



Christ Church CE VC Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

This first term has been a busy and exciting term. With topics about meerkats and dinosaurs to space and South Africa. Our foundation children have settled well into school life and it has been lovely to see them enjoying school. Year 5 enjoyed an amazing evening with a space expert to land their topic 'Is there life on Mars?'

Pupil voice is really important to Christ Church and this term we have been busy setting up our councilors and ambassadors.

Our school council have been busy choosing the schools charities and have chosen Children and Need, Dorothy House and WWF. School council have also agreed to twin 4 toilets. By donating £60 to twin each toilet, we will help fund a project in a poor community that will enable families to build a basic toilet, have access to clean water and learn about hygiene – a vital combination that saves lives.

Children have also elected Eco councilors. They are busy already completing an audit of the school and have already asked school council to buy some more recycling bins for the classrooms.

We also have 4 new sports ambassadors who recently went on a training day with me. These children encourage children to be active across the school. They also set termly sports challenges for children to complete at playtimes. Last Friday they led a collective worship on their role and set the challenge for term 2, which is to race round the playground trails on either playground as quickly as you can. You can see what they have done on the school website on their Sports Ambassador Page.



The school radio presenters for this term have made some great shows for you to listen to, as well as two class shows from 4DH and 5JD. Please check out the shows on the school website.

<https://www.christchurch.wilts.sch.uk/for-pupils/radio-station/>

Year 6 children also did an amazing job showing prospective new parents around the school earlier this term. They were clearly proud of their school and there were many complimentary comments from the parents they gave a tour too.

We have recruited a new Child and Family Support Worker, Abigail Smith, who will start next term. She is experienced at working with families. I am sure you will join me in welcoming her to the school. If you would like to make an appointment to meet with the Child and Family Support there will be a new referral process that will go through the Inclusion team. We would also like to welcome; Danielle Bailey, as an LSA and MDSA; Helen Anthony and Lyndsey Sibley who will be joining us as MDSAs in term 2.

This year FOCCS have a new committee, I would like to welcome them all and thank them for the hard work they have already done in organising the Christmas Cards, Fireworks and school disco. They are also hard at work beginning the preparations for the Christmas Fayre next term.

Finally, thank you to everyone who attended our recent parents evening, it has been lovely to receive some positive emails about how well children have settled into their new classes. If you have been unable to make parents evening this term, please make an appointment to see your child's class teacher after half term. I hope you have a restful half term.

Claire Hann-Perkins
Interim Head of School

School contact details

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Dates for your diary

Term 2 Monday 4 November - Friday 20 December 2019

Saturday 2 November	Bradford on Avon Fireworks and Bonfire at the Beehive field
Monday 4 November	Term 2 begins - children return to school
Tuesday 12 November	Tea Time Concert 4.00 - 5.30pm
Wednesday 13 November	Year 6/7 tea party
Tuesday 26 November	Open Afternoon to public and all parents from 2.00pm
Friday 29 November	House Day
Wednesday 4 December	Flu Immunisations for all years Christmas Concert at Wiltshire Music Centre @ 6.00pm
Friday 6 December	Collective Worship for 6AD
Monday 9 December	FS & KS1 Nativity dress rehearsal to whole school
Tuesday 10 December	FS & KS1 Nativity performance to parents/carers at 2.00pm
Wednesday 11 December	FS & KS1 Nativity performance to parents/carers at 2.00pm
Thursday 12 December	FS & KS1 Nativity performance to parents/carers at 2.00pm
Friday 13 December	Collective Worship for 3SGCS
Tuesday 17 December	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 18 December	Year 4 Nativity to their parents
Friday 20 December	End of Term 2 End of Term service in Christ Church lead by Year 4



Term 3 Monday 6 January - Friday 14 February 2020

Monday 6 January	Term 3 begins - children return to school
Wednesday 15 January	Closing Date for Foundation Stage admission applications - September 2020
Friday 17 January	Collective Worship for Otters Class (Foundation)
Friday 24 January	Collective Worship for Rabbits Class (Year 2)
Friday 31 January	Collective Worship for Woodpeckers Class (Year 2)
Friday 7 February	Collective Worship for Hedgehogs Class (Foundation) House Day
Tuesday 11 February	Safer Internet Day 2020
Friday 14 February	Collective Worship for Badgers Class (Year 1) End of Term 3 End of Term service in Christ Church (pupils only)

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**. This is the only correspondence that should be sent to this address.



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.



Harvest festival

Thank you so much to everyone who has donated items for our Harvest festival today.

This year we are supporting the Bradford on Avon Food bank at The Hub. The Hub is a Charitable Trust made up of three sponsoring bodies; Bradford on Avon Churches Together (BACT), The Town Council and BoACAN (Bradford on Avon Community Area Network). They are passionate about empowering people in our community not only to relieve poverty but to encourage improvement of health and wellbeing and a sense of purpose.

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Celebrating Children's Achievements

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Bradford on Avon Flower Show



Alfie Cook (Woodpeckers) won the first prize at the Bradford on Avon Flower Show for the most amusing vegetable! Congratulations Alfie!

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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Thank you to FOCCS

At the end of last term, FOCCS purchased the school some lovely new iPads with keyboards and also some coding programming robots. The children have already enjoyed using the iPads and we hope that next term we will be able to use the robots too. Thank you to everyone who supported FOCCS events last year.

Claire Hann-Perkins
Interim Head of School



Ashes Celebration Festival



Well done to all our Year 6 cricketers who took part in the Ashes Celebration festival on Thursday 17 October. They played three matches and won all of them!