



## Christ Church CE VC Primary School

### NEWSLETTER June 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Term 6 is certainly a busy term! With track races and Sports Day, Parents Evenings, our Move Up day, visits for our new starters in September and transition visits for our year 6 leavers as well as the year 6 production!

Last week Year 6 did their own mini general election, which included reading manifestos and making decisions with a confidential vote in their own voting booth. The children demonstrated a number of the school's ELLI principles including: good relationships, reflection and making connections. Year 6 were really enthusiastic about the British value of democracy.

The new building is finally finished and Year 6 have enjoyed moving into the new classrooms. Other classes have also had a tour of the building. We are now wondering what we should call it. If anyone has any suggestions please feel free to let Mr Baker or myself know. If any companies are interested in sponsoring the building or the community room within it, then please get in touch with us.

The good weather has also arrived. Can I remind you to send the children in with hats and a water bottle, especially for our track races and sports days next week. If you can apply sun cream before the children come to school that would be helpful. The children are expected to be able to apply the sun cream themselves if needed.

Our Kwik Cricket team played in a cluster tournament at Winsley earlier this week and came third. Well done to all who played and thank you to Mr Kiely for supporting them (see picture later in the newsletter).

We must also say thank you to FOCCS for purchasing us a new microphone and a special thank you to Mrs Carey who very kindly came at short notice to set it up so we could use it for the Year 1 collective worship last week.

Today the governors have spent the day in school sharing in our learning and lunchtimes as well as supporting the school with its self evaluation and school improvement plan for this year. We welcome our two new parent governors, Graham Adams and Amy Laird.

On a sad note many of the Year 1 children are very disappointed that they are unable to use some of their wonderful outside resources that were purchased with FOCCS cake day money. This is because before and after school a number of unsupervised toddlers have used sticks to scratch the new board purchased earlier this year and some outside scales have also been broken. The children regularly use this equipment but are unable to use it as often as they would like. It can't be left out because of the unsupervised children that have been damaging it before and after school.

On a more positive note I am pleased to say that FOCCS has raised the money for a school radio station. There have been a few questions about how this might benefit all the children across the school. The radio station we intend to purchase is a portable one so it will not only have it's own studio but also be able to be moved to classroom locations to be used by a whole class. The National Curriculum introduced in 2014 has a number of objectives which promote speaking aloud, reading children's own work, performing poetry, as well as script writing. The radio station would allow the children to do this in a real life context and give purpose to their written work and performances as well as giving them an audience. Many children often don't have the confidence to speak out loud in front of a whole group of people, yet research shows a radio allows these children to build up confidence and perform to an audience. We hope in the first year to produce recorded podcasts and sound clouds that can be uploaded to the website so friends and family will be able to hear the radio shows. Then when we are ready we will broadcast live radio shows. We have also been in contact with a local broadcaster who we hope will support the children.

Thank you for your continued support,

Claire Hann-Perkins, Interim Headteacher

**\*\*\*INSET day - Wednesday 21 June 2017 - school is closed to pupils\*\*\***

### **Competitive Track Races - Monday 19 June**

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 at 9.25am Foundation, Years 1 & 2 at 10.55am

### **Sports Day - Friday 23 June**

Parents are welcome from 1.00pm

### **School contact details**

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## Dates for your diary .....



