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Christ Church CE Primary Newsletter 12: 29th November 2019

Message from Mrs Jones:

There was a festive feel in school last Sunday for our PTA Christmas Fair - we were welcomed by the University brass band and the waft of mince pies and Christmas refreshments. Work began on the day at 10am, the school hall was transformed into a winter wonderland ready to host Father Christmas. It was a most enjoyable event for our school community and guests. A huge thank you to the PTA for providing this for our children; they love it! The Fair committee have worked for weeks to organise and prepare for the event; if you have given your support in any capacity thank you! The amount raised is in the region of **£4200** which is a significant contribution- thank you everyone.



We are now preparing for advent and the Christmas Nativity plays. Please see the overview of the Christmas arrangements that we have summarised as a calendar for the next three weeks. Please take note of these arrangements to enable a calm and enjoyable end of term. Please ensure that you have;

- * given consent for those events for which it is required
- * booked lunches or noted packed lunch arrangements
- * noted collection locations/times for events
- * booked or contacted Shine where there is overlap with school events

Parent Governor - Claire Woodman Smith was nominated to fill the vacancy for a Parent Governor. We look forward to welcoming Claire to this role.

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Information on the Events leading up to the end of term:



Tuesday 3rd December

Class 3HR are walking to the Church for the Christmas Experience in the morning. The children will have their lunch as normal in school.

Years 2-6 are walking to the Redgrave theatre after lunch to see The Snow Queen. We aim to return to school for 4.30pm, children to be collected from their classrooms please. Shine bookings must be made as normal directly with Shine, if you wish your child to attend Shine club on their return to school. Children cannot be collected directly from the theatre.

Please note: Children will not be allowed to walk home on their own on this day as it will be dark, parents/carers must make arrangements for their child to be collected from school.

Wednesday 4th December

KS2 choir are rehearsing and performing at St Georges on Brandon Hill. Children should wear either a plain black t-shirt with trousers/skirts, shoes OR a plain red or green t-shirt with an optional santa hat. Children need to bring a packed lunch (no rucksacks please due to lack of space) and will return to school for the end of the school day.

Thursday 5th December

Class 3TC are walking to the Church for the Christmas Experience in the morning. The children will have their lunch as normal in school.

Friday 6th December

Year 4 Carol concert at the Cathedral. Children should wear school uniform and must bring a packed lunch which they will eat prior to leaving school just before 1pm. They will be walking to and from the venue so please ensure your child has a warm coat and sensible shoes. They should return to school for a normal 3.15pm pick-up however will notify parents/carers if there is any delay in our return. This is a children's only event - parents/carers are unable to book tickets to watch due to lack of space.

Monday 9th December

Years 1/2 performance at 2pm, ticket only

Year 6 will walk to the Georgian House



Tuesday 10th December

Years 1/2 performance at 5.30pm, ticket only, children return at 4.45pm. If your child is in years 1/2 and you are using Shine you must book your child with Shine as normal and let them know they can take your child to their classroom at 4.45pm. Other Shine users pick-up from Lansdown Road gate entrance and then look for sign at KS2 entrance doors.

The children in years 1/2 will be collected from their external classroom door at 6.15pm.

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Wednesday 11th December

Reception performance 10am, ticket only
Year 5 Viking day

Thursday 12th December

Reception performance 10am, ticket only.
Year 6 World War 2 day

Friday 13th December

7.30pm PTA Christmas party, ticket info at the end of the newsletter



Monday 16th

Gifts for the Foodbank may be brought to school this week -list of items to follow
Reception and Year 1 children are walking to the Redgrave theatre in the morning to watch Dear Santa, children will have lunch at school as normal.

Tuesday 17th

Reception parents/carers to share learning diaries at drop off time.

Wednesday 18th

Christmas Lunch

Thursday 19th

10am Whole school Church Service-all welcome coffee served in the Church from 9am

Friday 20th

Christmas Jumper Day - On the last day of term we invite children to wear a festive jumper and donate £1. There is no need to buy a Christmas Jumper; add some homemade decorations to a jumper you already have.

Outdoor Classroom

A huge thank you to The Co-Op and all who nominated Christ Church School in the Co-op as the charity to support - £3680 was raised towards outdoor furniture and habitats for our Outdoor classroom, which we intend to start working on in the Spring.



News from the week:

Yr 5/ 6 Indoor Athletics

Last night, 19 children took part in the 5/6 athletics completion at Ashton Park Secondary School. The children competed in a range of track and field events, from javelin to hurdles. The scores of each event were then combined to produce an overall total for our team. We were thrilled to come away with the bronze medal and will now be passing on our 'top tips' to the year 3/4 children, ready for their competition.

