



## Christ Church CE VC Primary School

### NEWSLETTER December 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy end to the term! However, I know from seeing the smiles on the faces of the children what an enjoyable end to the term it has been. There was the fantastic Nativity led by Year 2. The amazing concert at the Wiltshire Music Centre and ending with the Year 4s take on the nativity and run up to Christmas. Each of these provided us with opportunities to stop and think about the meaning behind this time of year.

This term we also welcomed Ofsted through HMI to our school. Without going over my previous letter the school is very pleased with the outcome and is working on an action plan to address the points raised.

Year groups have also been landing their topics in various ways and are ready to launch their new topics in January.

This time of year although filled with joy and celebration for some can be a difficult time. Whatever your circumstances I hope that you have a relaxing break and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a fulfilling 2019. Thank you again for your support and I also wish you a Happy Christmas.

Neil Baker  
Headteacher

### House Points at the end of Term 2

**Unicorn 1120 Gryphon 1210 Dragon 1210 Pegasus 1260**

### 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.

### 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 Monday 7 January - Friday 15 February 2019

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| Monday 7 January   | Term 3 begins - children return to school                                 |
| Sunday 6 January   | FOCCS Pantomime Trip - 'Peter Pan' at the Theatre Royal Bath              |
| Monday 14 January  | FOCCS Meeting 8.00pm at school  |
| Tuesday 15 January | Closing Date for Foundation Stage admission applications - September 2019 |
| Friday 18 January  | Collective Worship for 6AH  |
| Friday 25 January  | Collective Worship for Rabbits Class (Year 2)                             |
| Tuesday 29 January | Full Governing Body Meeting   |
| Friday 1 February  | Collective Worship for Hedgehogs Class (Foundation)                       |
|                    | FOCCS Quiz Night  |
| Friday 8 February  | Collective Worship for Otters Class (Foundation)                          |
|                    | House Day   |
| Friday 15 February | End of Term 3   |
|                    | End of Term service in Christ Church (pupils only)                        |

### Term 4 Monday 25 February - Friday 5 April 2019

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| Monday 25 February    | Term 4 begins - children return to school   |
| Wednesday 27 February | KS2 'Hobbit' Production   |
| Friday 1 March        | Collective Worship for 5TP  |
| Wednesday 6 March     | FOCCS Meeting 8.00pm at school  |
| Thursday 7 March      | World Book Day  |
| Monday 11 March       | Photographer in school for class photographs  |
| Friday 15 March       | Collective Worship for 5JD  |
| Friday 22 March       | Records of Achievement go home  |
|                       | House Day   |
| Tuesday 26 March      | Parents consultations 4.00 - 7.00pm<br><i>sign up sheets will be put up the week before</i> |
| Thursday 28 March     | Parents consultations 4.00 - 7.00pm<br><i>sign up sheets will be put up the week before</i> |
| Friday 29 March       | Collective Worship for Owls Class (Year 1)  |
| 1 - 4 April           | Arts Week   |
| Tuesday 2 April       | Full Governing Body Meeting   |
| Friday 5 April        | Collective Worship for 4DH  |
|                       | End of Term 4   |
|                       | End of Term service in Christ Church (pupils only)  |
| Saturday 6 April      | FOCCS Easter Egg Hunt   |

**MY SCIENCE FAIR**

WILTSHIRE LIVE MUSIC CENTRE 20  
BRADFORD ON AVON

BBC WILTSHIRE Broadcasting Live

**4TH MARCH 10AM-3PM**

Join us at Wiltshire Music Centre for a free day full of music and science activities for the whole family!

**No need to book, come along!**

For more information visit [www.wiltshiremusic.org.uk](http://www.wiltshiremusic.org.uk) or contact [kathryn.graff@wiltshiremusic.org.uk](mailto:kathryn.graff@wiltshiremusic.org.uk)

**FREE!**

Powered by the imagination and enthusiasm of local children there is loads to explore at My Science Fair! The day is packed full of inspiring activities, hands-on workshops and energetic performances including percussionist **Adriano Adewale** and **Palisander Recorder Revolution**, who will explore the sounds made by recorders from 6 inches to 6 feet tall.

Have you ever tried to play music with fruits and vegetables? Well, with a computer and a bit of coding, you could! Join **Makey Makey** to find out how.



Join **Neon Dance** company's Adrienne Hart for a fun filled hour of dancing and learn how to create your own unique signature dance moves to live music. Gain new skills and discover the science behind the dancing body!

**Fun Science** will encourage you to have a go at raising your hair on a Van de Graaff generator and teach you how to make your own slime!



## AND MUCH MORE...

My Science Fair is generously supported by:

**AB Dynamics** **Ebeni** **IOP Institute of Physics**

Jack Lane Charitable Trust, David and Claudia Harding Foundation, The Colonel William Llewellyn Palmer Educational Charity.

