



Following the sad news yesterday of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, our deepest sympathies and thoughts are with the members of the Royal Family and with all those affected by her loss.

Her dedication and service to the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth over many decades was unparalleled.

May she rest in peace.

We realise that this is a momentous occasion which most of us have never experienced in our lifetime and that your children and family may find this news upsetting. As a school and across the Quality First Education Trust, we will continue to serve all our pupils, families and staff. As further information is released to schools about the mourning period and State Funeral, we will be back in touch.

There are further details below of how we will support children in school and how to support your child at home.

Sarah Atherton  
Headteacher



## Supporting Children with the News of Queen Elizabeth's Death

### What will happen in school:

Children and adults may find the news cycle over the coming weeks overwhelming with a sense of collective grief and talk of death and funerals.

There will be opportunities for children to learn about the Queen's life and what is happening to commemorate her in the coming weeks, as well as time to discuss their feelings as needed as part of this.

Your child's wellbeing is our top priority and if your child is upset by this news and would like additional support, please encourage them to speak to their class teacher or any other member of staff.

### **Advice from a child psychologist:**

*No matter how you feel about the monarchy, a family has lost their much loved matriarch and many around the world will be mourning the loss of a strong woman who was a constant in turbulent times.*

*The following days could prove unsettling to children. There will be a sense of collective grief, TV and radio will change, there will be constant sombre music and talk of death and funerals. All this is coming at a time of societal change and with children starting in new year groups or schools.*

*What's the best way to handle this with children? We shouldn't shield children from death. If we don't talk to them about it, somebody else will, or they will overhear a conversation.*

*When somebody dies, whether in our close family or someone who played an important role in our life, like the Queen, we should take time to sit and explain to children what has happened, using simple child-friendly language. Avoid using ambiguous terms such as "passed away", "went to heaven" (conversations about spiritual beliefs can happen later) or "gone to sleep". Instead be clear that the Queen has died - actively using the term dead/died.*

*It's natural for children to ask questions. Try to answer them honestly and accurately, however uncomfortable or inappropriate they may feel. It's also natural for them to worry about you, or others, dying. Try to reassure them but again be honest.*

*Children may like to process the news by drawing pictures or writing about the Queen (this is akin to adults writing in a book of condolence).*

*If you are upset at the news (or it has triggered past grief in you), don't feel you have to hide your emotions. It is good for children to see us grieving. Similarly, it is fully appropriate for children to be allowed to watch the funeral on TV if they would like to.*



# Churchfields Primary School News

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## Points to note:

- Term dates for 2022/23 are on the last page of this newsletter
- Dates for class assemblies are on page 6 – these will take place at school starting at 2.45pm
- Upcoming meetings and events:

### Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September

- Swimming lessons begin for ARC Acer, ARC Ash and Year 5 Cherry classes
- Secondary transfer information meeting, Years 5 and 6, 6pm on Zoom

### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September

- Year 2 Maple class trip to London Museum
- PTA meeting, everyone welcome, 7pm in school

### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September

- Year 2 Hickory and Ginkgo class trips to London Museum

### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

- ARC Acer class coffee morning for parents/carers
- Maths workshops for parents/carers, all year groups, 1.30 – 2.30pm and 5.30 – 6.30pm on Zoom (the content is the same in both sessions)

### Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September

- Year 6 residential visit to Cuffley, Hertfordshire until Friday 30<sup>th</sup>

### Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October

- PTA Nature Fete, 12 – 3pm, at school

### Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October

- Autumn term parent/carer evenings, after school

### Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October

- Deadline for state secondary school applications for entry into Year 7 2023

### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November

- School photos – individuals and sibling groups

### Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November

- ARC Acer class coffee morning for parents/carers



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.



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to start our first newsletter of the year by thanking you all for the exceptionally warm welcome you and your children have given me this week on the gates, in the playgrounds and around school – I appreciate it very much and already feel part of the family. I am very happy and proud to be the new headteacher at Churchfields.

I grew up in East Lancashire (in the Rossendale Valley which is between Burnley, Blackburn and Rochdale) and have been teaching in London for over 20 years. My previous school was also in the Q1E trust, Belleville Primary School, where I was Co-Headteacher for the last 6 years with a further 8 years as Deputy Headteacher and 2 as class teacher before that.

I first worked with staff from Churchfields over 10 years ago on an equality project and our whole staff teams have worked closely together as part of the trust for the last five years. I have also had the benefit in the summer of supporting the preparation for the Ofsted inspection in April (congratulations again on the wonderful report) and I had a number of days working alongside Mr Hyndley in June and July where I could say hello and meet with many of you before the new academic year. I couldn't have asked for a better head start!

