



Christ Church CE VC Primary School

NEWSLETTER
October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of our first term this academic year in what has been a very strange time. Huge credit should be given to the children who have adapted really well. They adhere to our systems in school and are a real credit.

Thanks also go to you as parents and carers for your patience while we have needed to change some of our arrangements at drop off and pick up. The current systems appear to be working well. I thank you for maintaining social distancing both inside and outside the school and for wearing appropriate face coverings.

We will write in the new term about the Christmas season but we are not planning to hold public concerts or nativities. The celebrations are likely to remain within each cohort. At the end of this term, we created three classes on year 3 to accommodate, amongst other things, a growing cohort. We will now be in a position to welcome new children into year 3. I would also like to introduce Mr Birleson who is the new teacher appointed to this year group. The year 3s are now being taught by Mr Birleson, Mrs Rutt and Mrs Matthews, and Mrs Stegall and Mrs Giles.

Despite the changes to our routines it has been great to see, and hear, the enthusiasm of the pupils as they dive into their new topics. The children are still very keen to share their learning. Did anyone else see the rhinoceros on site?

The school is working through the Department for Education with online providers to establish a secure learning platform should we need to send pupils home. Once we have agreed a platform we will share the information with you.

I hope that you have a safe and restful half term and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 2 November.

Yours sincerely,

Neil Baker
Headteacher

House Points at the end of Term 1

Unicorn 120 Gryphon 130 Dragon 220 Pegasus 140

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Do you care for somebody else's child?



If someone else is looking after your child, or if you are looking after someone else's child for **28 consecutive days or more** this could be 'private fostering', the local council must be notified.

Wiltshire Council provides advice, support and above all, makes sure the child is safe and well looked after.

If private fostering applies to you, please notify us by contacting the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 0300 456 0108 or email mash@wiltshire.gov.uk

For general questions and consultation please call the Kinship and Fostering team on 01225 716510. For more information visit: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/privatefostering

Wiltshire Council

For the attention of all parents

Will your child be transferring to a secondary school in September 2021?

You must apply for a secondary school place

Apply online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk

Application forms for Wiltshire residents are also available at all Wiltshire Council Offices.

The deadline for applications is Midnight on 31 October 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 guide - Finding a secondary school place in Wiltshire

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For the attention of all parents

Will your child be four years old before September 2021?

You must apply for a primary school place

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