

Christ Church CE VA Primary School

'Let your light shine'



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Dear Parents/Carers

FROM THE DEPUTY HEADTEACHER

Week 5 is under our belts and we have begun to get into a real rhythm with our curriculum and school routines, especially with drop off and collection at the school gates.

Your children have been delighting their teachers and support staff this week with their enthusiasm to learn and to really try their best. Sometimes learning can be challenging and it requires real grit and determination to achieve high standards. The school definitely sounds alive with the sounds of laughter and joy!

Weather Change

It has been hard not to notice how dramatically the weather has changed this week. Please can we remind you that children require a coat to be in school **every day**. Children spend a large amount of time outside and will therefore need a coat to stay warm and dry. Many children are now wearing leggings and joggers on PE days which is ideal. Thank you.

Health and Safety Checks

It gave me great pleasure this week to walk around the grounds and inside the school building with our Health and Safety Officers from our Y6 pupil leadership team Max, Jayden and Kaiden. Together we checked that each classroom had the correct cleaning wipes, soap and hand sanitiser. We looked closely to see if all windows and doors were open to ventilate the rooms and that where possible, everybody was social distancing. The boys thoroughly investigated all areas and the results of the inspection were very positive. Overall, the inspectors were very pleased with all the safety procedures that had been put in place. We look forward to another walk around in November.



Stars of the Week

In Mrs Bray's absence this week, it has been left to me to choose our Stars of the Week! Due to their excellent work with our Health & Safety Inspection, the children's star has been awarded to Max, Jayden and Kaiden – congratulations boys! Our adult star has to go to Mrs Bray who has done so much for everyone in school by keeping us all safe. Despite the ever changing instructions from the Government, Kaleidoscope, Nursing Team etc, Mrs Bray makes sure we are all ok and keeps smiling! So a huge **CONGRATULATIONS** to her on being our Star!

READING PERCENTAGES

I am delighted to announce that our Reception class have had a massive 97% of their children reading 4 or more times at home with an adult over the last week! The Reading Trophy will be staying with them for another week! Well done!

I am also pleased to say that both Year 2 and Year 5 made a real effort this week and doubled their scores from last week! Keep up the good work!

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The remainder of the classes were as follows:

Year 1 - 85%; Year 2 – 85%; Year 3 – 67%; Year 4 – 86%, Year 5 – 85% and Year 6 – 72%.

BOOK RAFFLE WINNERS

Well done to Ruby, Billy, Skarlette, Darius, Amelia, Scarlet and Jayden for being our book raffle winners this week. Don't forget that everyone who reads 4 or more times at home with an adult will be entered into our prize draw on a Friday and one lucky winner from each class will receive a lovely new book to take home to add to their collection.

PERSONAL BESTS

Congratulations to the following children who all achieved a personal best this week.

- Year 1** - Jenson for confidently contributing in maths and phonics.
- Year 2** - Rebeka for great writing on the Great Fire of London!
- Year 3** - Ruby for being positive and showing kindness.
- Year 4** - Teya for having a calming influence and always being kind!
- Year 5** - Austin for exceptional behaviour and excellent explanation in Maths.
- Year 6** - Kaiden for a positive attitude to learning.



RECEPTION CLASS STAY FOR LUNCH!

This Thursday, 1 October, our Reception children had a school lunch taster day! Nicky, our school cook, made a delicious lunch of meatballs, pasta twirls and sweetcorn followed by a giant chocolate cookie and some grapes! All the children seemed to enjoy it and hopefully will continue having school lunches when they stay for lunch from Monday, 12 October.



SMILES AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Don't forget that this club is running from 3.20 p.m. – 4.45 p.m. every Tuesday and Friday. To find out more information please contact Alyson on 07930671223.

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SCHOOL ABSENCES

Please remember, if your child is unwell or not able to come to school, you should ring the school before 10.00 a.m. on the first morning they are to be absent. If we haven't heard from you, we will ring the contact numbers we have for your child in the school office. Especially at the moment, it is vitally important that you let us know why your child is absent. We have to report to the Government daily on the numbers of children not in school so it is important that we are able to give as accurate information as possible.



If you change your mobile number or email address please remember to let the school office know. You can either ring in – 01934 620738 or email – office@christchurchprimaryschool.org. If the office is closed and you have to leave an ansaphone message please be assured that this will be listened to as soon as someone is in the school office. The school office is normally manned from 8.30 a.m. through to 4.30 p.m. Many thanks.

SELF ISOLATING – WHAT THIS MEANS IN PRACTICE

If you have been asked by Public Health England to self-isolate, we need to remind you that this is a **legal** requirement. The reason you or your children are being asked to self-isolate is because we want to stop the spread of the virus. There are significant penalties for people who do not adhere to the self-isolation guideline. Self-isolation means that the person concerned cannot leave their home or garden. A self-isolating person can travel in the household car as long as they do not leave the car or come into contact with anyone from another household. They cannot visit other households or, for children, accompany parents to the shops.

NEW LEGAL DUTY TO SELF-ISOLATE COMES INTO FORCE

From this week, people in England will be required by law to self-isolate if they test positive or are contacted by NHS Test and Trace. This law has been introduced to ensure compliance with self-isolation rules and to reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID19). Fines will also be introduced for those breaching self-isolation rules, starting at £1,000, in line with the existing penalty for breaking quarantine after international travel. This could increase to up to £10,000 for repeat offences and the most serious breaches, including for those preventing others from self-isolating.

Employers who force or allow staff to come to work who they know should be self-isolating will also be liable for fines of up to £10,000.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend despite the dreary weather! See you next week.

Best wishes

Rachael Clarke

Deputy Headteacher

