

# CHURCH HILL SCHOOL – 24/02/2023

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## **Welcome Back!**

I would like to wish all our families a very warm welcome back to school after the half term holiday. I hope everyone had an enjoyable break. I can already tell that the children have come back revitalised and ready to really 'go for it' and we are all really looking forward to a busy and exciting half term full of fabulous, fun learning opportunities!

Miss Porter.

## **Fundraising Cake Sales**

In order to support the children's learning and development within maths, Reception are finding ways to raise money in order to be able to provide the children with a set of large outdoor weighing scales. As part of their fundraising drive, they will be holding cake sales after school on the following days next week.

Tuesday 28th in the KS1 outdoor area

Wednesday 1st March in the KS2 playground.



## **WhatsApp**

Please see the information below from the WhatsApp help centre, regarding the legal age at which a person can register for a WhatsApp account:

*If you live in a country in the European Economic Area (which includes the European Union), and any other included country in the territory (collectively referred to as the European Region) you must be at least 16 years old (or such greater age required in your country) to register for and use WhatsApp.*

The UK is one of the 4 countries which are part of the European Economic Area (but are not part of the EU) which means that legally anybody in this country using WhatsApp must be 16 or older. If families give their children permission to use WhatsApp when they are younger than 16, it is vital that adults ensure they do this safely.

With this in mind, we ask parents and carers to be aware of their child's online activity to ensure that they are keeping themselves and others safe. For more information take a look at the following website.

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/whatsapp#:~:text=Age%20restrictions,WhatsApp%20is%2016%20years%20old>

Thank you for your support in safeguarding Church Hill children.

## **Neurodiversity Week. 13th–19th March**

Attached with this newsletter is information about Neurodiversity and a competition for children aged between 4 and 18.

## **Reduce the pollution around our children!**

It has been noticed by staff and parents/carers that several families leave their cars idling while their child is being taken into or collected from school. Please can we ask that all car engines are turned off while the car is not moving as this will greatly reduce the levels of pollution around the children at the school gates at these key times.

School Council will be meeting next week and one of the items on their agenda is pollution from car engines, so they are planning one (or more) 'Fume Free Fridays' when people in our school community, will be encouraged, wherever possible, to walk/cycle or use public transport to get to and from school. Watch this space for more information about this, from the School Council, in the very near future.

## **Industrial Action**

We want to inform you that school will be closed for the next day of industrial action on 2nd March 2023. It is highly likely that we will also close for the two consecutive days of industrial action on 15th March 2023 and 16th March 2023. This will be confirmed nearer the time. The strikes are happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over pay and school funding. The letter sent out previously from Mr Griffiths provides more information.

## **Church Hill support for those affected by the recent earthquakes**

We would very much like the Church Hill community to support those people, particularly the children, whose lives have been so dramatically affected by the devastation caused by the recent earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.

With this in mind, we will be organising a sponsored event later this half term and all the money raised will be sent to the Save The Children Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal. We will give families more information about the event nearer the time, so please look out for details of how you can support in upcoming newsletters.

## **Break the Rule Day**

The children had a great day on Friday 10th February when they were allowed to break up to 10 school rules. Nearly £500 was raised.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

**Priya Heath, Toby Cooper, Nnaemeka Chukwukelu, Erik Palfi, Leart Dernjani, Aleks Klimek and Monaza Alizada who all received the Super Star Award.**

**Demir Hassan, Cherys Cobb, Ronika Mohammadi, Josh Kaczorowski, Dori Topllari, Risansa Arachchige and Artur Liushnenko who all received the Subject Super Hero Award**

**WELL DONE TO YOU ALL**