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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our new school year! It has been lovely to see the children arrive safely back to school looking very smart in their new uniforms and keen to learn after the summer break.

Over the holidays our caretaker, Mr Jones, has been hard at work and we have refurbished the Y5 classrooms and continued to improve the school hall. The building development is crucial to creating a positive learning environment for our pupils and also keeping everybody safe and healthy – our plans for this term are to continue to update IT equipment and start to replace fire doors throughout the building. We are very grateful to a contribution from our parent association CCSA which has enabled us to purchase another Interactive Touchscreen for the classroom. This money has been raised by parent contributions at school fairs and fundraising at movie nights and discos – thank-you so much to everyone who has contributed to help improve the provision we have for your children. It makes such a difference and we are very grateful!

We also have exciting news about our provision for pupils with additional needs; we have created a purposeful learning space for children who have previously found it difficult to cope with the pace of learning in busy classrooms. This means we can better meet the needs of our very special, vulnerable children and also ensure that the remainder of the class receive the attention and focus they need in the classroom to develop their learning. We have welcomed additional part time staff to support us with this; Mrs English, Mrs Jones and Mrs Hille are all very experienced professionals who will be working with children across the school. We are really proud to be able to offer this to pupils in Christ Church and make sure we are meeting every child's needs effectively. Further information and parent leaflets will soon be available on our website.

Please remember that we are a cashless school and all payments for school meals, trips and activities etc. are made via the electronic payment system "Parent Pay". Again details are on the website and our office staff are happy to help parents get set up. If you do not have access to online banking, families can collect bar codes for activities from the office and make payments at the sweet shop across the road.

I am sending you this letter in paper form to ensure everyone receives it – but we are also endeavouring to be paperless! Information is sent via our e-schools APP, twitter, or can be found on the website. This also includes lots of photographs of what children are doing in school, so please join us electronically and don't miss a treasured photo of your child being amazing! The monthly newsletter is also sent electronically with overviews of what has been happening in school and dates of forthcoming events. Please pop in if you'd like help setting up electronic access or let us know if this isn't possible for you and we will continue to send paper copies with your child. The only paper copies you should otherwise receive will be items that need you to complete details or sign your consent for a particular activity.



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In our efforts to continue to improve lunchtimes for children, we are trialling a meal service for F2 and Y1 in the school hall. This gives our youngest children a quieter lunch so they can take a bit longer over their meal and have adults sitting with them to assist. In the canteen we have been able to further stagger mealtimes so that there are less children at any given time, reducing queues, making sure each service is freshly cooked and having fewer children on the playground. So far feedback has been positive and we are keen for you to chat with your children and pass on any further ideas for improvement.

Over the course of this school year we will be inviting parents and carers into class led assemblies, star of the week half term assemblies and also to join your child in the classroom to observe or participate in a lesson so you can see what goes on during the school day. We are very proud of our pupils and want to share their achievements with you – we will make sure you have plenty of notice and I do hope you will be able to join us.

Finally, a few organisational reminders to assist you in helping your child in school;

- Children may bring snacks into school for morning break. Please ensure they do not bring snacks containing nuts as we have some pupils with severe allergies. Fruit and healthy treats are always appreciated by hungry tummies!
- The coloured PE T-shirts look great and are really helping children to remember their house teams! Don't worry if your child still has a white top; it's fine for them to wear these and renew with a coloured one when they grow. Class teachers will be able to tell you which colour you need if your child has forgotten!
- All children should be in school by 8.55am at the latest. Our 'Ready to Learn' sessions enable pupils to be able to come in from 8.45am – time for children to settle and prepare for school, complete quick learning tasks, look at marking from the previous day, ask for homework help or change reading books. This has proved very useful for children to feel settled and for teaching to start promptly at 9am. Thank-you for supporting us.
- Please send a water bottle into school each day so your child may have a drink in class if they are thirsty.
- Our admin team will update whole school records at the end of term, but if your contact details have changed or your child has new medical information please let us know straight away so that we may look after them effectively.
- If you need any new ties, book bags or PE bags the school office have a supply that can be purchased.
- If you have any concerns or queries, please let your class teacher or the member of senior staff on the morning gate know straight away. It's always best to keep us informed so that we can help with little things and prevent them from becoming worries. We are here to help and the more we know about you and your child, the better we can assist.
- Wirral schools do not allow dogs on site; please do not bring dogs past the school gates

We are all looking forward to a fun, happy and successful year in Christ Church. Thank-you in advance for all the help and support you give to our school; you and your children make it the place it is and we feel all very positive about working with you over the year ahead.

Best Wishes,

Amanda Donelan
Headteacher