### **Term 6 Monday 5 June - Friday 21 July 2017**

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| Monday 19 June           | Competitive track races - Yr 3,4,5 & 6 at 9.25am FS, Yr 1 & 2 at 10.55am   |
| <b>Wednesday 21 June</b> | <b>INSET Day - SCHOOL IS CLOSED</b>  |
| Friday 23 June           | Sports Day (House Day) - Parents invited from 1.00pm - NO MUSIC LESSONS IN SCHOOL  |
| Wednesday 28 June        | Foundation Induction Meeting for September 2017 7.00pm   |
| Thursday 29 June         | Year 6 Taster Day at St. Laurence (1 of 2)   |
| Friday 30 June           | Summer Concert at Wiltshire Music Centre 6.00pm  |
| Tuesday 4 July           | Year 5 Taster Day at St. Laurence<br>Parents consultations 4.00 - 7.00pm<br><i>sign up sheets will be put up outside the school office the week before</i><br>FOCCS Open Meeting |
| Wednesday 5 July         | Parents consultations 4.00 - 7.00pm<br><i>sign up sheets will be put up outside the school office the week before</i>  |
| Thursday 6 July          | Whole School Taster Day<br>Year 6 Taster Day at St. Laurence (2 of 2)<br>Year 6 Parents evening at St. Laurence School   |
| Tuesday 11 July          | Year 6 Production to parents and carers  |
| Wednesday 12 July        | Year 6 Production to parents and carers  |
| Thursday 20 July         | Leavers service in Christ Church - Year 6 parents/carers are invited to attend<br>End of Term 6  |
| Friday 21 July           | <b>INSET Day - SCHOOL IS CLOSED</b>  |

### INFORMATION FOR PARENTS / CARERS

#### **Re: Unauthorised absence from school – including requests for Leave of Absence (holidays in term time)**

There has been much media attention over the last year regarding Leave of Absence (holidays in term time) where the term 'regular' has been considered at some length by the courts.

On 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 the Supreme Court released its judgement that the term 'regular' means 'in accordance with the rules prescribed by the school' i.e. to attend for all the sessions that the school is open.

When a child is absent from school where this has not been authorised a parent / a carer can be held accountable for an offence under Section 444 of the Education Act 1996 – failure to secure the regular attendance at school of a child.

It is the responsibility of the Headteacher to consider whether absences are authorised or not dependent upon the reason provided by the parent / carer. Therefore, if the school advises a parent / carer that unauthorised absence has been accrued or that a Leave of Absence will be marked unauthorised there would be evidence of the child failing to attend school regularly.

Where there is evidence of unauthorised absence the school has a duty to notify the Local Authority for the consideration of the issuance of a Penalty Notice to each parent / carer.

As retrospective authorisation is not permitted for instances of Leave of Absence (holidays in term time) prior permission should be sought direct from the school prior to any Leave of Absence being taken.

There is no automatic right to authorised absence from school and it remains the responsibility of the Headteacher to determine whether or not authorisation is permitted.

# Celebrating Childrens Achievements

## Ballet

Congratulations go to Imogen Clack (Rabbits), Emily Alloun (Rabbits), Eleanor Ede (Woodpeckers) on passing their primary ballet exam. Well done girls!

## Cricket



Congratulations to our cricket team who took part in a cluster tournament at Winsley Cricket club this week. They came third and we are very proud of them.

The team are Joel Dicker (6AR), Nathanael Shields (5GT), Leo Hossent (6AR), Luke Bingham (6AR), Isabel Wilkins (5GT), George James (6JD), Rory Unwin (6JD) and Oscar Belmont (6JD). Well done everyone!

If you have any news you would like to share in a newsletter or collective worship, please let Sarah Jones, Senior Admin Officer, know ([admin@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk)).

## **Summer Concert - Friday 30 June 2017 6.00pm at the Wiltshire Music Centre**

Letters have now been sent home to all the performers. Tickets are be available from the box office at the Wiltshire Music Centre. All details of how to buy them are in the letters.

A fabulous evening is planned and we look forward to seeing you there.



# BUTTERFLY DAY







*Iford Orchard*

Sunday 25 June 2017, 12- 4pm

**FREE ENTRY**

(Peto Garden not included)

Bring a picnic and enjoy a wild day out for all the family in a beautiful riverside setting. Dogs on leads welcome.

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|  Guided butterfly walks   |  Spectacular moth display |
|  Free craft making        |  Face Painting            |
|  Music - learn a bug song |  Story telling            |



## Iford Manor tea room

Delicious cakes, teas and ice creams

Served from 12 noon

The Peto Gardens will be open from  
2pm (separate charge applies)

*For further details and to find out more about the 2017 Iford Arts festival of events at Iford Manor, visit [ifordarts.org.uk](http://ifordarts.org.uk). BA15 2BA*

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