

Christ Church CE VA Primary School

'Let your light shine'



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NEWSLETTER NO: 13

Dear Parents/Carers

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Our Year 3 and Year 5 children and adults received a very Christmassy 'welcome back to school' this week following their self-isolation. Their teachers were delighted with the high level of engagement of learning at home from most of our families, of which I am **really** proud. Teachers reported a far higher level of engagement during our second lockdown, for a variety of reasons. Well done to our teachers for teaching brilliantly from home (they never learnt about that at university), and to our children who have photographed and sent in their work, or brought it back to share in class. I particularly loved the poem titled, 'Tsunami,' beautifully penned by Ellis, and so I shared it in whole school service for two consecutive weeks!



Children are working and socialising much more online in this current climate, and so I thought it would be helpful to share how to stay safe online. When you click on our [esafety](#) page on our school website, you will find tips on how to use parental controls (click [here](#)), as well as useful advice: how to protect your child; age limits for apps, and what to do if you suspect your child is being bullied online. Educating our children about how to stay safe online is essential to ensure the internet remains a safe place for them to communicate, laugh and learn.

PERSONAL BESTS

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

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| Reception | - | Olivia for trying really hard and making the right choices! |
| Year 1 | - | Maria for using her phonics to support her independent learning! |
| Year 2 | - | Skarlette for improvement in reading and always doing the right thing! |
| Year 3 | - | Layton for working so hard to improve his reading, writing and spelling. |
| Year 4 | - | Sonya for perseverance in Maths leading to great results! |
| Year 5 | - | Layla for excellent efforts in all her tasks. |
| Year 6 | - | Riya for great effort in Literacy – using description and dialogue in her writing. |



Great effort!

STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to Mrs Voyle who was awarded star of the week for welcoming back her class after self-isolation, with kindness and an abundance of positivity. Sinan in Year 3 has had a terrific week; full of smiles and bright energy - enough to light the whole classroom.

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READING PERCENTAGES

Congratulations to Year 1 who won our reading challenge this week! 92% of the children read at home 4 or more times this week! Excellent effort!

It is a busy time of the year inside school and out so we do appreciate parents helping the children with their reading skills! The remainder of the classes were as follows:

Reception – 77%, Year 2 – 88%, Year 3 – 88%, Year 4 – 68%, Year 5 – 70% and Year 6 – 76%.



Year 1, the reading trophy will be with your class for our final week of 2020!

READING RAFFLE

Wojciech, Ruby, Siyana, Alex, Josh, Victoria and Evie were chosen as our reading raffle winners for this week. Well done on reading 4 or more times at home and keep up the good work!

TRAIL OF LIGHTS

Thanks to everyone who has purchased a map for our Trail of Lights. We hope you have enjoyed seeing the lovely displays that people have created. Don't forget to return your map to receive your Christmassy treat and vote for your favourite display. The trail is open and available to download until Tuesday 15 December.



YEARS 1 & 2 CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION

Year 1 and 2 will be live streaming their production of 'Prickly Hay' on our school Facebook page on Wednesday, 16 December at approximately 10.30 a.m. We are also recording the production for those who would like a permanent keepsake or to send to relatives. DVDs are available to pre-order from our website – www.christchurchprimaryschool.org priced at £3 each. Please note that we cannot guarantee that these will be available before the end of term due to time taken to produce.

CALENDARS - £1.50

Each year group has produced a calendar for 2021! The children were asked to draw a head and shoulders picture of themselves, these were then all put together and printed – producing an A4 one page laminated calendar complete with fob! These make a lovely (and useful!) keepsake. Calendars are priced at £1.50 each and again can be purchased from our school website (www.christchurchprimaryschool.org) or, if you don't have access to paypal, then by sending £1.50 per calendar in an envelope with your child's name and year group clearly marked on the front. Calendars will be sent home with the children before the end of term. Our thanks to Mrs Carpenter for all her hard work in collating and making the calendars.



