



Christ Church CE VC Primary School

NEWSLETTER February 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are coming to the end of term where we are finishing on a high with STEM week. Our gratitude goes to everyone who gave up their time and resources to support the event. We have had: driverless cars, with thanks to AB Dynamics; various robotics, architects, medics, survival and flight technicians. The children have had a fantastic week. Our thanks go to: Robert Collins, Wiltshire Police, Mrs Shepherdson, the Apple Store, Mr Baldie, Mr Perkins-Brown, Dr Shermer, Paul Hill, Dr Hinton, Mr Lindop, Mr Hubbard, Mr Pick, Miss Glanville, Tamsin Whinton, Mr Revill, Dr Windsor, Dr Mann, Lizzie Wilkinson and Nathan Thomas.

During STEM week we were also treated to excellent live music from Crescendo Concerts who performed to most of the school.

At the end of this term we say farewell to two fantastic members of staff. Mrs Karen Ladd, who has been with the school for over 10 years and Mrs Joelle Basconnet-Ward who has been with the school for over 12 years. I am sure you will join with me in thanking them for their hard work and dedication and wish them well in the future.

This week was the requested Parent Forum. Thank you to the four of you who attended. At the meeting we discussed our SIAMS report, parent communication and the management structure. The slides are available on the website (www.christchurch.wilts.sch.uk). During the discussion it was felt that the school has good communication, however very few parents open documents such as this. The last newsletter to the whole school only had 70 people open the document. Our next forum will be on Tuesday 17 March 2020 at 7.00-8.00pm. If you have any topics you would like to discuss then please let me know.

May I wish you all a good half term break.

Yours sincerely,

Neil Baker
Executive Headteacher

House Points at the end of Term 2

Unicorn 1640 Gryphon 1410 Dragon 1550 Pegasus 1490

School contact details

Tel: 01225 863444 email: admin@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk website: www.christchurch.wilts.sch.uk

Dates for your diary

Term 4 Monday 24 February - Friday 3 April 2020

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| 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) |



Term 5 Monday 20 April - Friday 22 May 2020

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| Monday 20 April | Term 5 begins - children return to school |
| Friday 1 May | Collective Worship for 4DH |
| Friday 8 May | Bank Holiday - school closed to children |
| 11-14 May | KS2 SATs week - NO MUSIC LESSONS IN SCHOOL |
| Friday 15 May | Collective Worship for 5JD |
| Friday 22 May | Collective Worship for Owls class (Year 1) |
| | End of Term 5 |
| | End of Term service in Christ Church (pupils only) |

Dogs on school site

We have, again, received a number of complaints from parents about dogs being brought on to the school site. We must re-iterate that **no dogs are allowed on the site, whether they are being walked or carried. No dogs should be tied up on the inside of the school fence at either end of the school.**

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. 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.

'The Secret Garden'

Wednesday 26 February 2020



Years 2—6 will be watching this production.



Don't forget to log on to ParentPay and make your payment of **£2.90** please.

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Celebrating Children's Achievements

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Music

Congratulations to Ned Weston (4DH) who received a high pass for his Grade 3 piano exam. Well done Ned!

Congratulations also go to Owain Jones (4CW) who passed his Grade 1 Violin exam with a high merit. Well done Owain!

Ballet

Emily Jones (Badgers) has got full marks in her pre-primary ballet exam! Congratulations Emily!

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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Taking your child out for an appointment

If you need to take your child out of school for an appointment you must inform their teacher and the school office. Arrangements will then be made for you to collect your child from the School Office where they must sign out before they leave with you. They must also be signed back in when they return so please ensure they enter the school via the office.



Medicines in School

In accordance with Ofsted regulations, the school follows guidelines on the administration of medicines as directed by Wiltshire Council. This means that the school is only able to administer medicines in exceptional circumstances. Medicines where the doctor prescribes the dosage as three times a day can be given before school, after school and again at bedtime. However, we do accept that occasionally there may be a specific reason that treatment is required at lunchtime, e.g. Ritalin tablets for ADHD. If your child must be treated at lunchtime then we will require this in writing from your doctor or the time stipulated actually on the medication itself. Medication will only be accepted if clearly labelled with the child's details and instructions for use. This careful labelling also applies to Ventolin inhalers and Epipens.

Neil Baker
Headteacher



Wiltshire Dyslexia Roadshow for Parents

Saturday 7th March 2020
10:30am - 4:00pm
Sheldon School, Hardenhuish Lane, Chippenham, SN14 6HJ

Secure your free place:
<https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/events>

Helen Boden
British Dyslexia Association

John Hicks
Parenting Dyslexia

Arran Smith
Microsoft

- Supporting your child's dyslexia
- How does my child's dyslexia affect me?
- Empowering potential using IT

FREE EVENT

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Information stands and exhibitors
including Scanning Pens, Crossbow Education and publication displays

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The Churches of North
Bradford on Avon and Villages
invite you to join us for our



Valentine Activity Tea

Crafts, games, activities and tea

February
16
Sunday

3.00pm till 4.30pm

MONKTON FARLEIGH
VILLAGE HALL
BA15 2QD
Opposite Churchfields School

For further information please contact: zyeomans3@gmail.com



School dinners

The price of school dinners is £2.20 for all children in Years 3-6. Dinners can be ordered on a daily basis or in advance. However payment must be made on or before the day the meal is required. **The preferred payment method is via ParentPay.** You will be provided with the activation codes for this once your child has started school. Cash or cheque (made payable to Sodexo) may also be used but must be placed in an envelope with the following information on: Child's name, class, day meal required and amount enclosed.



Your child can take this envelope into class and hand it in when the dinner register is taken. Alternatively, it can be handed in to the school office where you can place your payments at any time.

Don't forget to claim your free school meals if you are eligible, even if your child is in Foundation, Year 1 or Year 2 and currently receives Universal Free School Meals.