



## Christ Church CE VC Primary School

### NEWSLETTER December 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a run up to the end of term!

We had the fantastic concert at the Wiltshire Music Centre where all the children performed with confidence and obviously had a great time. This was followed, the next day, by our SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspection. The outcome and report will be available in the new year. Then two days later saw the brilliant Christmas fayre. What a team! Our thanks go to Rebecca Richer and her team for creating a very successful event.

The Key Stage 1 and Foundation Nativity was also a joy. This year I feel that the children excelled themselves both in their speaking voices and in their wonderful singing. It is always this event in the school calendar where we can take time and prepare ourselves for the time ahead. The Year 4 Nativity will lead the school in the end of term Christmas service. Although not a performance the children performed it confidently to their parents on Wednesday. There have also been several sporting successes. The football team are through to the regional finals—well done team and good luck`.

The children and staff return to school on Monday 6 January. Before I close I would just like to remind you of the emergency closure procedure should we get snow and have to close the school. Closing the school is always the last resort but it will depend on not only the local conditions, but the ability of the staff to get to work. Should the school need to close, a decision will be made just after 7.00am. The school will announce it's decision about 7.15am. The school will put a message onto the website and the decision will also be announced on both Radio Wiltshire and Heart.

Whilst I am writing about the weather — since we have had our new playground tarmaced the surface is incredibly slippery in the frosty weather. The area will be gritted but some children will arrive on site before the salt can act. Please go carefully when crossing the Christ Church playground, if necessary you may need to go on the grass.

May I take the opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a healthy new year.

Yours sincerely,

Neil Baker  
Executive Headteacher

### House Points at the end of Term 2

**Unicorn 1090   Gryphon 880   Dragon 1010   Pegasus 1040**

### 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 6 January - Friday 14 February 2020

Monday 6 January	Term 3 begins - children return to school
Tuesday 14 January	Parent Forum 7.00—8.00pm in Berryfield Hall (next to the school office)
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)



### Term 4 Monday 24 February - Friday 3 April 2020

Monday 24 February	Term 4 begins - children return to school
Wednesday 26 February	'The Secret Garden' Production
Friday 6 March	World Book Day celebrations
Monday 9 March	Photographer in school for class photographs
Friday 20 March	Collective Worship for 4CW
	Records of Achievement go home
	House Day
Friday 27 March	Collective Worship for 3LHLM
Tuesday 31 March	Parents consultations 4.00 - 7.00pm
	<i>sign up on Parentmail will be available the week before</i>
Thursday 2 April	Parents consultations 4.00 - 7.00pm
	<i>sign up on Parentmail will be available the week before</i>
Friday 3 April	Collective Worship for 5TP
	End of Term 4
	End of Term service in Christ Church (pupils only)

### Dogs on school site

We have received a number of complaints from parents about dogs being brought on to the school site. This is to clarify that no dogs are allowed on the site, whether they are being walked or carried.

Thank you

Neil Baker  
Executive 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**. 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.

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## Celebrating Children's Achievements

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### Music

Congratulations to Ben Roberts (4CW) who has passed his Grade 1 Trumpet exam with a merit. Congratulations also go to Anoushka McGrail (6AH) who passed her Grade 1 Violin exam with a high merit. Well done to you both!

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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# Christ Church Gazette

Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019

## Review: Key Stage 1 Nativity ★★★★★

There was an air of excitement as the cast in fabulous costumes took their places on the stage with its star-studded backdrop. After a last-minute consultation of the Wise Men and Women with their teacher, this splendid show was under way.

'Are we nearly there yet?' was the promising title, because the audience followed a modern-day family going on holiday - to Bethlehem, as it happens. Typically parents and children didn't agree on the finer details: 'No, the goldfish can't come!' After all, 'It's a long way to Bethlehem', the chorus sang.

In parallel, a few people from 2000 years ago also set off on different journeys, singing all the way. Mary and Joseph had all sorts of bulky items to transport on a little wagon. Some very entertaining wise men and women wearing magnificent crowns were observing special stars through imaginary telescopes - or was it a rocket? And then the shepherds in charge of an enormous flock of handsome sheep encountered some very cool, dancing angels announcing the birth of the baby Jesus. 'Let's go find him', they decided in a song.

Eventually the modern family see some strange things, such as ancient shepherds and kings in fancy costumes rushing past. They ask them politely 'What's going on over there?' Well, 'Jesus Christ, the new-born king' was the answer, of course! Three knowledgeable donkeys explained the finer details. And so the family join them all to see Mary, Joseph and the baby.

What a great show it was! As Mr Baker rightly said, all the children should be very proud of themselves. Tunes, words and actions to all the songs were performed with great energy and style, expertly directed by Miss Bowyer, Mrs Farrell and Mrs Screen. Thanks are also due to all the teachers and assistants who designed the imaginative costumes and props and patiently prepared the young actors and singers in rehearsals. All their hard work definitely paid off. Well done, everyone!

Sabine Purshouse, Governor

*All are welcome to our*  
**Christmas Nativity Service**



**Christ Church  
Bradford on Avon**

**Christmas Eve at the new  
time of 4.00 pm**

**We look forward to seeing you.**



**For the attention of  
all parents**

**Will your child be four years old  
before September 2020?**

**You must apply for a  
primary school place**

**Apply online at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk)**

Application forms for Wiltshire residents are also available  
at County Hall, Monkton Park and Bourne Hill

**The deadline for applications is  
Midnight 15 January 2020**

All forms must be returned to the  
school admissions team at County Hall, Trowbridge

Ring customer services on **01225 713010**  
for more information or to request our booklet –  
**Finding a primary school place in Wiltshire**



## **School admissions consultation**

**Wiltshire Council is consulting on the  
proposed admission arrangements for all  
voluntary controlled and community schools  
for 2021/22 entry.**

**We are also consulting on the proposed  
co-ordinated primary and secondary  
schemes for 2021/22 entry.**

Consultation begins on Friday 29 November 2019 and  
ends on Friday 17 January 2020.

To view these proposals visit:

[www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-admissions-consultation](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-admissions-consultation)

**Please send any comments to the School Admissions Team**

Email: [admissions@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@wiltshire.gov.uk)

or write to: School Admissions Team, Wiltshire Council, County Hall,  
Bythesea Road, Trowbridge BA14 8JN



**Wiltshire Council**

## **After School Clubs**

New forms to sign up for clubs will come out during the  
first week of next term.

The clubs will start in the week commencing 20 January  
2020 (except Cookery Club which will start on 8 January  
2020).

Mrs Basconnet-Ward

After School Clubs Co-ordinator

## **Year 1 Christmas donations**

This term the topic in Year 1 has been Paddington bear. Our  
year 1 families have been amazing and made donations for  
the Unicef charity, Paddington's Parcels. Paddington's Parcels  
aims to send life-changing presents to children all over the  
world whose Christmas might not be as lovely as ours.

We bought a **school in a box**. We are sending pens, books,  
rulers, scissors, a chalkboard, a globe and more – everything  
needed to set up a temporary school. When children's educa-  
tion is interrupted by emergencies, like earthquakes, this  
school in a box can help at least 40 children to learn.

The Year 1 children were amazing when choosing this box.  
They showed kindness and generosity through the whole pro-  
cess and we were so proud of them.

Thank you to everyone who supported us and made dona-  
tions.

Miss Brown, Mrs Perry & Mrs Abbott

Year 1 team