8th November 2024
Wednesday 4th December 2024
Thursday 9th January 2024



Churchtown Primary School are looking to appoint a **part-time Midday Supervisor, on a casual basis**, to ensure the safety, welfare and good conduct of students during the lunch break period. The successful candidate will also support in the preparation for and the clear up after the lunch period.

This would be an ideal opportunity for someone who is calm, approachable and punctual with a flexible attitude, a keen eye for detail and the ability and desire to be part of the team. By clicking on the link below you will be able to access more information, copy job description and the opportunity to apply for the role: -

<https://churchtown.org.uk/mid-day-supervisor>



CHRISTMAS DESIGNS 2024

Xmas4schools.co.uk

Beautiful FUNDRAISING
CHRISTMAS PRODUCTS
FROM CHILDREN'S Artwork

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Don't miss the chance to have your child's artwork turned into beautiful Christmas cards, poster calendars, mugs, gift labels, or our fabulous waffle textured tea towels and help the school at the same time!

It's that time of year again and your child will either have already created their own special Christmas design at school/nursery, or will have brought the materials to do it home. This is a great opportunity to turn their creation into a range of professionally printed products, which you are able to purchase for family and friends this Christmas.

£1.00 from the sale of each product will go straight back to the school/nursery or PTA!

- Christmas Cards**
12x A6 Cards & Envelopes
- A3 Poster Calendars**
A3 Poster Calendar
- Tea Towels**
Soft, waffle textured tea towel
- Blank Cards**
12x A6 Cards & Envelopes
- Mugs**
1x Mug
- Gift Labels**
(Self Adhesive) 12x Labels



For prices please go to www.xmas4schools.co.uk

Please complete the form on the reverse of your child's artwork and return it to school by the date indicated. Once we have received your forms, we will send you an email and text message containing your order code and a link to our online ordering portal. Enter your order code to log in and complete your order and make payment.

Many thanks & we look forward to receiving your order.

Our very best wishes,
The Xmas4Schools Team

Call us today on

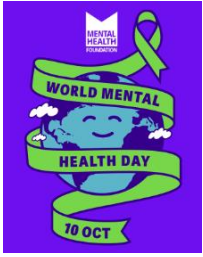
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It's that time of the year when the children will be creating their special Christmas designs in school to be transferred onto a range of professionally printed Christmas cards, A3 poster calendars, tea towels, mugs and gift labels.

Your child will be sent home with their completed design on Friday 4th October.

Please complete the form on the reverse of your child's design and return it to school by Friday 18th October. The P.T.A. will then forward the children's designs to Xmas4Schools. Once they have received your forms, they will send you an email and text message containing your order code and a link to their online ordering portal. Enter your order code to log in and complete your order and make payment.





**Thursday
10th October 2024
is World Mental
Health Day**

The theme for this year is **'mental health in the workplace/school'**.

In order to raise the profile of mental health and wellbeing, every class in school will be delivering a PSHE lesson with a focus on mental health, using a variety of activities.



'Making wellbeing a priority at Churchtown'

Thursday 3rd October was **National Poetry Day** and this year's theme was **'Counting'** as this year was the 30th National Poetry Day!



National Poetry Day is an annual, national celebration that encourages everyone to create, experience and share poetry with family and friends. To mark this special day, like last year, children at Churchtown Primary School will take part in a poetry competition. Children should write their poem in their homework books based around this year's theme and winners will be selected from each year group. The poems can be in any form, from a haiku to an acrostic poem, we just want pupils to get creative!

**2024/2025
Churchtown Primary
School
Term Dates**



The term dates for the 2024-2025 academic year have been uploaded to our website.

Please click [here](#) to access them.

Chief Champions

In school this week, we have been voting for this year's Chief Champions. There were nine final candidates, with three children being voted in as Chief Champions: -

Chief Champions

Hannah B – Aspen

Ella W – Cedar

Pearle J - Sycamore

Junior Leadership Team

Jessica D – Sycamore

Bailey L – Sycamore

Jude S – Cedar

Chloe R – Cedar

Oscar E-H – Aspen

Nina L - Aspen



Well done to you all for putting yourselves forward!



On Wednesday 4th September 2024, we modified our return to school for the current academic year. This change was made due to the incident that took place on 29th July and to ensure we provided an additional transition session before children started their first full day back to school.

We would appreciate feedback on this modified start as the verbal feedback received has been exceptionally positive and we are therefore considering implementing this as a start to every academic year. We would appreciate it if you could spare a few minutes to fill in the form below to allow us to gather feedback from the school community:

<https://forms.office.com/e/FfEzpBUwgz>

Helping Parents understand Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance

From 19 August 2024, there is a National Framework for Penalty Notice Fines being issued for unauthorised absences recorded by schools

National Threshold

A single consistent national threshold for when a Penalty Notice must be considered by ALL schools in England, this is:

- 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
- For example, a 5-day unauthorised leave of absence would meet the national threshold
- The 10-school week period can span different terms or school years

Who may be fined?

