

Christ Church News

Spring 2 2018



Dear families,

It is lovely to see the sun shining over school this week after a cold Spring term! I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all again for your support during our OFSTED inspection we are STILL waiting for the report and will share it as soon as we have it!

We offered open Reading lessons across the school recently and due to requests from parents we are planning to do the same for Mathematics after the Easter holidays - please look out for dates on your year group newsletters next half term.

I am delighted to report that we have received confirmation that Christ Church will no longer be used as a Polling station and voting will now be provided in the Parish Centre. This leaves us with one INSET day remaining which we will allocate the Friday before the summer half term **25th May** as our final training day. CC4C will be operational on this day to assist with childcare and booking forms will be available after Easter.

I understand that some families may be disappointed with the slightly later opening time of the school gates and toast club. It is only 15 minutes later and is provided alongside our CC4C breakfast club which offers a more nutritious breakfast with cereals, fruit etc. available. We are unable to maintain the level of staffing required for the earlier toast club time to ensure pupils are safely supervised in the hall. In addition there is the need to have staff members on duty outside from 8.30am, this is to ensure that children do not leave the site once dropped off and also that only appropriate adults are accessing the site. It is not safe to continue to have the gates open, unsupervised and we want to address this now rather than ignore a potential risk. Many schools do not open until 9am. At Christ Church we try really hard to meet the needs of our families and as such are offering a 7.30am breakfast club drop off, an 8.15am breakfast club drop off, an 8.30am toast club drop off and an 8.45am ready to learn early classroom drop off before school actually starts. We are the only school in the area to offer this range for families and our breakfast club is the cheapest locally. I can assure you that the Governors have taken careful consideration of all facts before reaching this decision and we do feel that the range of early facilities we offer is a very positive service for our families.

Happy news at a time of celebrating new life - Mrs Warwood and her husband have welcomed a baby boy and named him Reuben. Mother and baby are doing well and we all send our love and best wishes as they enjoy becoming a family.

I do hope you enjoy our Easter church services and wish you all a very blessed Easter.

Amanda Donelan

Faith Life of Christ Church

At school, we have been celebrating our Christian Value of 'Forgiveness' in our collective worship. Year 4 children are going to share their understanding of the value in an assembly for parents on the 24th April. In our worship, we have been thinking about what reconciliation means by listening to Bible stories that teach us about forgiveness.

Children will be participating in the Easter story at Church in order to reflect on the importance of this time of year for Christians.

We hope you were able to celebrate our Easter Services in Church on Thursday 29th March.

Rev Cousins would like to extend a welcome to all families to attend church services over the Easter period:

Maundy Thursday (29th March)

6:30—Passover Meal

Good Friday (30th March)

10:45—Walk of Witness leaving Moreton Baptist Church

11am Moreton Churches Together Service at Moreton Presbyterian Church

2pm—An hour at the cross

Easter Sunday (Sunday 1st April)

6.15 am - Moreton Churches Together Easter Day Sunrise Service at Moreton Shore

9.00 am - Holy Communion

10.45 am - Family Communion Service

6.30 pm—Easter Evening Informal Communion Service.

World book day 2018

Christ Church enjoyed celebrating World Book Day 2018. All children and staff were invited to come dressed as a character from their favourite book. Also the children were treated by a very tempting lunch time menu inspired by popular children's books.



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Year 5 trip to the Philharmonic

After learning about the structure and layout, instruments, and roles within the orchestra, Year 5 enjoyed the opportunity to become musical scientists for the day at the Royal Philharmonic Hall. This included singing as part of a multi-school ensemble, backed by the award-winning Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra.

Learning Powers update

In March we successfully launched our next Learning Power, 'Resourcefulness', with the aid of an excellent Captain Resourceful and culminating in our superhero dress-up day. The children learned about the skills that help us become more resourceful learners: capitalising, imagining, questioning, making links and reasoning.



Year 4 Swimming

The children were so excited to spend two weeks this term, travelling to Leasowe baths each afternoon. Each class swam for 30 minutes; the children were put into ability groups and worked really hard; many made amazing progress. It was lovely to hear the enthusiasm that the lessons generated, and to see the children's confidence grow so much. Keep swimming, guys!

Attendance & Punctuality

Please be reminded that the target for attendance for pupils across Wirral is 96%. Your child will be receiving details of their individual attendance at the end of this term.

We encourage children to come into school at 8.45 each morning for 'ready to learn' time. If they arrive after 9am, they will receive a late mark and after 9.30, an unauthorised absence mark.

Give your child the best opportunities and the best start. Get them to school on time -everyday!



Year 1 value assembly

The Year One children enjoyed learning all about Respect and Tolerance before sharing their knowledge with the rest of the school and their grown ups.

