



Points to note:

- **New:** PTA 'Coffee, Cake and Sticky Tape' mornings on Tuesday 29th November and Friday 2nd December, straight after drop off. Meet other parents/carers, have a drink and a cake on us whilst wrapping up prizes for the Christmas Fair. Everyone welcome!
- **New:** Deadline extended to Monday 14th November to order online for Christmas cards designed by your child – see separate email from Mrs Holland for details
- **New dates added:** Open day tours for parents/carers thinking about joining us in Nursery, Reception or Years 1 – 6, details here: <https://www.churchfields-q1e.org.uk/admissions/open-days/>
- **Reminder:** Thursday 10th November
 - Individual and sibling group photos taken in school during the day
 - Sycamore class assembly, 2.45pm start, Main Hall
 - PTA facepainting workshop, 6pm, Small Hall
- **Reminder:** Deadline for wraparound care payments for Autumn 1 is Friday 11th November
- **Save the date(s):** Christmas Performances for Parents/Carers
 - Reception:
Tuesday 13th December, 9.30am in the Main Hall at school
 - Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Acer class:
Wednesday 14th December, 9.30am at St Michael's Church, Beckenham
 - Year 4, Year 5, Year 6 and Ash class:
Wednesday 14th December, 1.45pm at St Michael's Church, Beckenham
- **Do you know anyone who may be interested?** Midday supervisor vacancy – find out more here: <https://www.churchfields-q1e.org.uk/our-school/work-with-us/>

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Autumn 2 term and I hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable half term break. We have got off to a flying start with new books to read and topics to learn about. We welcomed Nick Flesher, one of our school improvement consultants, this week to review our provision alongside the senior leadership team and we also held the first of our open day tours for parents/carers thinking of joining Churchfields. Do pass the details of these open events to any friends, family, neighbours or others in the community who may be interested.

Last night, we had a PTA meeting with 13 keen and enthusiastic people. All parents/carers and staff are automatically part of the PTA – if you would like to get involved you are very welcome. The main topic of conversation was the Christmas Fair which is now just one month away.

It was really impressive how much thought has already gone into making this as inclusive and enjoyable an event as possible (as well as raising funds for the school). These events are great and rely on volunteers and contributions to make them happen – please see the attached letter from the PTA for more details. You can also join us for an informal coffee and prize wrapping morning on Thursday 29th November and/or Friday 2nd December straight after drop off – stay for 15 minutes or an hour, we would love to see you.

Wishing you a relaxing weekend,

Sarah Atherton
Headteacher



Churchfields News



Quality First
Education Trust

Churchfields Road, Beckenham, Kent, BR3 4QY Tel: 020 86505247

Can we beat the challenge? 120 more donations needed!

Thanks so much for all of your generous donations of chocolate advent calendars, we have already collected 130!

We will continue to collect these next week as we know lots if people plan to pop one in their trolley this weekend.

We are really hoping to reach our target of 250, so please do keep those donations coming in. Thanks so much!



Poppy Appeal at Churchfields



School council members will continue to take donations and sell poppies and other items to raise funds for the Poppy Appeal on the playground next week – don't forget to bring some cash if you would like to donate!

Our School History – Can you help?



Did you know that Churchfields School was founded 132 years ago in 1890? We want to build an archive and a display of our school's history – if you have any photos, newspaper clippings or memories to share, please email admin@churchfields.q1e.org.uk

If you are worried about something
If you are worried about someone else.....



You can talk to
ANYONE who works
for the school

Safeguarding is the
responsibility of EVERYONE



Our first priority is to ensure all children and adults are safe.

Please do talk to any member of staff if you have any worries for yourself or others in our community.



School Councillors Visit Parliament

School Council members from Years 3 – 6 went to the Houses of Parliament this week.

They visited the House of Commons and the House of Lords.

They also had a workshop where they formed a political party, wrote a manifesto and held an election.

On top of all that, they received multiple compliments from the public about their exceptionally good behaviour.

