

Week Ending
27th November
2020



CHURCHWOOD PRIMARY ACADEMY

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At Churchwood Everyone Can



Message from Mrs. Collett,

We have had another very busy week at Churchwood. On Monday in our weekly celebration assembly we were joined by a special visitor, Mrs Warren. Mrs Warren retired back in the summer term having worked at Churchwood as a teaching assistant for twenty three years! Due to the Covid restrictions, we weren't able to invite her into school in person, but she joined our assembly via Teams and was able to see all the classes across the school to say a final farewell to the children. Mrs Gilbert and Mrs Mills made a secret visit to Mrs Warren's house to surprise her live during the assembly and give her a special retirement gift from us all. During her time at Churchwood Mrs Warren made a tremendous difference to the all the children she worked with. We thank her for everything she has done for Churchwood and wish her a well deserved relaxing retirement!



This week at school the children have continued to work hard in their classes. I was so pleased to award several children Principal Awards for their fantastic writing in our celebration assembly this week. Keep up the great work! A special mention goes

out to Daisy in Reception, who this week wrote her first book in class! I know Miss Gibson was very proud of your brilliant independent work. Well done Daisy!

School Council also met for the first time this week. They had a very full agenda with lots of topics to discuss! Fyn did an excellent job as Chair ensuring that we kept closely to the agenda.



One of the first things the members talked about was how to reward pupils who achieve all their Churchwood Superhero Value points. They had some great suggestions from reward sashes, to luxury tea parties or badges! School Council members will take their ideas back to their classes to share with their classmates before they vote to collectively decide the best of course of action here. They will also be working on a reading project in the upcoming weeks and supporting with the Christmas Fayre arrangements. It certainly will be a busy few weeks for them!

Finally, I hope you all have a restful weekend. The final one in lockdown before we move on to Tier 2!

Take care and keep safe.

With very best wishes, Mrs Collett



Reading Feeds Our Brains!

We were very excited to receive our reading vending machine this week in school.

School council members will be voting on what books will be going into the vending machine. Teachers across the school will be able to reward children special reading tokens when they work hard on their reading in class. Pupils will then be able to visit the reading vending machine and select a book of their choice to take home to keep! Reading is so important and we all know reading really feeds our brains!



Thank you to all the parents who have been reading regularly with their children at home and uploading this on to Class Dojo. Remember reading five times a week or more means your child will earn their reading medal in classes. Accessing Lexia Core 5 at home will also really support your child developing crucial reading skills. Your child's login details can be found in the front of their yellow reading records. If you have trouble accessing the site from home, please ask your child's class teacher for support.

FACE MASKS

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING US BY WEARING FACE MASKS AT DROP OFF AND PICK UP TIMES. IN LINE WITH GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE, PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER TO KEEP A DISTANCE BETWEEN YOU AND OTHERS NOT FROM YOUR HOUSEHOLD AT THESE TIMES.





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2020 / 2021 TERM DATE

REMINDERS

Term 2

INSET Day 2nd November

**Pupils return 3rd November ~
18th December**

Term 3

INSET Day 4th January 2021

Pupils return 5th January ~ 12th February

Term 4

Pupils return 22nd February ~ 31st March

INSET Day 1st April 2021

Term 5

Pupils return on 19th April ~ 28th May

Term 6

INSET Day 18th June 2021

Pupils return on 7th June ~ 23rd July

~ Dates for your Diary ~

7th December	New date for Individual Pupil Photos
10th December	Flu immunisations ~ only for pupils with parent consent forms returned
14th December	Christmas Fayre afternoon in classes
16th December	Christmas Dinner Day ~ pupils invited to wear Christmas jumpers and hats!
15th December 17th December	Christmas Crafts / Virtual Pantomime afternoons
18th December	Christmas Party Days ~ children invited to come in party clothes to school

Home Learning Class Dojo

Class teachers will continue to share a weekly overview of the learning tasks happening in classrooms on a Monday. This will enable you to chat with your child at home about what they have been learning in school.



If you need to self isolate at home due having one of the listed symptoms associated with Coronavirus, you will be sent a copy of all the learning sheets via email for you to do at home with your child. Any work your child does can be uploaded to the portfolio section of Class Dojo.

If your child is attending school as normal, they do not need to complete this work at home as they will have done this with their class teachers in school.

Weekly reading at home can be photographed or videoed and uploaded to your child's portfolio section of Class Dojo.

Your child also has logins to: Purple Mash, Lexia Core 5, Mathletics stuck into their yellow reading records. We encourage children to also access these at home.



Class newsletters and messages from your child's class teacher will also be sent via Class Dojo.

CORONAVIRUS COVID 19 REMINDER

If you or a member of your household has one of the following symptoms it is important that you self isolate and get tested:

- a high temperature 37.8 or higher – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Please do not come on to the school site if you are symptomatic to help keep our pupils and community safe.