

Christ Church CE VA Primary School

'Let your light shine'



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FROM THE HEADTEACHER



In all my years in the teaching profession, (of which there are many), I cannot think of a time that has been more challenging AND yet so worthwhile, than this current period. I always find it a privilege to educate and inspire our children – our future leaders – but currently we are teaching so much more than arithmetic, reading and writing. This week we have seen resilience, emotional break downs followed by emotional recovery, creativity and hope. Well done to all of our children, who are coping brilliantly with a most unusual Christmas build – up as we approach Advent. Government policy and expectations are changing at such a fast-pace and so I also applaud our staff, who have been teaching in class or from home this week! We all thank you for your positive feedback and encouraging words. We have been really touched by your concern for our staff members, especially those who are self-isolating. Thank you for showing kindness.

PERSONAL BESTS

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

- Reception** - Filip for always making the right choices and trying his best in everything!
- Year 1** - Erin for using describing words in her writing.
- Year 2** - Siyana for great focus in Maths!
- Year 4** - Maks for working much harder in ALL subjects and for being helpful to his classmates!
- Year 6** - Emily for always putting 100% effort into her work with a smile on her face.



READING PERCENTAGES

Well this is a first!! This week – **100% of the Year 2 children read 4 or more times at home!** I can't begin to tell you how proud and happy I am with such a wonderful effort! Well done and thank you! Keep up the good work!

Special mention to Year 6 who also really increased their percentage with 90% of the children reading 4 or more times at home! This is a fantastic increase from 69% last week. Again, keep up the good work Year 6!

The remainder of the classes also had good results - Reception – 80%; Year 2 – 81%; Year 4 – 89%.



BOOK RAFFLE

Well done to Ezra-Jade, Alina, Rebeka, Febe and Sean who all read 4 or more times at home last week and had their names drawn from our book raffle. Enjoy your new books!

STARS OF THE WEEK

This week the child award goes to Carys for an excellent presentation as part of our school's virtual tour. Our staff star of the week is Mrs Bagnall who has worked tirelessly dropping off work and food parcels to our families who are self isolating. Well done and thank you to both of them.



TRAIL OF LIGHT



Maps for our trail are now on sale on line priced at £2. Please purchase these from our website – www.christchurchprimaryschool.org.

Please tell your family and friends about it. All money raised from the sale of the maps will be used towards school funds. Don't forget to tick off the displays you see on the map and vote for your favourite! There will be a small treat for everyone who sends their sheet back in and also for the house with the most votes! Enjoy!

PARENT GOVERNORS

We are delighted to welcome the following new governors to our Local Governing Body (LGB):

Parent Governors: Alison Knowles, Mum to Josh in Year 2, and Clare Laver, Mum to Albie in Year 1.

In Rob Chalker's role as police officer, he will be appointed as a co-opted governor. As Dad to Alfie in Year 4 and Annabel in EYFS, he brings further parenting support and perspective to our LGB.

We welcome the support and know they will all bring a wealth of knowledge and skills to our governing body. Each are very approachable and are happy to talk with you about any issues you may have. If you have any queries or want to pass on your congratulations, please email the school office and we can forward them on.

STEM GRANT

I am delighted to inform you that Mr Rogers applied for a Technology Grant for our school and was successful in his bid! Our school has been awarded £15,000 to buy equipment for use in school. We are so pleased and the panel said our application was one of the best they had ever received! Well done Mr Rogers! We will let you know what we spend the money on when it has all been finalised.



RECEPTION CLASS TELEPHONE CONSULTATIONS

A letter went out via SchoolPing yesterday giving Reception parents the chance to book a telephone consultation with Mrs Powell, who has been covering the class in Miss Walker's absence. The consultations will take place next Tuesday morning (1 December) and Wednesday afternoon (2 December). If you have any issues and wish the office to book you an appointment slot then please contact via telephone or e mail. Thank you.

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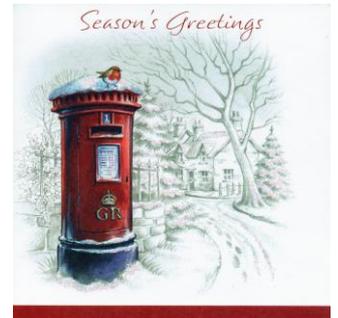
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CHRISTMAS CARDS

We are delighted to say that our Christmas Postbox will be open from Tuesday, 1 December until and including Friday, 11 December!

There will be a Christmas box at both gates in the morning at drop off time. Children should pop their cards in these boxes and they will be placed daily in the big postbox in Year 6.

This year because of the health & safety aspect, cards will not be delivered daily but will be kept until after the 11 December and distributed to the children in one go. Please remember to put the full name and Year group of the child on the envelope so it can be delivered safely and there will be no disappointments!



There is no charge this year, we just want to spread a little happiness!

It's beginning to feel sort of Christmassy! Have a lovely weekend.