Many children in KS2 are enjoying using TT Rockstars to practise their times tables online - and it's really helping us to get better at our times tables! The good news is that, from 5th January, children with a Christ Church login can now access TT Rockstars on the iOS or Android 'Times Tables Rock Stars' app. This means you can login without having to go through your browser, and you can even play offline - your points will be stored up and applied when you next connect. Great for earning points even when you're out and about, without using up all your data!

If your child is not sure of their login for TT Rockstars, they can ask their class teacher.





## Fostering

be the difference

We need people that can provide a place of safety for children and young people in an emergency situation until appropriate accommodation can be found or the child can return to their family. Carers are paid a retainer for holding an emergency bed and a generous allowance for looking after a child. Ongoing support and training is also provided.

**A family crisis can happen at any time.**

**Find out more** about becoming an emergency foster carer.  
Visit [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk), email [fostering@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:fostering@wiltshire.gov.uk) or call **0800 169 6321**

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### Scooting to school

It is great to see so many children scooting to and from school and making use of the scooter racks.

Could we please ask that the children dismount from their scooters on entering the school site and walk with them to where they will be left. It is extremely dangerous to scoot into the car park as a car could move at anytime and we really do not want an accident to occur.

Neil Baker  
Headteacher

### Parking in and around the school

We have received several complaints lately from our neighbours about cars being parked across drives or blocking pavements and therefore pedestrian access. Can we please ask again that you respect our neighbours and do not park inappropriately. We have asked the neighbours to report any incidents of inappropriate parking to the police and we will be making a note of registration plates to pass on to the police as well.

Could we also ask that parents refrain from parking in the school car parks at the start and end of the day.

Thank you for your support with these issues.

Neil Baker  
Headteacher



### Extreme Reading Challenge

Thank you for all the fabulous photographs we have received for this challenge—there really are some extreme entries!

The winners will be announced at the start of Term 3.

Mr Douglass



## Glossop boys 20 20 20 in 20 challenge is complete!!



Well done to Ewan (5JD), Angus (3LM) and Cameron (3SGCS) who have successfully completed their 20 20 20 in 20 challenge for Cancer Research UK. The boys had to run and cycle 20 miles and swim 20 lengths within 20 days. This is an amazing achievement and they have raised such a lot of money for a very good cause.

If you would still like to donate to support the boys we have a money box on the counter at the main office. The link below will take you to their Just Giving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/theglossops>

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### Celebrating Children's Achievements

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#### Girls Football Report

On Monday 12 November 2018 we went to this epic football tournament in Warminster. There was about 6 or 7 other school taking part. We left school early at 2.20pm and some of us had butterflies because we were excited and nervous.

Before our first match we had a practice which calmed out nerves. We showed good teamwork by doing chanting and passing to each other. We won three matches, drew one and lost one. Our fantastic goal scorers were Ruby, Otilie, Lucy and Millie. Mika did excellent saves in goal and the whole team did outstanding tackling and passing. Our captain ruby did a really good job. All of us felt proud although we were a bit disappointed that we didn't go through to the next round. A big thank you to Mr Douglass and the parents who drive us to Warminster.

The team players were: Molly, Thea, Otilie, Lucy, Millie, Ruby, Mika, Abby and Eve.

By Molly, Year 6.

#### Gymnastics

Congratulations go to Vanessa Tabis (Woodpeckers) who has been nominated as the hardest worker in the Wiltshire School of Gymnastics Minis category. Well done Vanessa!

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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Don't forget, the latest Ofsted report is available on the school website [www.christchurch.wilts.sch.uk](http://www.christchurch.wilts.sch.uk)

## Cross country competition at Stonar School

I'm Bobby and this is my report on the cross country run!

On the morning of the run we went on the coach to Stonar School and everyone was excited! When we got there we saw lots of other schools and it was a great atmosphere!

Before the race started I felt really nervous because I didn't think I would do very well. The girls ran their race first and we warmed up!

We got ready to start the race and I reminded myself to keep running and not look back.

During the race I could hear Mrs H.P screaming her head off telling me to 'RUN'.

As I got near to the end of the race I found myself in 4th place and I realised that I could overtake the boy running in front of me. I used all my effort and it was painful!!! But the effort paid off and I came in at 3rd place!

When the race finished I felt relieved and I felt pleased that I came 3rd out of 85 boys.

After the race we all had some lunch and chatted together about our experience.

The medals were given out and I had to go up and receive my medal and got given a water bottle! After a long morning we went back to school feeling exhausted but happy!

P.s my favourite part of the day was Mrs H.P screaming at me to run, I have never seen her so excited. Thank you for your support Mrs H.P!

