



Christ Church CE VC Primary School

NEWSLETTER July 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of this academic year we have lots to celebrate. This newsletter will show off a culmination of all the work that has happened over the course of this term. This has included many trips with foundation enjoying Bristol Zoo and Year 2 enjoying Longleat. KS1 and Foundation also enjoyed their circus day as a treat for all their hard work following their marble jar explosion. KS2 have enjoyed a variety of different topics from Brazil in Year 5 finishing with a carnival and Year 3 going back in time to enjoy a history day. Meanwhile Year 6 have entertained us with their musical production of Alice in Wonderland. They all performed brilliantly and showed off their musical and acting talent like professionals. Many thanks to all the staff, parents and volunteers who supported the children and helped them create such an amazing show. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank all the year 6s for their hard work over the years and wish them well with the next chapter of their school career.

This term particularly has allowed the pupils to focus on our newly introduced ELLUI dimension of being independent. Each year group has allowed the children to take on their own independent project. I have been really impressed with the quality of work the children have produced as well as using many other ELLI dimensions to support their independence, including their curious minds and creativity.

Many thanks must go to FOCCS for all their hard work and support this year. They have raised an amazing £21,155, which is absolutely fantastic! This money makes a big difference to the school. Over the past year they have purchased £250 worth of books for every year group, bought KS1 a new reading scheme, provided money for materials for Arts Week, paid for lunchtime sports clubs, bought two replacement microphones for the hall, paid for World Book Day author visits, supported the KS1 Nativity and Year 6 production and provided money for Emotional Literacy resources. We have also raised £10,000 to allow the school to purchase a radio station. Not to mention some of the wonderful things each year group has purchased with their own cake day money. Next year they intend to raise money to look at the school grounds and are putting a working party together for the project. There is a meeting about this on 21 September 2017. Thank you all for all your contributions.

We are saying goodbye to Mrs Jenny Knight, Music teacher, and Mrs Elaine Olasz, Learning Support Assistant and we wish them all the best for the future. Mrs Kate Brown will be taking a year's sabbatical and we look forward to her returning in September 2018. As we say goodbye we also need to welcome new staff. Mrs Sara Taylor will be joining us in September as Music teacher and Mrs Sarah Robinson will be joining the Foundation team as class teacher for Hedgehogs. I am sure you will join with me in welcoming them to the Christ Church community.

May I take this opportunity to thank all the parents, governors and staff for their support while I have been Interim Head and wish you all a lovely summer break.

Claire Hann-Perkins, Interim Headteacher



Our new mural completed during Arts Week

Term 1 begins on Monday 4 September 2017
Have a good summer!

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Dates for your diary



Term 1 Friday 1 September - Wednesday 18 October 2017

Friday 1 September	INSET Day - SCHOOL IS CLOSED
Monday 4 September	Term 1 begins - children return to school Welcome meeting for Year 4 parents 4.00-5.00pm in classrooms Welcome meeting for Year 6 parents 5.00-6.00pm in classrooms
Wednesday 6 September	Welcome meeting for Year 2 parents 5.00-6.00pm 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> Open Afternoon and Evening for Foundation parents starting September 2018 2.00pm or 7.00pm
Tuesday 17 October	
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

Collective Worship in Term 1

Friday 29 September - 6JD

Friday 6 October - Year 3 (Joint)

Name labels

Please don't forget to label all your child's school uniform. Even just labelling the clothes with pen helps to return them to the correct child.

Cool Milk

Over the summer holidays please could you check whether your children are still wishing to have milk at break time. We are throwing away an increasing number of full milk cartons, and are conscious that the majority of this is being paid for by parents. If you wish to cancel your milk order, please access your account via www.coolmilk.com or by calling 0844 854 2913 / emailing regstrations@coolmilk.com. As the account is personal to you, the school is unable to arrange this on your behalf.

Janine Smith
Operations Manager

I am writing to let you know that my work with the Wiltshire Education Transformation Board concludes at the start of the next academic year. The work has meant that Christ Church has been in a position to know at the outset the national discussion around the future of schools—especially changes to schools funding (as I write this, new funding has just been announced—we await the finer details).

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a relaxing and re-energising summer break and look forward to welcoming the children back on 4 September.

