

November
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Message from Mrs. Collett,

We have had a very busy November at Churchwood! Our Year 6 children enjoyed a fabulous residential at Bowles Outdoor Pursuits center in Edenbridge at the start of the month. Pupils enjoyed participating in a range of different activities including skiing, rock climbing, kayaking, team building challenges and even conquered the zip wire! They showed brilliant resilience and ambition during the course of the 3 days and it was a delight to spend sometime with them there.

Back at school, Year 6 pupils who did not attend the residential; enjoyed completing work experience in the younger classes, supporting pupils with their learning and assisting Churchwood staff with their different roles. Staff were really impressed with how helpful they were during the 3 day period. Well done to all!



As a whole academy we also completed some really important learning during our November Anti Bullying week. Classes produced some fabulous work linked to the theme 'One Kind Word' and our whole school book, 'How to be more Paddington'. A special mention goes to Year 3 who were able to fill their Eddie Empathy jars to the brim with their kind acts and words across the course of the week. They earned themselves an extra long playtime for all their kind endeavors.

Thank you to all the parents who have already completed our parent questionnaire, your feedback is really useful to us and we will use this to refine our practice. If you have not yet had a chance to do this, please click on the link on our class dojo page to access the online parent questionnaire. I will share the results with you within our December newsletter. Thank you for your support with this.



You will have seen from our latest communication that we are reintroducing the use of masks for all visitors on the academy site, this is to keep both our staff, pupils and parents safe as we see a rise in covid-19 levels across the local area. Thank you for your continued support with this.

See you on the gate! Mrs Collett

MAYOR'S LITERACY AWARD



Congratulations to Paige and Sophia who last week were awarded the Mayor's Literacy awards in recognition of their outstanding efforts with reading. Both pupils attended the special award ceremony at the Town Hall, where they were awarded their certificates from Mayor James Bacon and gifted a bundle of beautiful new books. This is an amazing achievement. Well done to Paige and Sophia everyone at Churchwood is so proud of you!

COVID-19 REMINDERS

Please see information below linked to the current government guidance.

If your child has any of the following symptoms, please ensure that you take your child for a PCR test and that they isolate whilst awaiting the results.

- A persistent cough
- A high temperature
- A loss of taste or smell

If a household member tests positive for Covid-19, all other household members should be taken for a PCR test. Only if this is negative, is the pupil allowed to attend school as normal.

To help keep our staff, pupils and school community safe, please ensure you wear a mask when on the school site unless exempt.

Thank you for your support with this.

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Anti ~ Bullying Week Learning

One Kind Word

Across the academy we completed learning on anti-bullying during the week of 15th ~19th November. Pupils came to school with their odd socks at the start of the week to represent and celebrate how different we all are!



Using our whole school text, 'How to be more Paddington', classes explored the theme of kindness and the importance of using kind words with others and acting in a kind manner. Classes produced some brilliant artwork linked to this very important theme. We have displayed this beautiful work in our hall!



SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS



A massive well done to our school council team for the work they completed to support our local hygiene bank.

Members from across the academy worked alongside Mrs Gilbert to collect and organise a range of different hygiene products to be donated to our local bank. Thank you to everyone who helped them with this by donating various different hygiene products. Our Churchwood Superhero Eddie Empathy is very proud of you all!



Bowles Residential Photographs



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2021 / 2022 TERM DATE

REMINDERS

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 ~

3rd December	Christmas Bazaar Pupils to bring in their Christmas jumpers to school for pm slot
15th December	Christingle service in the hall for all pupils led by Reverend Rachel Creighton from Church in the Wood Church
16th December	Christmas Lunch Pupils to wear Christmas jumpers and accessories!
16th December	Upper Academy Christmas Carol Concert ~ online performance shared with parents
16th December	Middle Academy classes ~ Hootenanny ~online shared with parents
16th December	Early Years Academy ~ Christmas Songs and fun ~online shared with parents
17th December	Christmas Parties ~ pupils are permitted wear suitable party clothes to school

Internet Safety Reminder

We have been teaching our pupils about the importance of e-safety and learning about how we can keep safe online using the SMART rule. Ask your child about their learning on this at home. If you need support with setting up your device's security settings, please let us know. We are happy to help!

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.

IS FOR SAFE

Never give out personal information to strangers on the internet. Personal information includes things like your home address and your birthday.

IS FOR NEVER MEET

Never ever meet up with a stranger you have met online unless a parent or guardian has said it is ok and is present. Never, never, never, never, never.

IS FOR ACCEPTING

Don't open emails from people you don't know, they could contain viruses. If you get a strange email from a friend and you think they might have a virus make sure you let them know!

IS FOR RELIABLE

Don't believe everything you read online, check your facts! Did you read it on a reliable website like the BBC? Are other websites saying the same thing? Does it tell you where they got the information from?

IS FOR TELL

If you have an online safety problem, make sure you tell someone. Tell a parent, guardian, or teacher as soon you can.