



# Churchfield News

Spring 2 Week 4 – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024

## Upcoming Diary Dates

- W/C 18<sup>th</sup> Mar – Egg models can be brought in from this date
- Tue 19<sup>th</sup> Mar – Y5/6 Disco (4:30pm – 5:30pm)
- Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Mar – FS2/Y1/Y2 Disco (2:00pm – 3:00pm)
- Thu 21<sup>st</sup> Mar – Y3/4 Disco (4:30pm – 5:30pm)
- Thu 21<sup>st</sup> Mar – Waterton's Got Talent
- Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar – Free Parent Coffee & Chat (8:45am – 10:00am)
- Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar – Last Day
- Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Apr – School Starts

## Retirement Announcement

Last week we published a retirement letter from Hilda, who has been part of the Churchfield family for over 40 years as our crossing patrol officer. Just on the crossing patrol, Barnsley Council Crossing Patrol Service are currently under a recruitment freeze, so we have been informed that **we will no longer have a crossing patrol** (at least in the short term). So please speak to your children about road safety, and we'll also run some sessions in school.

## Discos

Spring discos are next week, please see the letter that was sent out this week for more details.

## Eggstravaganza

Eggstravaganza models can be brought in from Monday and then any day of the week, and the showcase will be on Friday. There's no theme, so be as creative as possible! Models can be fake eggs, hard boiled or blown.

## Parent Coffee & Chat

Next Friday is our Parent Coffee & Chat. Come along to the Sports Hall for FREE tea, coffee, cakes and warm place to chat with other parents and staff!

## Parents' Evenings

Thank you to everyone who attended parents' evenings last week! We had a fantastic turn out of 94.63% of parents attending! If you didn't manage to make your appointment, please see your child's class teacher and they'll happily arrange something! Next Friday our 'Curriculum Newsletters' will be emailed out by each year group too, summarising everything children have been learning about this term. After Easter, another will go out with all the information about learning in the summer term.

## After-School Clubs

This is the last week of after-school clubs for this term, and a letter will be sent after Easter with information on how and when to book clubs for the summer term. Just for context, this term alone we offered 20 clubs, with 343 places filled – taking our number of clubs places filled so far this year to 722!

## TT Rockstars & NumBots

Please remember to update any TT Rockstars or Numbots apps to the latest version to get all the newest features!



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## Attendance

You may have seen in the news recently that the government has launched a nationwide campaign to improve attendance across the country – Every Minute Matters! From next week, we'll publish attendance information & numbers here.

Attendance is a key focus for us in school, so we wanted to provide a few reminders around our expectations, times and some terminology we use.

## Terminology

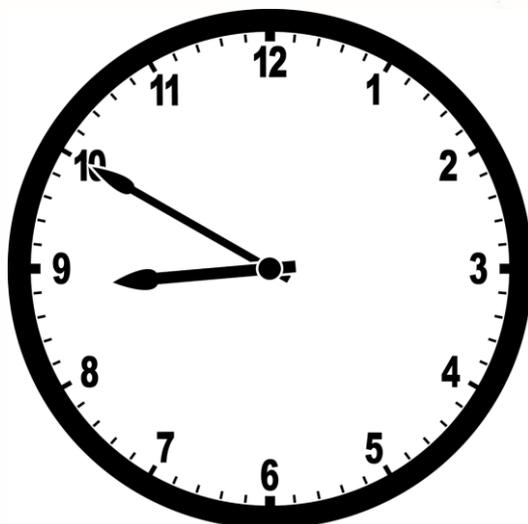
- **Persistent Absence** – Persistent absence (PA) means any child who's attendance is **under 90%**
- **Authorised Absence** – An authorised absence is when a parent has contacted us to give a reason for their child being ill. Please remember to phone, email or text every time!
- **Unauthorised Absence** – Any absence that is not reported or doesn't have a reason

## Times & Targets

- Our school target is 96%; every minute matters!
- School starts at **8:50am prompt**, and we open the doors to let children in **from 8:45am**
- The main gates are locked at 9:00am, so up to this point, always use the driveway

## Top Tips

- Use Breakfast Club! Our breakfast club offers incredible value for money, and we also provide a sports coach to give children an active start to the day! Breakfast club even starts **at 7:45am** now!
- Children being late can have a huge impact. Children often feel anxious or nervous about entering school or class late after their peers, and they miss some of the most important parts of the day!
- Check the MCAS app to see your child's attendance and full breakdown
- Being on time is really important, it's a life lesson we need to instil in children ready for secondary school and work life!





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## Our Values

Our School Values & Golden Rule underpin everything we do!

## Our Golden Rule

We keep ourselves, and each other, safe.



We are proud, and work hard to be the best that we can be



We are determined and resilient, embracing all challenges



We collaborate well, treating everyone as equals



We are honest, kind and show integrity



We respect all people, property and the environment



We believe in ourselves and strive for our goals