

September
2021



CHURCHWOOD PRIMARY ACADEMY

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together to
keep you
informed

At Churchwood Everyone Can



Message from Mrs. Collett,

We have had a great start to the term so far. Pupils have returned confidently following the summer break and are eager to learn in their new classes. I would also like to say a big welcome to all our new Reception parents and families who have joined us this year! Your children have settled well into their new classroom and staff are enjoying getting to know them all!

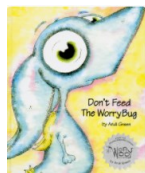


Teachers are currently planning carefully to bridge the gap in learning following the lockdown periods to support your children make rapid progress. More information about this will be shared with you at our forthcoming parents' evenings, but in the meantime it is really important that you ensure your child reads every day, learns their spellings and completes any maths work set. This will help your child tremendously with their learning at school.

I am so pleased to say that this week we were able to hold our first parents' event in school in over 18 months! Thank you to all the Year 2 parents who joined Mrs Hudson for our phonics workshop on Tuesday. Phonics is a really crucial part of our Reading curriculum, so it was great that we could share with you all how we teach this in school. I hope you found this session informative and useful. We are planning (covid permitting) lots more parent events over the course of the next year, to enable you to come into school to find out about your child's learning and celebrate their achievements with us.



During our assemblies this term we have been learning about our Churchwood value RESPECT. With the help of our Churchwood superhero Ronnie Respect, we have found out what it means to respect property, people and ourselves. The children have enjoyed listening to a variety of different stories linked to this important topic. This week we focused on how we RESPECT ourselves and care for our own mental health. Yesterday we shared the story Don't Feed the Worry Bug! We talked about what we can do when we have worries and how it is always important to share these with our families, teachers or friends. Teachers will be introducing Worry Boxes and Worry Monsters into their classrooms, so if pupils want to, they can share these within circle time sessions or PSHEe time.



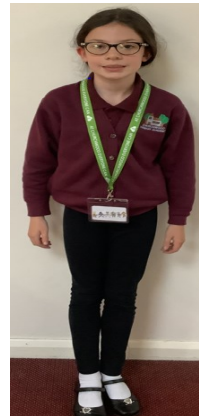
It is great that we are now able to invite you fully on to the playground and that you can now collect from your child's classroom doors. If you need to chat to your child's teacher, this is often easier at the end of the school day as in the mornings they are busy preparing resources or supporting pupils who are already in class. Messages can also be passed on to either myself or Mrs Bodiam on the playground in the mornings too!

Thank you for your support with this.



UNIFORM REMINDER

Please ensure your child comes to school in the appropriate uniform in particular footwear. Children are permitted to wear black shoes or trainers but these must not include logos.



Pupils should ONLY be wearing our Churchwood PE kit on their PE lesson days. This should be plain black jogging bottoms or shorts, a white or burgundy t-shirt and their Churchwood school uniform jumper or fleece.

Please also ensure that all jumpers, cardigans and fleeces are clearly labelled to ensure that if they are mislaid, they easily make their way back to your child. We have a large amount of second hand uniform which we are happy to give pupils if needed. Please ask at the office if you need any items for your child.

ATTENDANCE NEWS

A message from Mrs North our Attendance Officer

Our attendance figure for Term 1 so far is **94%** which is fantastic but let's see if we can get to **97%** by the end of Term 1! We can do it!

Well done to all the children who have 100% attendance so far this term! I will be round to your classes next week with my prizes box! Please remember if your child is too unwell to attend school, please contact the school office via the absence line and let us know **before 9:00am**. If I am not aware of the reason why your child is off, the absence will be left as unauthorised.

Keep up the good work Churchwood!

REMEMBER EVERY SCHOOL DAY REALLY DOES COUNT!





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2021 / 2022 TERM DATE

REMINDERS

Term 1

Pupils return 6th September ~ 21st October

INSET Day 22nd October

Term 2

Pupils return on 1st November ~ 17th
December

Term 3

INSET Day 4th January

Pupils return on 5th January ~ 11th
February

Term 4

Pupils return on 21st February ~ 1st April

Term 5

INSET Day 19th April

Pupils return on 20th April ~ 27th May

Term 6

INSET Day 17th June

Pupils return on 6th June ~ 21st July

~ Dates for your Diary ~

7th October	Golden Ticket Lunch Day
8th October	World Mental Health Day Dress Down Rainbow Day!
21st October	Harvest Festival Assembly ~ pupils to bring a contribution of food to school
2nd and 3rd November	Parents' Evening 3:30pm ~ 5:30pm
Week commencing 1st November	Stay and Play Reception Parent sessions
10th ~ 12th November	Year 6 Residential to Bowles
11th November 6th December	Open Day for New Parents 9:30am and 5:30pm
15th ~19th November	Anti-Bullying Week (One Kind Word)
15th November	Year 1 Parents' Phonics Workshop

Accelerator Reader News



Pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 have started once again working through the Accelerator Reader programme.

Once pupils have read their chosen levelled book they are able to complete a quiz around the story or text that they have read. All pupils who achieve 100% in their quiz go into our prize draw for a book voucher.



Congratulations to Jesse and Emily from Year 6 who have already won book vouchers this year!




WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY
SCHOOLS PROJECT
HEADS ON

Celebrating World Mental Health Day 2021 with a
RAINBOW DRESS DOWN DAY
Friday 8th October 2021

Donate £1 to Heads On to help support your local CAMHS teams to go above and beyond what would otherwise be possible.

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www.sussexcamhs.nhs.uk
Sussex Mental Healthline: 0800 0309 500