



## Christ Church CE VC Primary School

### NEWSLETTER February 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have come to the end of another busy term. We have had lots to celebrate this term with the year 5 and 6 children going off to the O2 to take part in Young Voices. The children had an amazing time, a big thank you to Miss Brown for organising the trip. Meanwhile, year 3 have been busy performing their 'Jailhouse Rock' dance at the West Wiltshire Dance Festival held at the Forum in Bath. Thank you to Mrs Matthews for organising this and supporting the children in practicing the dance over the last term. Both of these events were supported by FOCCS who provided the transport for the dance festival and purchased a banner for the Young Voices.

Elsewhere in school Foundation have discovered their lost penguins (Polly, Pop and Otto) are now safely back in Antarctica. Year 6 have entered the Dragons Den as part of their Enterprise project, we hope your bids were successful.

Year 2 have been learning all about castles and finished this term by dressing up as fairy tale characters to raise money for a charity as part of their learning in PSHEE.

We have also had a busy term with our radio shows, with two class radio shows from 5GT and 6AD as well as our weekly shows. Please do go onto the website ([www.christchurch.wilts.sch.uk](http://www.christchurch.wilts.sch.uk)) and listen to our shows. Remember you can email the radio on [radio@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:radio@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk) with any messages and the children will read these out.

Mrs Taylor, our music teacher, is leaving Christ Church at Easter to take up another post. Although we will be sad to see Mrs Taylor go, we have appointed a replacement. We would like to welcome Mrs Nicola Screen to Christ Church who will take up her new position after Easter. Mrs Screen has been a Head of Music and has led many different musical ensembles. I am sure you will join me in wishing Mrs Taylor every success in her new post and then welcoming Mrs Screen to Christ Church.

Thank you for your support over the last term, we wish the children a restful break over the half term. Please remember we return to school on Tuesday 20 February.

Neil Baker  
Headteacher

### House Points at the end of Term 3

**Unicorn 2170 Gryphon 2040 Dragon 1920 Pegasus 1750**

### School contact details

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## Dates for your diary .....



### **Term 4 Monday 19 February - Thursday 29 March 2018**

<b>Monday 19 February</b>	<b>INSET Day - SCHOOL IS CLOSED</b>
Tuesday 20 February	Term 4 begins - children return to school
Friday 23 February	Collective Worship led by Maranatha Church
Friday 2 March	House Day
Friday 9 March	Collective Worship for Year 1 (Joint)
Wednesday 14 March	FOCCS Open Meeting 8.00pm at school
Friday 16 March	Collective Worship for Rabbits class (Year 2)
	Records of Achievement go home
Tuesday 20 March	Parents consultations 4.00 - 7.00pm <i>sign up sheets will be put up the week before</i>
	Foundation Stage performance to parents
Thursday 22 March	Parents consultations 4.00 - 7.00pm <i>sign up sheets will be put up the week before</i>
	Foundation Stage performance to parents
26-29 March	STEM Week
Thursday 29 March	End of Term 4
	End of Term service in Christ Church (pupils only)
Saturday 31 March	FOCCS Easter Egg Hunt

### **Term 5 Monday 16 April - Friday 25 May 2018**

Monday 16 April	Term 5 begins - children return to school
Friday 27 April	Collective Worship for Hedgehog Class (Foundation)
Friday 4 May	Muftie Day for May Fayre
Monday 7 May	May Fayre - organised by FOCCS
	Bank Holiday - school closed to children
Friday 11 May	Collective Worship for Badgers class (Year 1)
14-18 May	KS2 SATs week - NO MUSIC LESSONS IN SCHOOL
Tuesday 15 May	FOCCS Open Meeting 8.00pm
18-21 May	Year 6 Residential trip
Friday 25 May	End of Term 5
	End of Term service in Christ Church (pupils only)

### **Parking**

Please could we ask that parents do not use the car parks at either end of the school, for dropping off children at the beginning of the day. Doing so makes it difficult for staff to find a space.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Neil Baker  
Headteacher

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## **Celebrating Children's Achievements**

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### **Music**

Lyla Kirtley (6AD) has recently passed her Grade 2 Piano exam with a merit. Well done Lyla!

Ismay Psirides (6JD) has passed her Grade 2 Violin exam with a distinction. Congratulations Ismay!

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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### **Internet Safety Week**



This week it has been internet safety week. The digital leaders led the school in Collective Worship highlighting some tips on how to be safe online. School is also going to be working on an Online safety project with the local authority and St Laurence which will support the school in updating our Online Safety Policy, provide training for Staff as well as a parent workshop.

With Online safety in mind, we've received a few reports of some apps being promoted to children that are potentially unsafe. 'Blaze and The Monster Machines' and 'Five Nights at Freddy's' have both caused concerns regarding offensive language and violent content. We strongly advise parents to check children's devices for content; especially as some of these apps can initially appear very innocent with childlike animation and illustrations.

Lots of children are also using the app [musical.ly](https://musical.ly). Can I remind parents that this app is aimed at over 13's and not appropriate for Primary age children. If you would like some guidance on privacy settings for this app, there is a leaflet on the school website.

For any further information on Internet safety -  
<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2018>

Claire Hann-Perkins  
Deputy Headteacher

## Attendance

Our school attendance has been highlighted as an area we need to monitor closely and the school governors are supporting the school with monitoring this. It is important children have a high attendance in school. If possible please ensure that all medical/dental appointments are either made at the end of the school day or first thing in the morning to minimise the loss of learning time.

Attendance during one school year	Days absent	Approximate weeks absent	Approximate number of Maths sessions	Approximate number of English sessions
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	9	9
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	19	19
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	29	29
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	38	38
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	48	48
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	57	57
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	67	67

## Telephone system and reporting absence from school

To report your child's absence from school call 01225 863444 and press 1 to leave a message. Alternatively you can 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.

## Grounds Project

The FOCCS grounds committee have been working hard on bringing ideas together, thank you to Paul Robertson who has drawn up the plans of what the grounds may look like. We have divided the work up into four phases. Phase 1 will be extending the playground in KS1 and Foundation Stage as well as adding markings to the playgrounds. For more information please come in and look at the display in the front entrance. If you would like to share any ideas then please pop along to the next grounds meeting which will be on Monday 5th of March at 8pm.



## CHRIST CHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Colour Masterplan

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