Thank you again to all of you who took the time to fill out the parent/carer survey, these were very useful for me to understand what you love about the school and how you would like it to get even better. The key area to work on from your surveys was improved communication and I hope this style of newsletter, with a summary key dates /events as the first item and lots of photos of what is happening in school (along with other 'need to know' information) will be helpful to you.

I welcome your feedback on this as with any other area of the school. You can speak to me on the gates/in the playgrounds, send me an email via the school office or we can make a time to meet together in person or over the phone.

You may notice that the email addresses in communications have changed to end with [@churchfields.q1e.org.uk](mailto:churchfields.q1e.org.uk) – any emails with the previous ending [@churchfields.bromley.sch.uk](mailto:churchfields.bromley.sch.uk) will still go through to that inbox. We also have a new and improved school website almost ready to launch which I hope to share with you next week.

As you may have noticed, there was lots of activity on site over the summer with a deep clean, works to the pathways around school as well as repainting and refreshing of various areas (and a new water fountain on the playground for the younger children which has caused great excitement). My thanks to Mr Hayes and all of the staff for their hard work to get the school and classrooms ready to welcome your children.

We have had a great start to the year with children very quickly settling into their new classes and for many of the new Nursery and Reception children, settling into their new school – welcome to all of you and we are looking forward to a great year!



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Headteacher



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## Start and end of day

### Timings

#### **Start of day: Reception – Year 6**

Gates open at 8.30am

Years 1 – 6

Teachers come out 8.45am

Bell rings and go inside 8.50am

Lesson 1 starts at 9am

#### Reception

Teachers come out at 8.50am

Children coming inside from 8.55am

#### **End of Day: Reception – Year 6**

Children are dismissed at the following times:

- Reception – 3.10pm
- Years 1 and 2 – 3.15pm
- Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 – 3.20pm

#### **Nursery**

Mornings 8.30 – 11.30am

Afternoons 12.30 – 3.30pm

### Playground Equipment - Polite Reminder



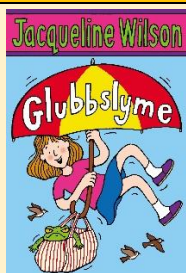
We are very fortunate to have such fantastic equipment on our playgrounds and we want children to get the most out of it.

Please remember - parents and carers are responsible for their children using the equipment before and after school.

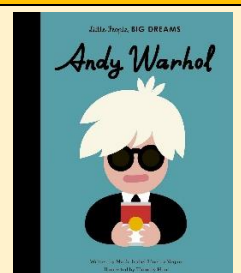


Friday fun this lunchtime

## Birthday Book Donations



Thank you to Arthur for Jacqueline Wilson's 'Glubbslime' and Ela to for the 'Andy Warhol' biography, part of the *Little People Big Dreams* series.





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## Class Assembly Dates 2022/23

Class assemblies will be held in the school hall, starting at 2.45pm.

### Autumn Term

29.09.22	Poplar
06.10.22	Maple
13.10.22	Ginkgo
03.11.22	Hazel
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

## School Meals

We were really impressed with how quickly the children got used to using the new trays this week. The menu is below for your reference.



