

Christ Church News

May 2017



Dear Parents and Carers,

The start of the summer term is always a busy time in primary schools; our year 6 have worked hard for their SATs tests and Y2 children have also completed statutory assessments. We have been really pleased with the work ethic and determination shown by children in both these year groups. You may know that the level of the tests increased significantly in 2016 and the expectations of children are very high. We are proud they have worked to their best ability and hope the results reflect this when we receive them at the end of the year.

For parents of pupils in Y5 please look under the Parent tab of the school website to access information regarding 11+ testing and applying for a secondary school place.

Staffing

We have made some exciting staff appointments across the school recently:

Mrs Nickie Price is joining the admin team whilst Mrs Sue Jones reduces her work to three days.

Mrs Gill Baker has been employed as a Child and Family Mentor and will take up post after the half term. This role is to support children's social, emotional and behavioural health in school and to work with families to reduce barriers to learning. We are excited to be able to provide this support for our children and know having someone available for children and families to access during the school day will be hugely beneficial. We have been able to make savings on bought in services to fund this school based post.

Mr Jordan Scott will also be joining us as Christ Church Sports Coach. Having worked with lots of local primaries and sports clubs, Mr Scott will deliver some PE lessons during afternoons and provide lunchtime and after school sports clubs. He is very enthusiastic about arranging more opportunities for children to be involved in teams and also promote healthy eating and fitness.

Academies

We had a small number of parents attend the consultation meetings in school last week, but many have returned the paper questionnaires or accessed the online survey and I am grateful to receive your responses. The consultation is open to the end of the month; please let us know your views so that Governors may consider them when voting on how to proceed. I also attended meetings at Eastway and Lingham schools and have asked CDAT to respond to the questions that have been raised by parents, staff and the community across all three schools. To ensure we are transparent, I have attached the Questions raised and the Answers provided for your information and hope you find this useful. Governors will receive a report which summarises all of the responses from parents, staff and the community in early June and will meet to consider the findings. We want to keep you updated throughout any discussions and give you the opportunity to ask any questions or share your views; please feel free to email the school office or ask a member of senior staff if you have any further questions. If you have not yet returned a questionnaire please find this attached also along with a link to the electronic survey.

Building

Mr Jones is continuing to upgrade our learning environment; he has created a work space for teaching staff and has just finished re-painting the meeting room in readiness for Mrs Baker to work with children and families. Over the holidays he will be refurbishing the small group classroom in the Annex which is in desperate need of improvement! It does make a big difference to be learning and working in a better environment.

In closing I would just like to remind families that our childcare provision CC4C will be opening on the 8th June – if you require a place we have two remaining. It is an inconvenience to school as well as families to close for polling days and I have contacted the Local Authority to request that polling stations be located elsewhere next year to reduce disruption.

I hope you all have a happy, sunny week off and look forward to seeing you next half term.

Thank-you for all your ongoing support,

Amanda Donelan
Headteacher



Faith Life of Christ Church

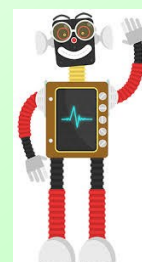
At school, we have been celebrating our Christian Value of 'Trust' in our collective worship. FS2 children have introduced the value in an assembly and the children have been thinking about what trust means to them by listening to Bible stories that teach us about trust.



Heart Smart

This half term we had the pleasure of Dave from Heartsmart visit our school with Borris. Borris is a robot built out of recyclable products and he travels to schools and teaches children to love themselves. This next term we will be introducing some HIGH FIVE phrases. We will be building these phrases into our curriculum in September.

- Don't forget to let love in!
- Too much selfie isn't healthy!
- Don't rub it in rub it out!
- Fake is a mistake!
- 'No way through' isn't true!



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Extra-Curricular Activities

We are very excited that after half term we will be welcoming our new sports coach, Mr Scott, to school! He will be running a range of clubs after school for both Key Stage One and Key Stage Two. A club overview and further details will follow in Summer 2.

The Year 4 and 5 children have been working hard on their performance of Grease, we can't wait to see it!



Everton football



Some of the Year 5 and 6 children have been having coaching sessions with Everton in the community. The children have been encouraged to work hard, promoting a healthy lifestyle and to learn to work together to meet challenges. One challenge they had along the way was to represent our school in a competition where they finished second. The coaches were really inspirational and the children benefited greatly by it.

ICT update

Year 5 have been doing a lot of ICT this half term. In combination with their English writing work, where they have written a story based on a shipwreck, the children have created their own stop-frame animation on the same theme. They have learnt how to turn their ideas into a story board and then to turn the story board into a film. They used the i-motion app on the i-pads and worked well in their small groups to produce some good films.

As part of their topic on North America the Year 5 children have been carrying out research into a country from the continent. They then used Microsoft Publisher to turn their research into a series of pages about their country. They learned how to manipulate the text, copy and paste pictures, and how to make their pages colourful and exiting.

FS2—Trust Assembly.

The children in FS2 performed their trust assembly for the rest of the school brilliantly!

They enjoyed learning all about trust and sharing this with the whole school.