Yr 5/6 Mini Concert



Year 5 and 6 impressed us all with their musical skills at Wednesday morning's mini concert. Every single performance was amazing and every child who performed showed a tremendous amount of bravery and talent. The huge variety of instruments saw us listening to drums, violins, flutes, guitars and the piano while Mimi and Safiyye wowed the audience with their vocals.

A big thank you to all the children who auditioned, the children who performed and to their teachers and parents/carers for their support with their practice at home!

Year 3 / 4 will have the chance to audition for their mini concert in the New Year so keep your eyes out for the dates after Christmas.



Coming Up ...

Christ Church Parent's Xmas Party

Friday 13th December 7.30pm till late



The Christmas Party is now only a few weeks away - Friday 13th December. Come and join us for the best event of the year! The evening begins with a welcome drink followed by gastronomic delights prepared by your very own "Curry Dads". This will include a veritable smorgasbord of Indian delicacies carefully designed to cater for all tastes!

Lamb Christ Church	Clifton Wood Chicken
Village Vegetarian	Suspension Bridge Dahl
Roasted Butternut squash	Naan Breads
Poppadoms, Pickles and Cucumber Raita	

Whilst enjoying your meal you'll also be treated to some light-hearted entertainment, followed by a disco. And you can wash it all down with a selection of drinks from the bar.

Entry costs £18 and can be paid: Online by transfer to the PTA account. Or by correct cash in an envelope with your SURNAME, paid to the school office.

Account name: Christ Church School Association
Sort code: 30-99-08
Account number: 22086268
Please put your SURNAME as the reference

(Please note that we do not give out tickets, your name and number of tickets purchased will be on a guest list on arrival.)

Doors open at 7.30pm, the meal will be at 8pm, final dance at midnight and then carriages home.

News from Christ Church

The Spire Coffee Shop (in the Church)

It has been lovely to have families pop in for a hot chocolate after school on cold winter days! Don't forget we are open til 4.30pm on Mon, Tue, Thurs and Fri. But, we will be CLOSED next week (2-6 Dec) due to Christmas Experience for schools in the Church.



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Christingle
4pm Christmas Eve

Nativity service
10am Sun 15th December

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Letters home this week:

Yr5/6 friendly football match



Reminders:

Please remember to pre book lunches on ParentPay.

Please be considerate of our neighbours when parking to drop off/ pick up from school.

Christ Church revellers have been invited again by **The Albion** to give a singing sensation of Christmas Songs, creating some festive ambience and bring joy and good cheer! All members of the Christ Church School community welcome to join in the revelries on **Sunday 15th December, 5.30pm** and **Sunday 22nd December, 6.30pm** at The Albion, with a glass of free mulled wine / cider for the singers – a bonus indeed! No rehearsal required, all family members welcome, the more the merrier. Preferably please let Bonny Popham know if you are interested, but do also just turn up!

Term 2 2019 Dates

Remember to book Xmas lunch - Weds 18th Dec

December:

Tues 3rd	Yr 3 Xmas experience at the Church Yr2-Yr6 Redgrave Theatre Trip - The Snow Queen, late return - 4.30pm
Weds 4th	KS2 Choir to St Georges
Thurs 5th	Yr 3 Xmas experience at the Church Tea Afternoon - 4LC
Fri 6th	Yr 4 to the Cathedral
Mon 9th	KS1 Xmas performance, 2pm Yr 6 to Georgian House
Tues 10th	KS1 Xmas performance, 5.30pm
Weds 11th	Reception Xmas performance, 10am Yr 5 Viking Day
Thurs 12th	Reception Xmas performance, 10am Yr 6 WW2 Day Tea Afternoon - 4KC
Fri 13th	PTA Xmas Party, 7.30pm
Mon 16th	Reception, Yr 1 Redgrave Theatre Trip, Dear Santa
Tues 17th	Reception diary visit, 9am
Weds 18th	Children's Xmas lunch
Thurs 19th	Christmas Service at Christ Church, 10am, all welcome
Fri 20th	End of Term 2, Xmas Jumper Day

Term 3 starts on Tuesday 7th January 2020

INSET & ACADEMY DAYS:

Monday 6th January 2020

Friday 22nd May 2020

Mon 20th July 2020

One further day to be arranged

Tues 1st & Weds 2nd September 2020