PITMAN FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Pitman's kindly asked if our school would be able to make a picture advent calendar for their shop window on Milton Road, near Ashcombe Road traffic lights. Our Year 4 class and Mrs White rose to the challenge and their wonderful works of art are now displayed for all to see. Congratulations to them all for their lovely work! Pitman's were so pleased they donated £120 of book vouchers to Year 4 who are busy choosing which super books to add to their class. Well done Year 4 and Mrs White!



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CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Christmas Lunch

Huge thanks to Nicky, our Cook, and Guden, our Kitchen Assistant, for producing a yummy Christmas dinner for all the children who ordered one yesterday! It is no mean feat trying to dish over 150 dinners and puddings out in all the classes. This year was particularly difficult as we weren't all able to sit together in the hall but the children had a lovely time so that is the main thing! They really enjoyed their Christmas cracker too! Thanks also to all the staff who gave up some of their break to help out. Christ Church is a great team!



Christmas Jumpers

It was lovely to see all the children in their Christmas jumpers/T shirts. It has been a very festive 'Christ Church' this week!

Christmas Parties

Don't forget the Christmas parties will take place next week during the afternoons. A letter has been sent out with all the children but just as a reminder –

Monday, 14 December	-	Year 1
Tuesday, 15 December	-	Reception
Wednesday, 16 December	-	Year 2
Thursday, 17 December	-	Years 3, 4 and 5
Friday, 18 December	-	Year 6.



All children should **WEAR THEIR PARTY CLOTHES TO SCHOOL ON THE MORNING OF THEIR PARTY.** Year 6 have opted to wear their pyjamas so please ensure that they wear plenty of layers underneath to keep them warm.

Bring a small, disposable, named plate of party food for them to eat. Please note this will be approximately 2 hours after they have eaten lunch so don't send in too much, as anything they don't eat will be disposed of. Please also ensure you **DO NOT INCLUDE NUTS OR ITEMS CONTAINING NUTS** as we have several children with nut allergies in school. Make sure also that their plate is covered and the name and year group can be clearly seen.



IF YOUR CHILD HAS PACKED LUNCHES HE/SHE WILL STILL NEED TO BRING IN THEIR LUNCH.

Pantomime

On Thursday of next week we are live streaming the Pantomime Aladdin for all the children! There is no charge for the event and we are very excited that we have been able to do this! Thanks to our IT wizard Mr Rogers for sorting all the technical side! The performance will start at 11.00 a.m. and will run for 90

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minutes with an additional 20 minute break half way through. As the performance will cover lunchtime we have decided the children will eat their lunch during the performance with school meal children having their food in a grab bag. The menu will stay the same but with carrot sticks instead of sweetcorn.

CROWDED SCHOOL LANE

We've received numerous complaints that our school lane is too crowded for pedestrians at drop off and pick up times. Many of our children with special educational needs have become too scared or overwhelmed to walk through because of this. To ensure it is safe, parents and carers must wait along the wall at the social distancing markings and not in the middle of the lane. Please only arrive at your child's allotted time and leave promptly, as follows:

Year Group	Gate	Morning drop off	Afternoon pick up
Reception	Back	08:55	3:00
Year 1	Back	08:45	3:10
Year 2	Back	08:50	3:15
Year 3	Front	08:50	3:15
Year 4	Front	08:45	3:10
Year 5	Front	08:40	3:05
Year 6	Front	08:35	3:00

Drop off – both/all siblings at the earliest time. The oldest sibling will take their younger siblings to their classes first before going to registration.

Pick up – both/all siblings can be picked up at the earliest time. The older siblings will wait in the playground outside their younger sibling's class, and all can walk together to the **oldest sibling's gate**. The gates will be supervised by senior members of staff.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Spaces **MUST** be booked in advance by emailing the school office during school hours 08:30 – 4:30. The fees are £2 per day.



END OF SCHOOL TERM

This school's final day of the term will be **FRIDAY, 18 DECEMBER**. We are not closing a day earlier as some schools in the area are doing. Finishing time will also be as normal.

INSET DAY – Monday 4th January – **SCHOOL IS CLOSED TO PUPILS**. Tuesday, 5 January school reopens for pupils.

Best wishes,

Mrs Bray