By Bobby Baird  
Year 6AH



## Sports Ambassadors

Follow this link <https://www.christchurch.wilts.sch.uk/sports-ambassadors/> to the Sports Ambassadors page on our website to meet them and find out all about the latest sports challenges.



Don't forget to check out the podcasts of our latest radio broadcasts on our website at <https://www.christchurch.wilts.sch.uk/for-pupils/radio-station/>

You can hear 3LM's class show and come and explore Christmas around the world!

If you have a birthday over the Christmas holidays remember to listen to today's show as you may get a birthday mention!

## West Wiltshire Large School Football Tournament report

The date: 3.12.18

The team: Bobby, Lewis, Edward, Joel, Tommy, Owen, Charlie T, Sebastian, Jack and Kit.

It was time, my heart was pumping as I walked down to the office with the rest of the team. We were all picked up and got going to Kingdown school feeling positive about the tournament. In the car I was very nervous but just kept on telling myself that it was just like a Saturday morning but x5 (or seven if we got to the final). When we had parked, we all got out of the car and met up with Mrs H.P and the others. We had to walk for about five minutes to get to the astroturf pitches.

### Round One

We were at the astro and were all ready to play. Me, Tommy and Jack were off for the first game against Forest and Sandridge. The whistle blew and the team were off. At first, we weren't that focused, but then we all woke up. By the end of the game the score was Christ Church 5 and Forest and Sandridge 0. The goals were scored by Charlie, Edward (assisted by Charlie), Lewis and Bobby.

Our next game was against Sutton Veny, which we won again 2-0 and the goals were scored by Bobby (assisted by Jack) and Lewis. We were on a roll now and feeling very happy about our first two games.

Next, we played The Mead, but they still did not stop us from winning. Our third victory was 2-1. Goal scorers: Bobby (assisted by Lewis) and Charlie.

Our fourth match was against North Bradley and was probably our hardest match. The ref said that Basti's brilliant tackle was a foul, but North Bradley played advantage, then Christ Church got one in the back of the net - the ref said it was a goal which then led to a lot of 10-11-year-old children arguing and some even arguing with the ref! In the end it turned out to be 1-1, not counting the unstoppable goal. Our one goal was scored by Bobby.

Our last game in the 1<sup>st</sup> round was against The Manor, who when I had been off, I had been spying on. My detective work gave me the results that number 8, 9 and 10 were in my opinion the best players in their team. By the end of our last game the score was Christ Church 3 and The Manor 2. Goal scorers: Charlie, Lewis and Bobby. As we had won 4 matches and drawn 1, we were through to the next round.

### The semi's

We had made it to the semi's and my nerves felt like they were having a spasm attack. We were playing Jack's old school, The Grove so he was able to tell us who to pressure. I was super-duper excited but also a bit disappointed in myself for not getting a goal yet. First Tom walloped the ball at the goal and managed to get it past the keeper - it was 1-0 to Christ Church. Next The Grove had a chance, but Bobby tackled them and tapped the ball back to me. Bobby ran down the wing as I kicked it back down to him. He dribbled it past about 5 players and placed it bottom corner from the side of the net.

The next goal was possibly the best goal we had scored in the entire tournament - the ball deflected off one of The Grove's players about 4 metres from the halfway line, then Lewis got the ball, kicked it up into the air, it curled and ended up top left corner. It was quite funny because Lewis didn't really celebrate, he just stood there looking like football was his everyday life, which it pretty much is. The whistle blew for full time and we went to shake hands with the other team's players. We were through to the final, but we still didn't know if we were refacing North Bradley or playing Melksham School, who were in the other group in the first round.

As the other semi-final game went on for a while, we had some time to 'relax' but we all just chose to play even more footie! When the game went on to golden goal, suddenly Leo from Bobby's Bradford team, volleyed it to the back of the net. Finally, it was time to beat North Bradley in the final.

### The final

I was off for the final, which meant that I could cheer for the people on pitch. I was very nervous for this game but even if we lost, we would still get a golden ticket to the next round. The game had begun and I was already feeling positive about it. Our first goal was scored by Bobby - it was 1-0 Christ Church. Our second goal was scored by Edward. Soon after Ed's fantastic goal North Bradley got one in, but we were still safe as it was 2-1 Christ Church. To make us double safe Edward got another one! It was 3-1. About 5 minutes later the ref blew the whistle and we had won it, the three subs including me ran on to the pitch cheering and we shook hands with North Bradley. "Three cheers for North Bradley" Bobby announced. "Hip hip, hurray, hip hip, hurray, hip hip, hurray". Victory was ours and we were given a golden ticket. We all had a photo taken with North Bradley and another just of the great Christ Church team.

Because we won the tournament, we now go through to the next round, which is on the 15<sup>th</sup> of January in Chippenham.

By Joel Cooper  
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