



## Christ Church CE VC Primary School

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the start of a new academic year. I would like to extend an extra welcome to the new families who have joined us over the summer holiday. It was good to return and find that the Harris fencing has finally gone and the new fencing is in place. There is now an official place for any bicycles and scooters just in front of the bungalow.

If you use the Berryfield Road entrance the route into the school grounds is in front of the year one classrooms. We are encouraging people to walk around this way to avoid crossing the car park. As Foundation are going to be using the quad for their curriculum provision it will no longer be possible to cut through to and from the school office. If you wish to speak to the office then please come through the main door. Please can we ask that you do not use the front entrance and hall as a cut through but to go across the playground in front of the Year 1 classrooms.

It was good to hear many holiday stories and to know that not everyone was rained upon!

I would also like to welcome two new members of staff, Miss Lisa Dunford and Mrs Julie Purnell, who will both be an MDSA, a cleaner and admin assistant. The offices in the school have been moved so that all the team are now in the same location. Mrs Jones will still be the main 'front of house' and will be assisted by Miss Dunford who will take telephone messages and Mrs Basconnet-Ward who will deal with absences and afterschool clubs. Mrs Smith and Mrs Anderson have responsibilities for supporting contractors and other financial matters.

I hope that your child has had a positive start to the term as I know the staff have worked hard over the summer to prepare for the start of this term.

Neil Baker  
Headteacher

### Telephone system and reporting absence from school

Our messaging system for recorded absences is not working at the moment so to report your child's absence from school call 01225 863444 and please hold to speak to the school office from 8.00am onwards or send an email to [absence@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:absence@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk). The message still needs to be received before 8.50 am which is when the registers close.

If you wish to report an absence from the FUNdays morning club or the FUNdays after school club please contact FUNdays directly on 07874222782. The school will not pass on absence calls to FUNdays. They wish you to call directly. This is the only correspondence that should be sent to this address.



If you think your child is late you must sign them in at the school office and book their school dinner as they will have missed that register as well.

### Parking & Dogs

If you are dropping your child off for FUNdays club in the morning please do not park in the car park. Staff are arriving at this time and parents are preventing staff from parking. Could we ask that if you have a dog and you know they will bark if left tied to the fence, please don't bring them to school. Neighbours are concerned about the noise disturbing those who work shifts.

Thank you

### School contact details

Tel: 01225 863444 email: [admin@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk) website: [www.christchurch.wilts.sch.uk](http://www.christchurch.wilts.sch.uk)

## Dates for your diary .....



### Term 1 Friday 1 September - Wednesday 18 October 2017

<b>Friday 1 September</b>	<b>INSET Day - SCHOOL IS CLOSED</b>
Wednesday 6 September	Welcome meeting for Year 2 parents 5.30-6.30pm in classrooms Welcome meeting for Year 3 parents 5.00-6.00pm in classrooms Welcome meeting for Year 5 parents 5.00-6.00pm in classrooms
Monday 25 September	House Day
Wednesday 27 September	St. Laurence School Open Evening
Friday 29 September	Collective Worship for 6JD
Thursday 5 October	FOCCS AGM 8.00pm in school
Friday 6 October	Collective Worship for Year 3 (Joint)
Monday 9 October	Harvest Festival - service in Christ Church (pupils only)
Tuesday 10 October	Parent Consultations 4.00 - 7.00pm <i>sign up sheets will be put up the week before</i>
Thursday 12 October	Parent Consultations 4.00 - 7.00pm <i>sign up sheets will be put up the week before</i>
Tuesday 17 October	Open Afternoon and Evening for Foundation parents starting September 2018 2.00pm or 7.00pm
Wednesday 18 October	End of Term 1 End of Term service in Christ Church (pupils only)
Saturday 31 October	Closing Date for Secondary School applications - September 2018

## For the attention of **all parents**

Will your child be transferring to  
secondary school in September 2018?

**You must apply for a  
secondary school place**

Apply online at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk)

**The deadline for all applications is  
31 October 2017**

To request our booklet -  
"Finding a secondary school place in Wiltshire"  
or for a paper application form,  
contact customer services on **01225 713010**  
All paper applications must be returned to the  
School Admissions Team at County Hall, Trowbridge

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## For the attention of **all parents**

Will your child be four years old  
before September 2018?

