

Christ Church CE VA Primary School

'Let your light shine'



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FROM THE HEADTEACHER

As our short, but busy term draws to a close, we have been reflecting on faith and self-belief. Our children have focused on the power of a positive mindset and have used the example of St Barnabas, who represents encouragement. I have been wowed by our wonderful children with their overwhelmingly positive attitudes in school and superb creativity; the decorated Easter Eggs were incredibly hard to judge this year. We congratulate all of the children for their superb entries.

Every time I walk through the hall, a tidal wave of encouragement engulfs me as I catch sight of the children's positive messages from the display. I shall post some of them on the ClassDojo story and Facebook for you to see, along with the Easter Egg winners. What a beautiful sentiment and power for good, wouldn't you agree? We have all experienced the warmth that kindness can bring and the pride of achievement that follows encouragement.

From everyone here at Christ Church, we send our Easter greetings and hope that you will find space and time to rest and refresh. The joy of Easter is about new life and our prayer for you is that you may truly feel a sense of new life, new energy and renewed joy as you take a well-deserved and important break over this holiday period.

Easter blessings to you.

READING PERCENTAGES

Year 6 have leaped ahead this week and knocked Year 1 off the top spot!! Well done Year 6 – 82% of you read at home 4 or more times with a parent. Amazing achievement! Keep up the good work.

The remainder of the classes were all good and as follows:

Reception – 69%; Year 1 – 75%; Year 2 – 59%; Year 3 – 66%; Year 4 – 75%;
Year 5 – 66%.

PERSONAL BESTS

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

Reception – Mahreen for amazing Maths this week as she recognised and counted different amounts of objects to 20 and beyond!

Year 1 - Lucas for using phonics in his writing.

Year 2 - Willow for trying really hard in her writing and producing a great story!



- Year 3 -** Freya for showing huge improvement in choice making! Well done Freya!
- Year 4 -** Logan for lovely manners and working hard.
- Year 5 -** Cieran for fantastic effort in all his tasks!
- Year 6 -** Evie for a fabulous piece of writing.

READING RAFFLE WINNERS

Well done to Jan, Giovanna, Mia, Layton, Sonya, Victoria and Sean for being selected from our raffle. A lovely new book will be with you. Well done on reading 4 or more times at home.

SCHOOL VALUE – FAITH

At the end of each term we celebrate one of our school values. This term it is 'Faith' and the following children have been awarded a certificate:



- Reception -** Evelin for her can do attitude and always believing she can do something!
- Year 1 -** Maria for growing in confidence and having faith in herself.
- Year 2 -** Betty for always trying and never giving up!
- Year 3 -** Henry for always showing positivity and having faith in himself, his friends and all adults in the school.
- Year 4 -** Hanna for her kind, honest and thoughtful nature.
- Year 5 -** Aase for huge perseverance and effort in Maths which has paid off with massive progress!
- Year 6 -** Summer for persevering and having faith in herself.

BRONZE DOJO AWARDS

Our children are awarded DoJo points when they do something helpful, listen to the teacher or do some good work and at certain stages they are awarded a certificate for the number of points received. Due to all the disruption with Covid and school closures, we restarted the scheme again from 8 March when all our lovely children were back in school. I am delighted to let you know that we have awarded an amazing number of Bronze Certificates this week (75 DoJo Points) to the following children:

- Year 1 -** Billy, Enzo, Giovanna, Leonardo, Jensen, Maria.
- Year 2 -** Alfie, Arlo, Mia, Betty, Holly, Minhea, Gabi, Willow, Isaac, Rebeka, Sara, Silvie, Zuri and Skarlette.
- Year 3 -** Amelia, Amy, Arthur, Cayden, Darius, Dominika, Ellis, Ethan, Freya, Henry, Izzy, Jackson Layton, Lehanna, Natalie, Noah, Ridch, Ruby, Shaan, Sophia, Jake and Ivan.
- Year 4 -** Raine, Rose, Hanna and Amelia.
- Year 5 -** Aase, Amir, Amelie, Daisy, Daniel, Anita, Austin, Chloe, Cieran, Nikki, Oscar, Cilla, Scarlet and Victoria.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to our 'Stars of the Week'! Our child 'Star' is Daisy in Year 5 for being overwhelmingly positive and encouraging! Congratulations Daisy! Our adult 'Star' goes to Mrs Green, one of our Learning Support Assistants, for her incredible kindness and dedication.



