

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent/Carer,

As the school year draws to a close, I would like to express my gratitude to the entire school community for how you have pulled together over what has been the most extraordinary few months. We are all cautiously beginning to feel there is a light at the end of the tunnel as we prepare for welcoming all pupils back from September, and the country reopens to a new normal.

It is with regret that we haven't been able to give our usual send off to our year sixes, but we hope they have enjoyed their last week at Churchfields'. We know they will approach the next phase of their life with positivity and determination in all they do, and we plan to welcome them back to share their experiences with us as soon as possible for an extra-special reunion! In the meantime, they will be in all our thoughts in the autumn term as they transition to secondary school. We wish them every success and good wish.

Despite the continued uncertainty the summer will bring, I hope you find enjoyment in spending more time with the loved ones you will have undoubtedly been separated from, and time to relax and recharge in the warmer weather. We eagerly await the return of all our pupils from Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September.

Kind regards,

Simon Fletcher.

## CRAZY HAIR DAY TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY

By special request from our leavers, we will be holding a crazy hair day on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July - the last day of term. We're hoping for colourful and creative hair or headgear. We'd love to see your photos if you're joining in from home on that day!



You can have crazy hair, a hat, a headdress or maybe some ribbons and bows; really anything goes!! All we ask is that you get creative!

## Governor letter to Parents - summer 2020

It's been some time since I wrote a letter from the Governors at Churchfields, but with so much having changed since then it feels like a distant memory from a bygone time!

The last few months have been challenging to say the least, the whole country going into lockdown, the school having to close its doors and teachers having to suddenly devise ways to support parents juggling work & children during a time of huge anxiety and uncertainty.

I think you will all agree that the Churchfields staff have done an amazing job adapting to these challenging circumstances. As have our parents and carers, many of whom would never have envisaged they would become substitute teachers - I'm sure the experience has given many of us an increased respect for what our teachers and TAs do on a daily basis!

I would like to thank all the staff who have gone above and beyond in these last few months, with a special mention to our Head teacher and the senior leadership team who have spent many long hours dealing with the ever changing government guidance – all with a level head and the best interests of the children and parents at heart.

We've also had to adapt the way the Governing Board operates during lockdown, and like many others have had to embrace modern technology by holding all our meetings remotely via video calls. It's allowed us to continue supporting the school, although it's been a shame that we've not been able to perform our regular classroom visits as they were always a highlight.

It is also time to say goodbye to our Year 6s. It is sad that those moving onto new schools will have missed some of the celebrations that usually accompany this event but I do hope that this will not in any way detract from the wonderful memories of Churchfields School life that they will take with them. We wish them well in their new adventures.

So, it just leaves me to wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable summer break. I hope you stay safe and well. We're all very much looking forward to welcoming you back to school in September.

From me and the rest of the Governing Board,

Ed Latimer-Sayer, Chair of Governors



## News Roundup

### Nightingales

What a pleasure it's been to spend two mornings with the Year 3s and 4s this week. Our sea serpents had dried which meant we could paint them in any way we chose, and they looked brilliant! Our giant squids are complete with googly eyes and have made their way home too. We spent a lot of time laughing this week and talking about our upcoming summer holidays, and what exciting plans you all have. What a lovely way to end this strange term!

Miss Connelly

### Robins

Well, what a blast we've had this week learning about the seaside. We have been really busy making some fantastic ice cream art, creating the most delicious combinations you could ever find in the ice cream parlour. We've also been tackling an open ended maths investigation about the different combinations we could make with a certain number of scoops! We enjoyed the sunshine on Thursday afternoon making stained-glass window art with a beach theme as well, and on top of that, learnt all about seaside safety and the role of the RNLI. It's been a wonderful final whole week at school!

Miss Connelly

### Kingfisher Class



Well, what can I say? It's been yet another fabulous week with the amazing Kingfishers! We have been awesome learners using our resilience and resourcefulness to create some amazing learning. I just loved the rock pools the children made and the way in which the children made links between the arts and science to do so. I cannot believe it is our last week together and that the year is almost over. Kingfishers, you have been a fabulous group to teach and get to know. We shall miss you over the summer. Love Mrs G & Mrs B X X X



### Woodpeckers!



Well what a busy, final, full week! Well done all of you at home and school - we are nearly there! This week we have enjoyed creating our own model rock-pools - water included! We have thought about our ideal holiday destinations and learnt about how to stay safe at the seaside. We have seen how brave our lifeguards and lifeboat people are and listed all the qualities you would need to undertake this role. We also could not have finished the term without a lot of bubble fun too!

We have to say a big thank you to Mr Keily who has been in each week to lead us in an outdoor PE session and for last week's SD (Socially Distanced, Super Duper) sports morning with Kingfisher Class.

We do hope you all have a well-deserved break. Stay safe over the summer all of you, have fun and don't forget to READ! READ! READ!

Lots of love Mrs Liddiard, Mrs Pugh and Mrs Artus x x x

### Falcon Class

For the last two Wednesday's we have used the topic grid to inspire our River work. We created our own rivers and their features using boxes and junk modelling.

We have also covered the water cycle and why the source of the river is so important.



Aren't they impressive!

## Starling Class

The last couple of weeks the children have amazed me with their creative writing and art skills.



This week they have been enjoying the taste of science!

This morning we're having our bubble sports day and this afternoon our bubble trip to the seaside!



We're also saying goodbye to the chickens as they leave for their next family home.

## Kestrel Class

The Y6s have been making the most of their final week at school with lots of different projects including making a memory book and these lovely snorkelers. We are looking forward to seeing the Y5s today for their final briefing session before they become the Y6s and the oldest children in the school!



## The importance of music during the Covid-19 pandemic – guidance for parents/carers

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The Covid-19 pandemic presents huge challenges to all of us. Lockdown has had a dramatic impact on the lives of children and young people, and we understand that families are under a huge amount of pressure as are schools and all businesses.

But music is an important part of children and young people's lives.

### Did you know that music can:

- increase confidence and self-esteem
- improve health and wellbeing
- provide important life and social skills
- develop creativity and self-expression
- improve cognition, literacy and numeracy
- be the key to unlocking potential

A lot of music tuition has been available since the start of lockdown and will still be available whenever and however pupils return to school. This will include online provision. You can find out about who's offering what [here](#)

Please, don't assume that your child won't be able to take up tuition because of Covid-19 or cost.

This guidance sheet sets out some of the key things that you can do to ensure your child doesn't miss out on music.

**#DontDropMusic**

