

To the parents of:



Useful information for 2021-2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome!

We are delighted to welcome you all into our Christ Church School family! We have enjoyed meeting with you all. We hope you felt the school visit was valuable for you and your child.

There is such a lot of new information when your child starts school so we hope this reminder will be useful for you to refer to throughout the year.

Communication

We know that talking to us about your child's needs is really important and we always want to have those discussions with you. If you need to tell us something important for your child's day, then catch us in the mornings, otherwise we are happy to have a quick chat after school. If you would like a longer meeting then it is best to speak to us to arrange or send an email via admin@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk. You can also call the school office with a message and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

We love to hear what amazing things the children are doing at home and it is important for you to be able to share these with us. We will be using an online platform called Evidence Me to enable you to share activities and milestones. More details to follow!

Allergies

There are children throughout the school who have **severe nut allergies**. Please help us keep these children safe. **WE ARE A NUT AWARE SCHOOL.** Please do not send in any nuts or food items that contain nuts into school with your child – please be especially mindful regarding checking items such as cereal bars etc. The children have been told that they must not share their food at school and we hope you will support us with this important message at home. Thank you for your cooperation.

Drinks

Water bottles should be placed in the boxes so the children can access these during the day. We recognise the many benefits of being well hydrated and will encourage all children to drink regularly throughout the school day. Also *please give your child a separate re-sealable drink for lunchtime if they are having packed lunches.*

Illness

Please follow the school procedures for illness, particularly involving symptoms of Covid 19.

If your child is un-well please telephone the school office on 01225 863444 or email absence@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk by 9.a.m. If your child has suffered any sickness or diarrhoea then they must not return to school until 48 hours after the final occurrence.

Head Bump Notes

If your child bumps their head while at school, this will be noted in the medical book and dealt with appropriately. A note will also be sent home via your child's book bag to inform you of the incident. Your child should also be wearing a 'head bump' sticker.

School Meals

Every child is entitled to a free school meal under the Universal Free School Meals scheme. If your family is in receipt of any benefits, please let the office know as your child may also be entitled to a meal under the Free School Meals, this means the school will be able to access additional funding.

Labels....Please!

Please continue to ensure that **EVERY** item of clothing coming to school is clearly named with your child's **FULL NAME** (NOT just initials please). It is likely that many of the children will have the same make and size of school shoes – ***please name shoes too***. On any one day, there are more than 400 green school jumpers on the school site. It will be very difficult for us to support your child with taking care of their belongings if they are not clearly named. Also, please can you ensure that if your child has ***a lunchbox it is clearly named on the outside***, so we can quickly find the rightful owner! Water bottles also need a clear label. Although the children will be coming into school wearing their PE kit, please ensure it is labelled as there may be times they take off their jumpers and shoes.

Coats

Please can you ensure your child has an appropriate coat and footwear for the weather, e.g. in wet weather, please send them in a water proof coat and shoes/boots. At Christ Church we believe in the benefits of fresh air and time to run around so ***even if the weather is a little damp and drizzly we will still go outside to play!*** Welly walks will be taking place throughout the week, so please ensure that your child has labelled wellies and waterproofs in school. These can stay on their pegs for the term so that we can make the most of our lovely grounds and woods.

Release Time

Each week, the class teachers will be released from the classroom to carry out planning, preparation and assessment tasks. On a Wednesday afternoon, the children will be taught by Mrs Screen, Miss Waylen and Mrs Jones. Mrs Screen is our specialist music teacher and therefore will teach the children in the music room, which is the mobile by the Year 1 outside area.

PE at school

Foundation's PE day will be on a **Thursday**. We will start PE on Thursday 23rd September. From then on, unless told otherwise, please send your child to school on Thursdays wearing their PE kits, including a sweatshirt. They will stay in their kit all day and it is up to you whether they come in shorts or jogging bottoms. Please don't forget a coat on these days too. Long hair must be tied up and earrings must be taken out or covered.

Spare Clothing

We are aware that you have provided your child with a spare pair of underwear in case of a toilet accident at school. However, we do also have spare clothing in Foundation. If your child has a toilet accident in school and comes home in Foundation spare clothing, please could you wash and return them as soon as possible. Incidentally we are always running out of socks, underwear and trousers if you are having a clear out and have any that you would be able to donate to our collection we would be extremely grateful!

Donations

We get through a lot of materials so donations of the following items are extremely helpful. Items which we would be grateful to receive are:

- Small notepads (some businesses will donate these if you work for a large company)
- Arts and crafts materials (tape, sequins, pipe cleaners, stickers, lollipop sticks, small boxes and tubes etc)
- Coloured paper
- Children's magazines (for reading or for cutting out)
- Good quality books for our sharing box

Please put donations in a bag and hand to the class teacher or LSA.

We are really looking forward to sharing our news and your child's successes with you over the coming weeks and months.

Many thanks.
The Foundation Team