Churchfields News

Quality First Education Trust

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Dear Churchfields Families,

Welcome to our first newsletter of Autumn 2. The nights are darker and colder but the days are just as busy with fantastic learning going on in and out of the classroom.
On Monday, all staff had a full day INSET Day. Teaching assistants focused on strategies to ensure they give the best possible support in class and teachers focused on our Trust writing curriculum. There was lots of discussion around the new DfE Writing Framework, spelling, grammar, composition and handwriting.
For an update on what each year group will be learning this term, see the year group pages of our website, under the *'for our parents and carers'* tab Churchfields Primary School, Beckenham, Kent - Home

A huge thank you to our PTA for volunteering their time to run our first discos of the year – the children always love them and I am sure this time, the adults will enjoy relaxing in the small hall whilst the noisier fun happens in the main hall! Particular thanks to Robyn for heading-up the disco preparations.

This weekend, Hindus will be celebrating Diwali. Our Reception children have been learning the story of Rama & Sita this week as well as trying out their own Rangoli patterns amongst other fun activities to help them learn all about this important festival of lights. You will know it was also Bonfire Night yesterday and many families will be enjoying firework displays over the weekend – here are a few tips to ensure everyone stays safe. Did you know sparklers burn at over 2,000 degrees? Everyone should wear gloves and goggles when holding one.



Wishing everyone a safe & happy weekend,
Sally White
Headteacher

Thunk of the Week!



We are excited to introduce Thunk of the Week!

Every Friday we will share a philosophical question called a Thunk. These are questions with no right or wrong answers, designed to spark curiosity, encourage discussion and challenge our thinking. We'd love for families to explore the Thunk together, whether that's around the dinner table, on a walk, or wherever you find a spare moment.

There is no homework to complete and no perfect answer to find. Just the chance to think deeply, share ideas confidently and listen respectfully.

This week's Thunk: If you find something, does that make it yours?

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Important dates for your diary:

Events in **black** are for the whole school, events in **blue relate to SEND**, **green for Nursery – Year 2**, and **orange for Years 3 – 6.**

Kingfisher Class Assembly – Tuesday 10 November, 2.45pm, Main Hall
Children in Need Day – Friday 13 November
Anti-Bullying Week – Monday 14 – Friday 20 November
Hawk Class Assembly – Tuesday 17 November, 2.45pm, Main Hall
SEND Mainstream Coffee Morning – Monday 23 November, 9am
Jackdaw Class Assembly – Tuesday 24 November, 2.45pm, Main Hall
UK Parliament Week – Monday 23 – Friday 27 November
ARC Coffee Afternoon – Wednesday 2 December, 2.15-3pm
PTA Christmas Fair – Saturday 5 December
Reception Nativity play for families – Tuesday 8 December, 9.30am
Year 1 & 2 Nativity to Year 1 families – Friday 11 December, 9.30am
Year 1 & 2 Nativity to Year 2 families – Monday 14 December, 9.30am
Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Carol concert – Tuesday 15 December, 2pm
Churchfields's Got Talent – Thursday 17 December, 2pm
Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch – Friday 18 December
Last Day of Autumn Term 2 – Friday 18 December
Term dates are available on our website.

Thank you from Bromley Foodbank

I am writing to say a huge THANK YOU for all the donations that were collected from the school last week for our Harvest Appeal. Everyone at Living Well was blown away by the number of items that were collected. We are so grateful for the generosity and kindness of your school community.

Each week I do a supermarket delivery order that costs on average £1500. For the past 2 weeks, thanks to you and other schools and churches in the local area, I have not had to do an order. Our containers are full, and this is amazing as it means we have more money to spend on other vital services such as advocacy, counselling and art therapy. Thank you again for helping us help those most in need in our local community.

Emily Domaingue, Living Well Bromley

Children in Need



On Friday 13th November, children can come into school dressed in their pyjamas to help raise money for BBC Children in Need. Please can they bring in a suggested donation of £1.00 for this amazing cause. Children must still wear normal shoes to ensure safety during lunch and play times.
Children in Need help support many disadvantaged children throughout the UK. Thank you for helping to support our fundraising.
School Council

Birthday Book

Thank you to Emily in Blackbird for her birthday book of Big Bear Little Bear by David Bedford

