

Christ Church CE VA Primary School

'Let your light shine'



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Dear Parents/Carers



FROM THE HEADTEACHER

During times of difficulty, we often find ourselves asking the 'big' questions: what, why and how? Here at Christ Church, the 'why' is always clear – we do what we do for our children. They are always at the core of our decision making. We now find ourselves in a second national lockdown and this time, schools remain open. I believe it is right to prioritise keeping children in school and this cannot be done without the support of our dedicated staff, who I wish to pay tribute to today. Our teaching staff are remarkable. They continue to keep the show on the road despite working in the most challenging circumstances since 1945. No-one is more committed to ensuring your child doesn't lose out, than your child's teaching team, who have dedicated their working lives to education. Neither though, do I want to see any of them put in harm's way. Scientific evidence suggests that social distancing of 2 metres and ventilating rooms is the safest way of minimising transmission, so our windows and doors will be remaining open in school, even in cold weather, so please layer up! Let's all keep each other safe during this second lockdown, and adhere to the protective safety measures.

Take care.



PERSONAL BESTS

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

- Reception** - James for achieving independent work!
- Year 1** - Giovanna for independently completing work during whole class learning!
- Year 2** - Betty for always doing the right thing.
- Year 3** - Ethan for great listening and learning in their topic – Relics, Rocks and Rumbles!
- Year 4** - Tommy for bravery in joining a new class and school.
- Year 5** - Daniel for always showing a positive attitude to learning and being a good friend to all.
- Year 6** - Alex for increased stamina in work – completing it to a high standard.

READING PERCENTAGES AND BOOK RAFFLE

Congratulations to Year 4 for achieving 91% but they were just beaten by Year 2 who scored an amazing 92% of the class reading 4 or more times at home!! A wonderful result. The Reading Trophy will be with your class next week – keep up the good work!! The remainder of the classes were as follows:



Reception – 72%; Year 1 – 75%; Year 3 – 58%; Year 5 – 71% and Year 6 – 62%.

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The children who had read 4 or more times at home had their name entered into our weekly raffle and the following children have won a lovely new book!

Logan, Erin, Aiden, Henry, Noah, Priscilla and Minhah.

STARS OF THE WEEK

This Week Alfie in Year 4 was awarded Star of the week for being kind and considerate. Mrs Clarke was our staff star of the week for an outpouring of kindness and selflessness. What wonderful children and staff we have!



Congratulations!

ROCK OUT 2020

As part of our commitment to make **maths exciting** and high profile in our school, this November we are taking part in a **competition** for Maths Week England. It's called Rock Out 2020 and it's all done online via play.trockstars.com.

For every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, your child will earn their class a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours). Winning classes in the school and in the country as a whole will be the ones with the highest average.



All game modes (Gig, Garage, Studio, etc.) will count **but** only from games played between 7.30am and 7.30pm on Monday 9th, Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th, Thursday 12th, Friday 13th and Saturday 14th November.

In the spirit of the competition, please don't play on their behalf but by all means encourage and support them to the extent that it doesn't cause high stress levels or impact on family plans. We suggest a limit of half an hour a day outside school hours – some will play more, some will play less.

Thanks for your support!

CLOTHING

Due to the recommendations from the Government, we are trying to keep the air moving as much as possible in the classrooms. Unfortunately, this can mean that the classrooms can be cooler than normal. It would be much appreciated if you could ensure your child is perhaps wearing layers to school so they are kept nice and warm. If it gets too warm we can always remove a layer but if we are cold it means our bodies have to work hard to warm us up and that means we can't concentrate on what we are learning! Thank you!



Please remember too that **all** children's clothes and shoes should be named. A felt pen on a jumper label or on the inside of a cap or shoe, helps us to find rightful owners when items are lost. We had **20 jumpers** left around school last week and of those only 4 were returned to their owners! Don't forget their coats too! Sometimes we have several children in school with similar coats!

CHILDREN IN NEED

Next Friday, 13 September is Children in Need Day! This year Children in Need is focusing on children's mental wellbeing so it is very important to us with all they have gone through this year! The school's ambassador is Joe Wicks and he is leading a 'thrive to five' campaign. These are 1) Be active 2) Connect 3) Take notice 4) Be Curious and 5) Give.



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We would like to invite the children to come to school in non-uniform and we would ask that they bring a donation of 50p minimum (£1 per family). Thank you in advance.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CARD ORDERS

We have had a great response to our Christmas Card Fundraiser! Thanks to everyone who has ordered so far. The orders will be sent off on **WEDNESDAY** of next week (**11 NOVEMBER**) so please ensure your order and payment is with the school by Tuesday at the very latest. We will be unable to accept any orders after this date.



PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCIES

As stated in the letter sent to parents/carers via SchoolPing this week, if you are interested in supporting our school community as a parent governor, please complete the nomination form and return to school by Wednesday 11 November. If you would like to ask me any questions about the role or would like to talk it through, please call the school office or email – details can be found at the bottom of the newsletter.

DANGEROUS PARKING

A child was narrowly missed by a car this week! Please, please be considerate and comply with the law whilst parking, picking up and dropping off, including social distancing. Our local police officers are taking note of car registration plates and will take action against negligent and dangerous drivers.



Parents and carers should make use all the space in the school lane and should only enter the lane at their child's allotted time. This is for your safety and for the safety of our children.

Please stay safe everyone.

Best wishes,

Mrs Bray
Headteacher