## What's on the menu?

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>WEEK ONE</b>	Pizza Margherita or Sweet Pepper, Olive & Pesto Pizza with Chef's Salad <i>Eggs, Milk, Soybeans, Wheat</i> Indian Style Vegetable Biryani with Chickpea Dahl <i>Wheat</i> Apple Crumble with Custard <i>Milk, Wheat</i>	Cottage Pie with Caramelised Onion & Thyme Gravy Tomato & Basil Pasta with Cheddar Cheese & Herb Bread <i>Eggs, Milk, Soybeans, Wheat</i> Red Velvet Cake with Chocolate Sauce <i>Eggs, Milk, Wheat</i>	Piri Piri Chicken with Sweetcorn Rice, Crunchy Coleslaw & Piri Piri Lemon & Herb Dressing <i>Eggs, Milk, Mustard, Wheat</i> Red Pepper & Sweet Potato Pattie with Sweetcorn Rice, Crunchy Coleslaw & Piri Piri Lemon & Herb Dressing <i>Eggs, Milk, Mustard, Wheat</i> Portuguese Style Mini Orange Cake with Fresh Orange Wedges <i>Eggs, Milk, Wheat</i>	Beef Penne Pasta with Garlic & Herb Focaccia Bread <i>Egg, Milk, Soybeans, Wheat</i> Pasta Primavera with Garlic & Herb Focaccia Bread <i>Egg, Milk, Soybeans, Wheat</i> Berry Swirl Sponge with Custard <i>Eggs, Milk, Wheat</i>	Battered Fish with Chips & Tomato Sauce <i>Fish, Wheat</i> Wholemeal Cheddar Cheese & Spinach Quiche with Chips <i>Eggs, Milk, Wheat</i> Harrison Bear Chocolate Shortbread with Fresh Fruit Wedges <i>Wheat</i>
<b>WEEK TWO</b>	Macaroni Cheese with Tomato & Basil Focaccia Bread <i>Eggs, Milk, Soybeans, Wheat</i> Sweet Potato Stir with Spiced Vegetable Rice Lemon Sponge with Custard <i>Eggs, Milk, Wheat</i>	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans & Cheddar Cheese <i>Milk</i> Thai Style Salmon Fishcake with Sweet Chili Sauce & Coconut Pilaf <i>Fish, Milk, Wheat</i> Carrot & Orange Cake with Custard <i>Eggs, Milk, Wheat</i>	Chicken Korma with Pilau Rice <i>Milk, Wheat</i> Sweet Potato, Carrot & Courgette Pakoras with Dhal & Pilau Rice <i>Wheat</i> Ice Cream with Fresh Fruit Wedges <i>Milk</i>	Beef Bolognese with Fusilli Pasta & Tomato & Herb Breadstick <i>Eggs, Milk, Soybeans, Wheat</i> Tuscan Style Tomato & Bean Sauce with Fusilli Pasta & Chef's Salad <i>Wheat</i> Marbled Sponge with Chocolate Sauce <i>Eggs, Milk, Wheat</i>	Battered Fish with Chips & Tomato Sauce <i>Fish, Wheat</i> Chili Bean Wrap with Salsa & Chips <i>Wheat</i> Oat & Raisin Cookie with Fresh Fruit Wedges <i>Eggs, Wheat</i>
<b>WEEK THREE</b>	Italian Style Tomato & Herb Pasta with Garlic & Herb Breadstick <i>Eggs, Milk, Soybeans, Wheat</i> Japanese Style Sweet Potato, Carrot & Chickpea Curry with Egg Fried Rice <i>Eggs, Milk, Soybeans, Wheat</i> Pineapple & Orange Sponge with Custard <i>Eggs, Milk, Wheat</i>	BBQ Style Chicken with Vegetable Rice & Winter Fruity Coleslaw <i>Eggs, Milk, Mustard, Wheat</i> Cheese & Chive Vegetable Pasta with Tomato Focaccia Bread <i>Eggs, Milk, Soybeans, Wheat</i> Apple & Berry Oat Bar with Custard <i>Milk, Wheat</i>	Mexican Style Soft Chili Beef Taco & Toppings (Cheese, Salsa, Sour Cream) with Refried Beans & Mexican Style Rice <i>Milk, Wheat</i> Mexican Style Vegetable Fajita & Toppings (Cheese, Salsa, Sour Cream) with Refried Beans & Mexican Style Rice <i>Milk, Wheat</i> Jelly with Fresh Fruit Wedges	Pork Sausages with Mashed Potatoes <i>Sulphites</i> Pesto Style Pasta with a Mediterranean Style Salad with Olives & Croutons <i>Eggs, Milk, Soybeans, Wheat</i> Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce <i>Eggs, Milk, Wheat</i>	Battered Fish with Chips & Tomato Sauce <i>Fish, Wheat</i> Carrot & Chickpea Falafel Pitta with Tomato Relish, Rainbow Ribbon Salad & Chips <i>Mustard, Wheat</i> Harrison Bear Lemon Shortbread with Fresh Fruit Wedges <i>Wheat</i>

### Available daily

Please ask the catering manager for food allergen information

Salad Selection – Vegetable Selection – Homemade Bread – Fresh Fruit Platter – Yoghurt

### WEEK ONE

5 Sept / 26 Sept / 17 Oct / 14 Nov  
2022 / 5 Dec / 9 Jan / 30 Jan 2023

### WEEK TWO

12 Sept / 3 Oct / 31 Oct / 21 Nov /  
12 Dec 2022 / 16 Jan / 6 Feb 2023

### WEEK THREE

19 Sept / 10 Oct / 7 Nov / 28 Nov  
2022 / 2 Jan / 23 Jan 2023



Please see page 2 regarding allergen information provided on the menu.





## Term Dates 2022/23

### Autumn Term

Last day of Autumn 1 term: Friday 21 October

Autumn half term holiday: Monday 24 October – Friday 28 October

First day of Autumn 2 term: Monday 31 October

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