**You must apply for a  
primary school place**

Apply online at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk)

**The deadline for all applications is  
15 January 2018**

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"Finding a primary school place in Wiltshire"  
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## Useful information.....

### Taking your child out for an appointment

If you need to take your child out of school for an appointment you must inform their teacher and the school office.

Arrangements will then be made for you to collect your child from the School Office where they must sign out before they leave with you. They must also be signed back in when they return so please ensure they enter the school via the office.



### Absence during term time

If your child is going to absent from school during term time, other than for sickness, you will have to complete a request for absence during term time. These forms are located outside the school office. Completed forms should be handed in with as much notice as possible as it can take up to 5 working days to process the application. There is a separate form for music or dance exams.



### School dinners

The price of school dinners is £2.20 for all children in Years 3-6. Dinners can be ordered on a daily basis or in advance. However payment must be made on or before the day the meal is required. Cash or cheque (made payable to Sodexo) must be placed in an envelope with the following information on:

Child's name, class, day meal required and amount enclosed.

Your child can take this envelope into class and hand it in when the dinner register is taken. Alternatively, there is a locked white box on the wall near the school office where you can place your payments at any time.

***Don't forget to claim your free school meals if you are eligible, even if your child is in Foundation, Year 1 or Year 2 and currently receives Universal Free School Meals. See the advert later in this newsletter.***



### Medicines in School

In accordance with Ofsted regulations, the school follows guidelines on the administration of medicines as directed by Wiltshire Council. This means that the school is only able to administer medicines in exceptional circumstances. Medicines where the doctor prescribes the dosage as three times a day can be given before school, after school and again at bedtime. However, we do accept that occasionally there may be a specific reason that treatment is required at lunchtime, e.g. Ritalin tablets for ADHD.

If your child must be treated at lunchtime then we will require this in writing from your doctor or the time stipulated actually on the medication itself. Medication will only be accepted if clearly labelled with the child's details and instructions for use. This careful labelling also applies to Ventolin inhalers and Epi-pens.



Neil Baker  
Headteacher

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## Celebrating Children's Achievements

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### Music

Congratulations to Sebastian Masero (5AH) who has recently passed his grade 1 Electric Guitar exam with a merit. Well done Sebastian!

Congratulations also to Alice Riley (5GT) who has passed her grade 1 Drumming with a distinction. Amazing Alice!

Please let Sarah Jones in the school office have any details of achievements that you would like to share with everyone. You can email [admin@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk) or drop in a note to the school office.

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# Claim your free school meals

I save more than  
£350 and hours  
of time on  
making lunches.

I get a tasty meal every  
day that's good for me  
and it's free!

Our school gets  
hundreds of extra  
pounds to help your  
child if you register  
for free school  
meals or fill in a  
simple form.\*



**...everyone's a winner!**

Check to see if you are eligible and register today using our confidential online application form at: [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

For further information call 01225 713780 or speak to your child's school today.

\* From September 2014 all children in reception, year one and year two became entitled to free school meals. You don't have to apply, just tell the school you want meals for your child. However, if you are receiving a qualifying benefit, your school could also be entitled to an extra £1,300 pupil premium to support your child. Please ask your school for the short form you can complete to give them this information. If eligible – your school can then apply for this amount.

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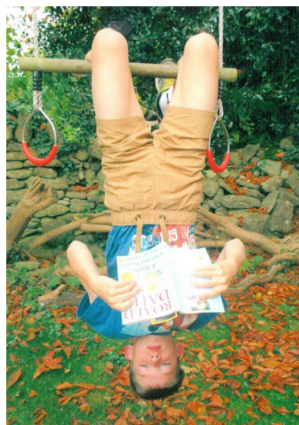
# EXTREME reading

## **The challenge is on again!**

During Term 1 send in your photos of you reading under extreme conditions to [admin@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk) by Monday 16 October 2017.

Winners will be announced at the start of Term 2.

The pictures below are the winning entries last year....



**Good luck and happy reading!**