FS2 thought about people in their lives that they trust, scripture from the Bible that linked to trust and played some trust games to think about how trust feels.

FS2 made a trust tree for each year group to display in their prayer and reflection areas as a reminder to always trust in God.



Tag Rugby Coaching

Our Year 5 children have enjoyed working with the coaches from Calday Rugby Club this half-term. They have been learning the skills of TAG rugby, including passing, scoring, and most importantly, teamwork. The children enjoyed their sessions tremendously and we may have a few budding rugby stars of the future.

Reminder!

Please can parents not bring dogs onto the playground, even if they are being carried, as we are still finding dog dirt on the site.

Thankyou.

Attendance

Our current attendance as a school is 95.3%. Our target is 96% so lets keep going so that we can meet this whilst maximising the children's learning opportunities! We are nearly there! There will be a special treat for all children that have managed excellent attendance for the year on the 19th of July so look out for extra information on this.

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Pupil Voice

School Council

The School Council have been part of counting the Sainsbury's vouchers, they have been looking through the catalogue to see what equipment and resources are available with the view of using the vouchers to purchase items for CC4C and playtime. At the moment we have just over 8,000 vouchers.



Behaviour Buddies

This term we have been meeting and working on a presentation to the staff regarding Rights Respecting School. The children will be delivering this presentation to the staff on the 12th of June.

This term Ms Shahi and Mrs Deeks have been working along side our parent forum to create a Rights Respecting Parent Charter. This will be sent out once it has been finalised.

This term the house that won for citizenship was Everest. Keep an eye out the first week back for an e-letter with the details of the award to celebrate their hard work.

Message from our Head Boy, Head Girl & Deputies

We have recently completed our SATs in year 6 which has kept us all very busy.

We are helping out in celebration assemblies and are looking forward to meeting the parents of our new FS2 children for September 2017 next month.

Eco Council

The Eco team have been working really hard this half term to continue making our school as Eco friendly as possible. We managed to recycle an amazing 5995 batteries as part of Duracell's Big Battery Hunt. What a brilliant effort!

We also had a visit from Eco Schools today and we are very proud to say that Christ Church has managed to gain our second Green Flag.

School Governors

School Governors play an important role in the leadership of Christ Church school.

Forthcoming meetings:

23rd May Community
13th June Teaching & Learning
20th June Finance
11th July **FULL GOVERNORS**

Please contact school if you would like to find out more about our Governing Body.



Mr Ray Jeffrey—Chair

Rev. Canon Graham Cousins—Vice Chair

Mr Steve Singleton—Foundation Gov.

Mr Keith Culligan- Foundation Gov.

Mr Roger Campbell-Withe—Foundation Gov.

Lynda Jones—Foundation Gov.

Mrs Vicky Walton—Parent Governor

Mrs Amanda Donelan—Head Teacher

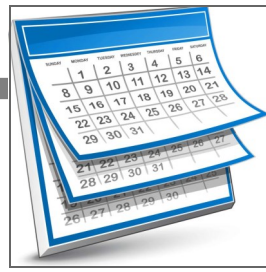
Miss Lauren Crawley—Staff Governor

Mr Steve Eaves— Foundation Governor

Mrs Debbie Brisco - Co-opted Governor

and will re-open on Monday 5th June 2017

Diary Dates



26th May—School closes for half term

5th June—School opens

5th June—Year 6 first swim

6h June—Year 4 trip to the Science Museum (postponed until further notice)

8th June—School closed for election

CC4C open today (pre-booked places only)

12th June—Diversity week (more information to follow)

14th June—Year 5 trip to Liverpool Empire to watch Wonderland

14th June—New to FS2 parents meeting (more information to follow)

15h June—Ventures parent meeting

16th June—Year 6 last swim

20th June- School Photographer in 8.45 a.m. Class photos

21st June— Year 6 Behaviour reward

23rd June— CCSA fathers day sale

27th June— Parent drop in for new FS2 4-5pm

29th June— Parent drop in for new FS2 4-5pm

1st July— Summer Fair (more information to follow)

19th July— Attendance reward

21st July—School closes for Summer

Year 6 update

All the staff in the Year 6 team: Mrs Lakin, Mr Myatt, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Scott, Miss McLachlan, Mr Leneghan and Mr Longstaff –would all like to say a BIG well-done to all the Year 6 children for working so hard in preparation for their SATs. We now have a long wait, until the beginning of July for the results.

In our behaviour reward system, most children are 'on-track' for the surprise, free day out in June, with sufficient *dojos* collected in class.

CCSA News

Thank you everyone for your support throughout the year. Your help makes such a difference to all the events ran by the CCSA.

Please can we have as much support as possible for the Summer Fair on the 1st of July. We will be in school from 8am if anybody is free to help set up. Many Thanks.

CC4C

WE are very pleased to say that CC4C our wrap around provision is open and has been a great success so far!

We have happy children that attend whom enjoy the hot meals prepared for them and have fun accessing the various activities with our brand new resources!



If you would like to book sessions please ask at the office for a copy of the information flier, registration forms and further details!

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