- Penalty Notice Fines are issued to each parent who allows their child to be absent without authorisation from school
- For example, 3 siblings absent for unauthorised leave during term-time would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence, the fine amount will be:

- £80 per parent, per child if paid **within 21 days**
- If **not paid within 21 days**, the fine will increase to **£160 per parent, per child**, payable between the 22nd and 28th day

Second Offence (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence, a reduced rate is not available. The amount therefore will be:

- £160 per parent, per child – payable within 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 the case will be presented **straight to the Magistrate's Court**

- **Prosecution** can result in **criminal records** and **fines of up to £2,500**



SHOEBOX APPEAL 2024

Following the success of recent appeals, Churchtown Primary School has once again agreed to take part in the national **Rotary Shoebox Scheme**. Originally started in 1994, the **Rotary Shoebox Scheme** was intended to provide children in Romania with Christmas gifts. Gifts are sent throughout the year to many deserving children and families in central and Eastern Europe. All age groups, including teenagers have welcomed the boxes.

If you are interested please ask your class teacher or the school office for a letter. There is a £3 contribution per box (which contributes towards the cost of transporting them to their final destinations).

Once we have collated numbers, you will receive your shoebox(es) and full instructions on how to fill them. You will be given the choice of filling a box for a boy, girl or family and, if appropriate, selecting an age group. As well as small toys and sweets, we are also encouraged to include essential items such as soap bars, toothpaste and toothbrush, warm gloves or scarves.

For more information please see <https://www.rotaryshoobox.org/>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



Churchtown Football News



A group of Year 6 boys represented school in a tournament at Liverpool Academy.

The team was undefeated, winning against Our Lady of Lourdes and Redgate, then drawing with St Jerome's and Trinity St Peters.

At the end of their group matches 3 teams were tied on the same number of points and it went to goal difference, which saw the boys lose out by one goal.

A great time was had by all and the team got to ask former Liverpool, Sunderland and Coventry player Stephen Wright some questions at the end.



| Date | Event |
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| 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 | Deadline for Christmas design and completed form to be returned to school |
| 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! |
| Thursday 7 th November 2024 | Sefton School Aged Immunisation Service – Annual Flu Campaign – Nursery through to Y6 |
| Friday 8 th November 2024 | Open morning for prospective pupils and families – 9.30am to 11.00am |
| Sunday 10 th November 2024 | Remembrance Day Service at The Monument, Lord Street |
| Tuesday 19 th November 2024 | Y6 height & weight Check |
| Sunday 24 th November 2024 | Churchtown Christmas Fayre 12pm-6pm |
| Wednesday 4 th December 2024 | Open morning for prospective pupils and families – 9.30am to 11.00am |
| Friday 20 th December 2024 | School closes at 1.30pm for the Christmas holidays |
| Monday 6 th January 2025 | INSET Day |
| Tuesday 7 th January 2025 | Back to school – rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine! |
| Thursday 9 th January 2025 | Open morning for prospective pupils and families – 9.30am to 11.00am |
| Friday 14 th February 2025 | Break up for half-term (normal times) |
| Monday 24 th February 2025 | Back to school – rise and shine, school starts at ten to nine! |

- Text in red is a new addition to the calendar



Nursery Snowdrops (open 51 weeks of the year) – closure dates (2024/2025)

CLOSED – Monday 23rd December to Friday 27th December 2024 (Christmas Holidays) - re-open Monday 30th December

CLOSED – Wednesday 1st January 2025 (New Year's Day Bank Holiday)

CLOSED – Friday 18th & Monday 21st April 2025 (Good Friday and Easter Monday Bank Holidays)

CLOSED – Monday 5th May 2025 (Early May Bank Holiday)

CLOSED – Monday 26th May 2025 (Spring Bank Holiday)

CLOSED – Monday 25th August 2025 (Summer Bank Holiday)



Butterflies Holiday Club

will be open to Churchtown Primary School children on the following dates:

Friday 18th October 2024 – INSET Day

Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2024 – Half-Term Holiday

Monday 30th December 2024 to Friday 3rd January 2025 – Christmas

CLOSED - Monday 1st January 2025 (New Year's Day Bank Holiday)

Monday 6th January 2025 – INSET Day

Monday 17th to Friday 21st February 2025 – Half-Term Holiday

Monday 7th to Thursday 17th April 2025 – Easter Holidays

CLOSED – Friday 18th & Monday 21st April 2025 (Good Friday/Easter Monday Bank Holidays)

CLOSED – Monday 5th May 2025 (Early May Bank Holiday)

CLOSED – Monday 26th May 2025 (Spring Bank Holiday)

Tuesday 27th to Friday 30th May 2025 – Half-Term Holiday

Monday 21st July 2025 – INSET Day

Tuesday 22nd July 2025 – INSET Day

Wednesday 23rd July to Friday 29th August 2025 – Summer Holidays

CLOSED – Monday 25th August 2025 (Summer Bank Holiday)

Butterflies Holiday Club

Age: Nursery (Buttercups) – Y6
Time: 7.30-5.30 Location: Dining Hall

Entrance/Exit: Butterflies Door
(previous F4K/BC entrance/exit)

Price: £25

Food: Snack provided school
Packed lunch to be provided

OPEN ALL INSET DAYS