Neil Baker
Headteacher

My child is in year group <small>(please circle)</small>	FS Boy Girl	1 Boy Girl	2 Boy Girl	3 Boy Girl	4 Boy Girl	5 Boy Girl	6 Boy Girl
			Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
At school							
my child is happy.			65%	35%			
my child feels safe.			77%	23%			
my child is making good progress.			67%	31%	1%	1%	
my child is well looked after.			76%	24%			
my child is taught well.			74%	24%			2%
my child receives appropriate homework.			49%	46%	2%	1%	2%
my child enjoys the school meals from the kitchen.			38%	45%	8%	2%	7%
The school							
ensures pupils are well behaved.			53%	46%			1%
deals effectively with bullying.			35%	35%	5%		25%
is well led and managed.			52%	42%	1%		5%
offers an exciting curriculum.			56%	40%	2%	1%	1%
responds well to any concerns I raise.			47%	45%	2%		6%
offers a good range of after school clubs.			35%	46%	11%	2%	6%
takes account of pupils' views.			34%	47%		2%	17%
As a parent							
I receive valuable information about progress.			49%	46%	4%		1%
We regularly hold parent workshops throughout the year e.g. phonics, maths, reading, behaviour, e-safety, spelling, assessment process, etc. What type of workshop would you wish the school to run?							
What time of day would be your preference?			0900 26%	1030 2%	1400 3%	1800 28%	1930 41%
I would recommend this school to another parent.						Yes 100%	No

Celebrating Childrens Achievements

Ballet

Congratulations to Imogen Clack. Emily Alloun and Elena Ede who have all recently passed their Primary Ballet exam. Well done girls!

Blue Peter Badge

Joe Stacey (3DH) has been proudly wearing his Blue Peter Badge in school. He wrote a poem about waking up and watching Blue Peter and sent it in to the programme. They were so impressed with it that they sent him a badge! Well done Joe.

Swimming

Beth Stanger (3DH), Anoushka McGrail (3LM) and James Pengelly (3DH) all took part in a sponsored swim last weekend to raise money for FOCCS. In half an hour the three of them swam a combined total of 1,850m (that's 74 lengths of the pool in Bradford on Avon!!). So far they have raised a fantastic amount of £813 and you can still sponsor them via the donation page which is open until October - www.mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/keepswimming . They showed stamina and perseverance and we are very proud of them all.

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).

Pegasus win the House Cup!

All the points from the houses have been counted and added to the Sports Day points totals and the winners this year are Pegasus. Well done to all the children who have collected so many points for all the houses this year. The totals are amazing!

Pegasus 9419

Unicorn 9010

Gryphon 9004

Dragon 8934

School Council

2016/2017



Volunteers Tea Party



Small Change Challenge



Christmas Jumper Day



Pyjama Day

School Council have worked hard throughout the year to raise money for our three charities: Save the Children, Dorothy House and 'School Council's project fund'. They have raised over £1000 for the charities. They have also raised awareness of bullying and what to do if a child or their friend is being bullied and they were fabulous hosts at our Volunteers' Tea party.

Well done School Council!

Helen Rutt
Assistant Headteacher

End of Phase Data Results

Listed below are the results from the national tests undertaken this year. This is excellent data for the end of the year. The school's data is currently un-validated but we are pleased with our outcomes.

Early Years Foundation Stage—Good Level of Development

85.2% (National 2017 = 70.7%) (**Wiltshire = 70.3%**)

Year 1 Phonics

91.5% (National Average 2016 = 81%) (**Wiltshire = 81.2%**)

KS1 (Year 2) Expected standard or above

Reading 83.3% (National Average 2016 = 74%)

Writing 73.3% (National Average 2016 = 60%)

Mathematics 76.7% (National Average 2016 = 73%)

KS2 (Year 6) Expected standard or above

Reading 85% (National Average 2017 = 71%) (**Wiltshire = 72.2%**)

Writing 72% (National Average 2017 = 76%) (**Wiltshire = 58.5%**)

Mathematics 83.3% (National Average 2017 = 75%) (**Wiltshire = 71.9%**)

Reading, Grammar and Mathematics 70% (National Average 2017 = 61%) (**Wiltshire = 58.5%**)

The school is pleased with the attainment results and recognises there are some areas we still need to work on. This will form part of the school's improvement plan for 2017/2018.

Claire Hann-Perkins
Interim Headteacher



aspire, celebrate and learn in an inclusive community

Aspire

"The greatest danger for most of us is not that we aim too high and we miss it, but that we aim too low and we reach it."

Michaelangelo

This fits well at Christ Church as we aim to inspire and be inspired.

Celebrate

We have had lots to celebrate this academic year...

Magical Performers...

KS1 Nativity, Foundation Extravaganza, Year 6 production of the 'Alice in Wonderland', 2 fantastic music concerts, Young Voices performance, Dance Festival, Roald Dahl Day, Carnival Day, Circus Day, History Day, plus many of the children's individual successes that we have shared in collective worships over the year.



Sporting Success

Tag Rugby festivals for KS2, Rounders festivals, cluster Athletics, Quad Kids, Local Football winners, Individual winners in the Gymnastics competition, Pegasus House winning Sports Day as well as many individual successes that we have shared in collective worship.



Sports Day 2017

Other things to celebrate....

Great KS1 and KS2 SATs results which are above the national average, House Days, Art week! Author visits, Raising money for our charities picked by the School Council and groups of children who have organised their own charity fundraising.

