



## Christ Church CE VC Primary School

### NEWSLETTER December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As another term comes to a close, I would like to thank everyone for their support in managing everything during these strange times.



Our parents and staff were incredibly generous with donations for our Christmas Charity collection for Helping Victims of Domestic Violence (HVDV) as can be seen in the photograph opposite. The charity have asked that we pass on their gratitude for the items donated as they will really make a difference for those spending Christmas at the refuge.

I'm sure you will all join me in thanking all members of staff who have worked hard to implement the guidance which has had an affect on their day to day jobs. They also worked very hard to provide the children with a wonderful party day yesterday. Everyone seemed to really enjoy themselves. Thanks are also due to Sodexo who brilliantly stepped up to the challenge of providing a wonderful Christmas dinner that was delivered to the classrooms.

The children have been absolutely fantastic and have adapted well to changes, from coming into school and routines during the day.

As a consequence, I would like to slightly alter the entry into school on our return on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021. The Sladesbrook entrance will still be the main entrance for Year 5 and 6 pupils (8.20-8.35am) however, as the children have managed coming into school independently, Year 2, 3 and 4 can now also use the Sladesbrook entrance from 8.30-8.50am. The children can be left at the gates and walk themselves to their classroom.

The Berryfield car park entrance will still be the entrance for Foundation and Year 1 who will continue to line up. Other year groups can continue to use this entrance in the same way they do at the moment (Year 2 and Year 4 go through the kitchen gate and Year 3 past the bungalow).

I hope that this system will make it easier for some parents as I see many families walk past Sladesbrook only to meet them again at the Berryfield entrance! Hopefully, it will also ease any congestion outside the school.

In response to the recent DfE announcement, I need to re-emphasise that the last day of term will be Friday 18 December.

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### House Points at the end of Term 2

**Unicorn 700   Gryphon 760   Dragon 640   Pegasus 820**

### School contact details

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Unfortunately, I will need to cancel the published Collective Worship for term 3 and term 4. In the hope that the guidance will change around Easter time, we may then be able to allow some form of audience events around this time.

The PE timetable for term 3 and term 4 will be the same as it is now:

Tuesday	Year 6
Wednesday	Year 5 and Year 3
Thursday	Year 4 and Year 1
Friday	Foundation and Year 2

The school is working closely with Sodexo over its menu choices and the quality of the school meals. I have spoken to several parents who have been concerned that the quality of provision is not as it was before lockdown. Both the kitchen and the school agree. However, the kitchen are only able to cook and have all the meals ready to serve at the start of our lunch service (11.30am). Once they begin to serve they cannot return to batch cook like they did pre-lockdown. This means that the menu choice has to reflect this bulk cooking e.g. pasta bakes. The school and the kitchen cannot wait to be able to see the return of the salad and fruit bars. Under the current restrictions we can only provide a limited choice. However we are keen to ensure the meals are good quality and the portion sizes for KS2 have now increased! Perhaps this is reflected in our hot-meal take up which is constantly over 200 (280 on 11 December!).

In the news you may have also picked up articles about the changes to examinations and pupil assessments. There are some changes to national assessment requirements for primary schools.

Foundation	The end of Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) will still be reported through Teacher Assessment (TA) i.e. pupil observations
Year 1	The phonics screening test will still continue in Term 5 2021
Year 2	<p>The additional phonics screening test in October 2021 will still continue for those who were in Year 1 and didn't reach the required pass mark.</p> <p>KS1 SATs</p> <p>There is no formal testing as the outcomes will be through TA. However, the school may use past papers to support teacher judgements.</p> <p>The outcomes for reading, writing and mathematics will be published in the summer term.</p>
Year 4	The multiplication times tables screening will not take place in 2021.
Year 6	<p>KS2 SATs (10-13 May 2021)</p> <p>There will still be the formal tests in reading and mathematics. Writing will be through TA.</p> <p>There is no formal spelling and grammar test paper as the outcomes will be from teacher assessment. There is no TA reporting for science.</p>

The school will still publish Records of Achievements but at this stage we are planning how we can discuss the contents with you as parents. More information on this will follow in the new year.

We hope that the run up to the end of term goes smoothly and everyone stays healthy. Please remember to continue to inform the school should anyone in your family contract Coronavirus even after the school closes for the Christmas break. You can text or leave a message on 07745781956.

As I have mentioned previously the school has changed its online learning platform and will move over to a restricted use of Google Classrooms. In January we will write to let you know about the details and how to log on to access the site. However, if we need to close a bubble before the end of term we will inform you at the time of closure how to access the online learning materials.

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During lockdown and the need for families to access online materials, we know many families had problems with access. The majority of problems were to do with poor Internet connectivity where you live and the limited number of devices. If you are a family with only one tablet/laptop and as a parent you also need to work from home, access is difficult. We would like to hold a survey to try to ascertain what the difficulties would be should school need to close a 'bubble'. We may not be in a position to rectify the problems but the feedback would help with our planning. The survey will follow shortly.

It leaves me only to thank you again for your support and wish you all a good Christmas. I know many families are unable to meet up with some family members over the holidays but, where the children have shared this information with us, we have supported them in the hope that at some point soon, we will all be able to meet again.

I look forward to welcoming everyone back on 5 January 2021.

Yours sincerely,

Neil Baker  
Headteacher

## For the attention of all parents

Will your child be four years old  
before September 2021?

**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  
all Wiltshire Council Offices.

**The deadline for applications is  
Midnight on 15 January 2021**

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 primary school place in Wiltshire

Wiltshire Council

## Has your child tested positive for COVID-19?

If **YES** you need to inform the school as soon as possible

The school will need the following information to carry out a risk  
assessment of who may be a close contact:



**Date of onset of COVID-19 symptoms**  
(including what symptoms they had)



**Date of the test**



**Date of the result**  
(and evidence of the result/ID number)



**Date your child was last in school**



**How do they get to school?**  
E.g. walk, cycle, car, public transport, school transport, taxi



**If by car** – do you car share with anyone else?



**If walking** – do they walk in with anyone else?



**If public transport/school transport**  
– do they know who they sat near?

Please provide any additional information you may have as to pupils  
or staff your child may have been in contact with during this period.

**Please note: The infectious period is 48 hours prior to the onset  
of symptoms** (or date of the test if tested when asymptomatic).

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