DECORATED EGGS COMPETITION

Yesterday our annual 'Decorated Egg' competition took place. Each year we think the children can't possibly produce better designs and each year they prove us wrong! Last year, of course, the school was

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closed to most pupils so obviously, with two years of planning, we had some spectacular entries! Mrs Harding and Nicky judged and it took them a long time to decide on the winners as they thought they were all fantastic! Eventually they awarded the following:

- Reception** - Ruby with 'Rapunzel in her Tower'.
- Year 1** - Emco with his 'Hands Around the World'.
- Year 2** - Maari with 'Solar System'.
- Year 3** - Shaan with 'Pokemon'.
- Year 4** - Rose with 'Cove-Egg 19'.
- Year 5** - Ivaylo with 'Hair Lady'.
- Year 6** - Chase with 'Year 6 classroom'.



Each of these children have been awarded a chocolate bunny courtesy of the Friends' Association. Congratulations!

We were also donated a huge Easter egg by the Lions Club of Weston-super-Mare. We decided we would use this as the prize for the best overall design and I am delighted to say that Josh from Year 2 won this with his design 'Rocking Eggs' based on a music group! It was a clever idea and beautifully made so a massive congratulations and enjoy the egg!

Thank you to all our parents who supported their children with this, in buying the materials, transporting the designs etc. You are all amazing!

A big thank you too to Adie Cooper from the Friends' Association who organised a chocolate bunny lolly for all the children in school today as well as getting the prizes sorted.

BIG PEDAL COMPETITION

On Monday, 19 April when we return to school after the Easter break, our School is taking part in The Big Pedal, a national competition to see what school travels the most sustainably. For more information please see <https://bigpedal.org.uk/>.

This week a mechanic came into school to look at children's bikes and we hope that this will encourage as many as possible of you to cycle to school. You can also use your scooter or even your feet but the whole idea is to stop using the car unless you really have to. Many of you may be aware that the infrastructure outside the school is to be changed and the road will become one way into town with a cycle route too. North Somerset Council have been given a grant to promote using other methods of getting to school so look out for information sheets and suggestions in the coming weeks.



BE AWARE

There have been a few cases recently of people engaging children to stop and talk to them. Recently two children from nearby schools (Year 6 and Year 7 pupil) were walking their dog and a man stopped them and wanted to chat and film their dog. There has also been a lot of dog-snatching so please remind your children not to speak to strangers and to be careful.

BE COVID AWARE

Although things are getting more relaxed with less cases of Covid 19 in this area, please can I remind you of the following guidance:

Reporting positive cases of COVID-19 to school during the Easter holidays

Schools have been asked by the Department of Education to remain part of the Test and Trace process for pupils who test positive for COVID-19 during the school holidays. As such, families, children and staff will need to know the following:

- If your child tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms on **Sunday, 4th April**, or afterwards, the **school should not be contacted**. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- If your child tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), and developed symptoms on **Friday 2nd April or Saturday, 3rd April**, (within 48 hours of being in school), **please contact the school as advised below**.

How to report a positive case of COVID-19 during the school holidays

A **new school email address** has been activated for parents and families to use:

covid@christchurchprimaryschool.org

If your child tests positive for COVID-19 (and developed symptoms on Friday, 2nd or Saturday, 3rd April), we ask that you **complete the attached form** (sent on **SchoolPing/email**) and email it to Mrs Bray using the new COVID email address. A risk assessment will be completed by school leaders who will then inform families if their child is identified as a contact, (within 2 metres of a positive case for more than 15 minutes).

Thank you and please stay safe.

As you are aware the school closes today for the Easter break and will reopen on Monday, 19 April at normal time. Children should again wear their PE kit to school on the days they will be having either PE during the day or if they are attending one of the after school clubs. After school clubs will resume from Monday, 19 April.

I hope you all have an enjoyable break.

With best wishes
Mrs Bray