



Christ Church CE VC Primary School

NEWSLETTER February 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

On Monday morning it was great to see some of the Year 5s and 6s travel to the O2 arena in London for the Young Voices concert. I know they will have a fantastic time. Our thanks go to Miss Sarah Brown and Mrs Basconnet-Ward for organising the day. Thankfully the snow has cleared for them to travel with better road conditions.

We hope the snow closure day didn't cause too much disruption and that, as parents, you had enough notice to make alternative arrangements. During this recent spell of very cold weather you may have noticed that the Christ Church playground, which has recently been resurfaced, becomes an ice-rink. Unfortunately we are unable to use salt on the new playground markings for a little time yet so crossing the playground can be quite treacherous. Please can we ask if you need to get to the new building you and the children use the grass. We will continue to salt/grit in front of the wall where there are no lines so that a safer route can be established. The school closure also meant that FS Hedgehogs class assembly was also cancelled. This will now take place on Monday 11 February at 9.00am.

Since the introduction of the Leigh Park traffic lights the school has noticed a huge increase in the amount of traffic which now uses the Berryfield Road and Christchurch Road as a 'rat run' to get onto the Bath Road. The school has made numerous representations to Wiltshire Council and to the town council to alert them to this ongoing problem. The school has amended its Travel Plan to reflect the increase in traffic. This, coupled with no formal crossing across Bath Road, has added to the pressure we have placed on the council. We have had a response to say that a feasibility study for a formal crossing across the Bath Road will now be undertaken. If successful this will help with the crossing over Bath Road, however it will not solve the issue around congestion on the Berryfield and Christchurch Roads. However, the biggest concern for the school and one we get daily complaints over, is poor parking near to the school. Outside the school are single yellow lines which means that this is a restricted parking area. The restrictions apply 0800—1600. The car park outside the reception area is for staff only. Please can we ask that you park legally and responsibly. We may now start to see an increase in the traffic patrol officers who will be able to issue tickets. For those who have to use cars please park a little further away from school—thank you.

With only two weeks left until the end of this term I am sure many children will enjoy landing their topics.

Key dates for Term 4:

Monday 25 February 2019—start of new term

Friday 22 March 2019—ROAs go out to parents

Tuesday 26 March 2019—Parent/teacher consultations

Thursday 28 March 2019—Parent/teacher consultations

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Dates for your diary



Term 3 Monday 7 January - Friday 15 February 2019

Friday 8 February	Collective Worship for Otters Class (Foundation) House Day FOCCS Magician Evening for parents only
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

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 <i>sign up sheets will be put up the week before</i>
Thursday 28 March	Parents consultations 4.00 - 7.00pm <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

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. 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.

M & M Productions come to Christ Church School!

On Wednesday 27 February 2019 M & M Productions will be performing 'The Hobbit' for KS2 children (years 3—6). This promises to be a spectacular event and we are really looking forward to it.

Thank you to everyone who has already sent in their donation of £3.00 towards this event. Without your support we would not be able to have events like this. If you haven't already done so please send it in to the school office.

Thank you,
Sarah Jones
Senior Admin Officer

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 8 March. Look out for a letter from Mr Douglass with details of what we will be doing—coming soon!



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**Celebrating Children's
Achievements**
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Football Signing

Congratulations to Lewis Williams (5JD) who has been signed by Southampton Football Club in recognition of his hard work and continuous improvement. Lewis has been playing with the club since 2015 and joined the Bath Academy as an under 9 in 2017. We wish Lewis every success with his football in the future.

Music

Congratulations to Olly Clack (6AH) who has recently passed his Grade 1 Bassoon exam with a distinction. Well done Olly!

Scout District Cooking Competition

Congratulations go to Luke Wester (6AD), Sebastian Masero (6AD) and Olly Clack (6AH) who won the Scout District Cooking Competition. Their team, Pegasus Pioneers, only had three members when the rest all had 4 and they were the youngest team. They had to make a 3 course meal for 4 people representing scout jamboree past, present and future. They chose a Persian sharing platter for starter, their main was a South Korean bibimbap and dessert was an American lime crunch pie which was delicious, apparently! All of their families are very proud as are the whole of Bradford on Avon Scouts. Well done boys!



Swimming

Well done to Rohan Garner (4DH) who has passed his Stage 5 swimming award and Poppy Garner (Rabbits) who has passed her Stage 4 swimming award—congratulations both of you!

Wiltshire schools Y6 football tournament by Owen Roberts

Team: Bobby, Charlie T, Edward PC, Jack, Joel, Kit, Lewis W, Owen R, Sebastian M, Tommy

We were in the middle of a PE Lesson when Mr Kiely announced that it was time to leave school and head over to Chippenham where we were going to take on the best school teams in Wiltshire. We were ready; we had won the last tournament and were very confident about this one.

About half an hour later, we had finally arrived at Stanley Park- the destination of the football pitches we were going to be playing on- and to be honest, nobody really wanted leave their cars into the cold, heavy rain. We had our lunch and watched the end of the small schools' tournament and then we were raring to go. Soon we were out in the rain like it was nothing and were warming up. It was amazing; all around us were schools from all around Wiltshire playing football against each-other. It truly was incredible!

Unfortunately, our matches were delayed a bit but at least that gave us more time to train. Mrs H.P. then said that it was finally time to play. At this, we rushed over to the pitches ready to take on Bishops Cannings. We knew our first game was going to be very tough but we bravely fought on and the game ended 2-1 to Bishops Cannings. It was unfortunate that we lost this as it was exceptionally close but we remembered we still had three group games left.

Next up were Grange. Again we knew it was going to be tough but still stood strong. This time we lost 3-0. To be fair, it wasn't our best game but we both played fairly and had good sportsmanship.

Fifteen minutes later, we had our penultimate game against Winterbourne. This team again were going to be tough as ever. After a quarter of an hour of hard work and effort, Winterbourne just about came out on top; it was 3-0.

We had one more game to go up against Fynamore. We were really hoping to win this one as the other wins had slipped out of our fingers. We changed our positions and off we went. It had started. We were playing very well this game and were not going to lose it. Sadly, one of their players got injured and they had no subs so we had to take one of our players off too! Without a fuss we took a player off and carried on. It ended 4-0 to us and was a shame we had to go just as we were getting into the rhythm but we had no choice.

We played well and bravely said Mrs H.P. and maybe next time we can get a win. We all came away with a certificate a and a t-shirt for taking part and it was a great experience to have been part of the tournament.

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 or drop in a note to the school office.

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Extreme Reading Challenge!



The winner is George Cooper (6AD)



Runner-up is Leo Ibison (Badgers)

The Challenge is complete! We had so many fabulous entries, well done to everyone who took part. These are the winners for this year.



Runner-up is Sam Taylor (6AD)