



## Christ Church CE VC Primary School

NEWSLETTER  
January 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to another busy term at Christ Church. The term has kicked off with lots of exciting topic launches from wearing pyjamas in year 3 helping them find out what is under their bed to learning about robots in year 1.

Our radio station is going well. You can look forward to not only our weekly shows this term but we have also planned 3 different class shows so look out for those. Please do remember you can email the radio show on [radio@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:radio@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk) and the children will read out your emails. They would really love to hear from any parents or children about any exciting events happening in the community or to celebrate any achievements.

Other exciting events happening this term include the dance festival (year 3), Young Voices (club for years 5 and 6) as well as our reading bingo challenge which is being organised by Mr Douglass and supported by FOCCS.

In 2016 the school organised a very successful STEM week, we are currently organising another week at the end of term 4. If you have or know anyone who would be willing to support the school with this week then please contact Mrs Rutt.

Claire Hann-Perkins  
Deputy Headteacher

### 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.

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.

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 3 Thursday 4 January - Friday 9 February 2018

Monday 15 January	Closing Date for Foundation Stage admission applications - September 2018
Friday 19 January	Collective Worship for Otter Class (Foundation)
Tuesday 23 January	FOCCS Open Meeting 8.00pm at school
Friday 26 January	Collective Worship for 5ah
Friday 2 February	Collective Worship for Squirrel Class (Foundation) FOCCS Quiz Night
Friday 9 February	End of Term service in Christ Church (pupils only) End of Term 3

### 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

**MY SCIENCE FAIR 2018**

**WILTSHIRE LIVE & MUSIC CENTRE 20 BRADFORD ON AVON**

**MY SCIENCE FAIR SCIENCE & SOUND**

**CALLING ALL YOUNG SCIENTISTS AND EXPLORERS**

Do you have an idea for a project?  
Is there something you want to explore?  
**JOIN THE FUN!**  
Tell us your idea and get started!

**GET EXPLORING!**

- Do your research and experiment
- Make a poster explaining your findings
- Attend **MY SCIENCE FAIR** on Sun 4 March for a free day full of science and music activities and workshops for the whole family!
- Display your work at **MY SCIENCE FAIR**
- Receive a certificate and win prizes!

**FREE!**  
Children from 5 to 11 years can enter

Visit [www.wiltshiremusic.org.uk](http://www.wiltshiremusic.org.uk) or contact [kathryn.graff@wiltshiremusic.org.uk](mailto:kathryn.graff@wiltshiremusic.org.uk) to apply. The deadline for applications is Wednesday 17th January 2018!

Wiltshire Music Centre Ashley Road, Bradford on Avon, BA15 1DZ / 01225 860 100

### **\*\* Calling all young explorers and curious thinkers! \*\***

What are echoes? Why is slime slimey? How does a rainbow form? Why do shiny coins become dull?  
Is your child fascinated by how things work?  
Does your child like to ask questions?

If so, why not enter the My Science Fair and take the chance to investigate some of these ideas with them? My Science Fair is a fantastic and fun annual competition for primary kids with interesting questions, taking place at the Wiltshire Music Centre on 4th March 2018.

Your child should follow these 5 steps to enter:

- Think of a question they want to explore
- Submit this idea by midnight **17<sup>th</sup> January** via the online form on the website [www.wiltshiremusic.org.uk/whats-on/my-science-fair](http://www.wiltshiremusic.org.uk/whats-on/my-science-fair)
- Investigate the idea or question
- Create an eye-catching project poster
- Display their poster on their own stand at the Fair on the 4th March and tell others about what they've found out .... whilst having the chance to see what other kids have been finding out too.

For inspiration and project ideas, look at the following web-

sites, [www.sciencebuddies.org](http://www.sciencebuddies.org) or [www.scienceprojectideas.co.uk](http://www.scienceprojectideas.co.uk).

And if you have any questions, please feel free to email [kathryn.graff@wiltshiremusic.org.uk](mailto:kathryn.graff@wiltshiremusic.org.uk)

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## Celebrating Children's Achievements

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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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### Are you having a post-Christmas sort out?

Foundation Stage would love to add to their resources and are in need of the following:

Small world toys especially figures (people/fairies/superheroes etc)  
Play sets e.g Sylvanians, Octonauts, Peppa Pig, My Little Pony etc  
Larger figures e.g barbies, action man, Transformers and robots etc.  
We really, really need clothes for barbie size dolls.

Vehicles- especially tractors and diggers

Playmobil- especially people with the tops of their heads on!

Small Lego and Lego figures.

We do not currently need any games or puzzles as we are busy sorting the ones we have.

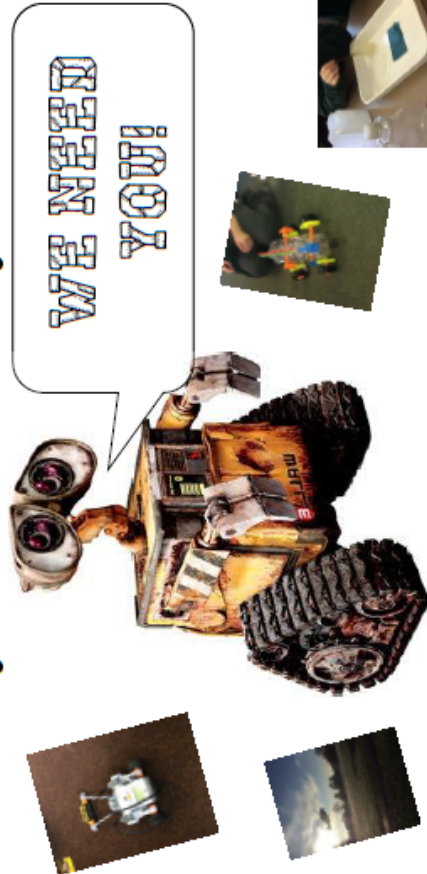
Please give any donations to the office or the Foundation Stage Team.

Thank you for your support.



# STEM WEEK PRELIMINARY

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March to Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March



If you or anybody you know has a background in 'STEM' we would love to hear from you. We would like to offer as many workshops, presentations and experiences to as many of our children as possible. Whatever your STEM specialism or experience with children, there will be something that you can do.

STEM WEEK 2016 included: robots, bridges, aeroplanes, a helicopter, coding, 'The Bloodhound', healthy eating, sewage soup, the human body and much, much more.

Please contact: [helen.rutt@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:helen.rutt@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk) for more information or to offer your services.

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE CROWNED BRITAIN'S  
BEST LEGO BUILDER?

# LEGO MASTERS



Do you love to build awesome creations? We are looking for brick obsessed pairs of all ages to register interest in a second series of 'LEGO MASTERS' on Channel 4 to find Britain's most talented amateur builders.

Please email [build@tuesdayschild.tv](mailto:build@tuesdayschild.tv) to register your interest. If you are under 18 please ask a parent or guardian to email on your behalf. Unfortunately, we won't be able to answer all the requests individually. Applicants must be 9+.

**TUESDAY'S CHILD**