What excellent representatives of our school!





Photography Competition Prizegiving



Amelia with the first prize of a Chromebook for the school. She also got a framed print of her photograph and a certificate.



Framed prints and certificates for Amelia, Ellie and Messouda who were all highly commended by the judges at Vancols School Photographers.

Winter is Coming – Can you Help?



The magnificent planting displays, created by parents, are starting to lose their bloom as the weather changes. We are looking for donations if you have any of the following going spare:

- Bulbs
- Plants (especially winter-flowering plants)

Please bring donations to the space outside Silver Birch classroom or the school office.

Thank you for your support.



Year 6 Learning Brought to Life

Year 6 were lucky enough to have a visit from Mrs Diana Scott who grew up and still lives in Beckenham.

She shared her memories of living here during World War 2 including what it was like living through the Blitz and being evacuated.

She talked to us about how the war had affected our local area and the places we know.

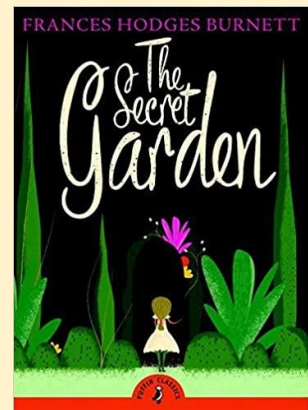
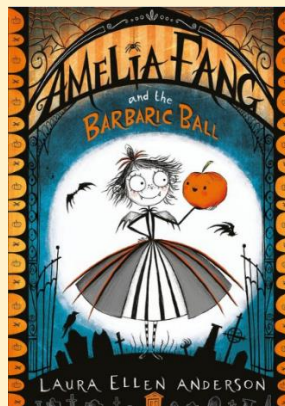
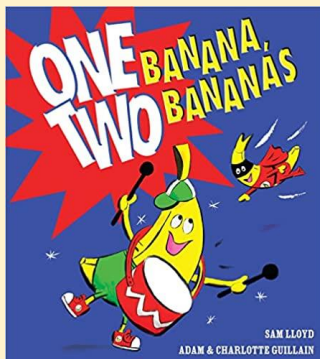


As part of our science work on the circulatory system, Year 6 have been looking at the heart and its function.

After researching the heart and how it works, we labelled the different parts.

Then, we dissected lambs' hearts so that we could see these parts for ourselves!

Birthday Book Donations



Happy birthday and thank you to Annabel for 'Space Band', Jasmine for 'One Banana, Two Bananas', Emily for 'Amelia Fang and the Barbaric Ball' and Alex for 'The Secret Garden'. We will enjoy reading them!



Class Assembly Dates 2022/23

Class assemblies will be held in the school's Main Hall, starting at 2.45pm.

Autumn Term

10.11.22	Sycamore
17.11.22	Baobab
24.11.22	Elm

Spring Term

26.01.23	Oak
02.02.23	Silver Birch
02.03.23	Hickory
09.03.23	Sumac
16.03.23	Olive
23.03.23	Ash

Summer Term

04.05.23	Cherry
11.05.23	Rowan
18.05.23	Palm
25.05.23	Acer
15.06.23	Beech

Term Dates 2022/23

Autumn Term

Last day of Autumn 2 term: Friday 16 December

Spring Term

First day of Spring 1 term: Wednesday 4 January

Last day of Spring 1 term: Friday 10 February

Spring half term holiday: Monday 13 February – Friday 17 February

First day of Spring 2 term: Monday 20 February

Last day of Spring 2 term: Friday 31 March

Summer Term

Inset Day: Monday 17 April – school closed to children

First day of Summer 1 term: Tuesday 18 April

Bank holiday: Monday 1 May – school closed to children

Last day of Summer 1 term: Friday 26 May

Spring half term holiday: Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June

Inset Day: Monday 5 June – school closed to children

First day of Summer 2 term: Tuesday 6 June

Last day of Summer 2 term: Friday 21 July