They shared examples of how the value is shown at Christ Church as well as examples from the Bible and other books they have shared.



Year 2 trip to Techniquet

Year 2 had a fantastic time on their trip to Techniquet in Wrexham.

In the morning we had chance to explore the different hands on science activities.



After a scrummy lunch we took part in 2 activities linked to our Science Topic.

We had to plan what we would take with us in to space and we learnt lots of interesting facts such as how you go to the toilet in a space craft. After that we had to work in a team and plan and make a protective casing for an egg to fit in, imagining that it was going to crash land on Mars. This was very messy!

We had an eggciting day!



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Pupil Voice

School Council

The School Council have enjoyed their meetings this half term! They have organised a meeting for the Summer term with Kat from Christ Church to hear all about her mission in India and to see if we can help her with any Church events. The committee members have also sent out a pupil voice questionnaire regarding Charanga, the music scheme used in school to gain feedback and make improvements to how it is currently being used.

Behaviour Buddies

The Behaviour Buddies acted as representatives for their classes and took an audit on changes the children wanted for playground. Over half term school resourced and set up new equipment and resources for the children to use. The playground is now more exciting for all.

Message from our Head Boy, Head Girl & Deputies

We have all been working very hard lately in preparation for SATs, but we have still managed to complete our "Heads & Deputies" duties! Together with the rest of Year 6 we helped Mrs Donelan think about how to reorganise the playground and which equipment we thought we should have and it's great to be involved in decisions that affect school life! We also still enjoy helping out during assemblies and collecting/ counting team point counters.

Eco Committee



The Eco Committee have enjoyed learning all about plants over the past half term. They successfully planted the 750 tulip bulbs that were delivered from Amsterdam and have been measuring the shoots and recording their findings since. We are pleased to report that most of our bulbs managed to survive the recent snowfall!

The Eco Warriors used the natural resources in our environment to create gifts for the teachers on Valentines day.

After the huge success of Switch Off Fortnight in the Autumn term, the Eco Warriors are busy planning a Waste Week for Christ Church.



Mr Ray Jeffrey—Chair
Rev. Canon Graham Cousins—Vice Chair
Mr Steve Singleton—Foundation Gov.
Mr Keith Culligan- Foundation Gov.
Lynda Jones—Foundation Gov.
Mrs Vicky Walton—Parent Governor
Mrs Amanda Donelan—Head Teacher
Miss Belen Manley—Staff Governor
Mr Steve Eaves— Foundation Governor
Mrs Debbie Brisco - Co-opted Governor
Vacancy—L.A. Gov.

and re-open on Monday 16th April 2018

Diary Dates



29/3/18—Break up for Easter

16/4/18—Back to school

17/4/18—CCSA meeting 7:30 Parish Centre

30/4/18—Year 3 start swimming for 2 weeks

1/5/18—Year 5 parents information evening

7/5/18—May Day Bank Holiday

14/5/18—KS2 SATs

18/5/18—Summer Ball

21/5/18—KS1 SATs

23/5/18—E-safety Parents workshop

25/5/18—Break up for Half Term

4/6/18— Back to school

5/6/17—Year 5 visit to Tatton Park

11/6/18—Phonics screening

25/6/18— KS2 sports Day

27/6/18—KS1 Sports Day

17/7/18— FS2 Teddy Bears Picnic afternoon

20/7/18—School closes for Summer

Are your children safe on line?

What Parents of Year 4, 5 & 6 pupils can look out for in gaming, social media and e-safety.

Find out what it all means and let us help you keep ahead of your minitechs to keep them safe! -
Wednesday 23rd May 5pm
Led by Mrs Donelan & Mr Longstaffe

Can you also do a SAVE THE DATE

Year 5 parents information evening - guidance in applying for secondary schools places and 11+ arrangements -
Tuesday 1st May 5pm
Led by Mrs Donelan

Charitable giving at Christ Church!

Thank you to all of our Christ Church families for supporting two charities this term. £339.15 has been raised for the Spider Ede Appeal and a further £261.89 for Sports relief. We are very proud of how much we are able to support charities and the children have great fun taking part.

Thank you so much for your generosity!

CCSA News

The CCSA have been working hard to raise funds for our school. So far we have given school some CCSA funds to purchase new resources for the playground. This includes picnic benches for children to sit and relax on, a chatter shed for the older children to 'chill and 'chat' and some small world toys for our younger children including dinosaurs and dumper trucks inside tyres filled with bark, sand, gravel and soil. These improvements have made a positive impact on lunchtime play already and we are getting excited for our outdoor speakers to arrive so we can incorporate gym and dance onto the playground.

Our next fundraising event is film night on Friday 23rd March. Please come along to support us in raising vital funds to enhance your child's learning experience. Thank you!



School re-opens after Easter on Monday 16th April 2018