



The Week Ahead

Term 4 Week 4

Dear All,

Spring has certainly sprung at Christ Church this week! Please look out for the Cherry Blossom and daffodils all over the grounds. Year 6 planted bulbs back in the autumn, and it has been lovely to see them bloom.



This week, we have experienced unprecedented staff absence due to COVID-19 and we wish everyone isolating a speedy recovery. I cannot thank the staff team enough for their resilience during this time, so many have stepped in for others, enabling us to keep each class open.

Next week, KS2 can look forward to a visit from the author Hannah Tooke and work on the outdoor classroom will begin. Mr Douglass is launching a school writing competition and Mrs Morling and Mrs Jones are requesting volunteers to help revive our pond area. Please read on for further information.

I hope you can all enjoy the sunshine this weekend.

Best Wishes, From Miss Brotherton

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LUNCH MENU: WEEK 1

Monday 21st March

- Welcome to Steve Wigley from Wiltshire Council

Wednesday 23rd March

- Outdoor Classroom Building Project begins (possible diversions around site!)

Thursday 24th March

- Welcome to Jess Caunter, our School Improvement Adviser

Friday 25th March

- Maypole Cub with Mrs Rutt and Mrs Pugh at 8am
- Welcome to Hannah Tooke (KS2 author visit)
- Year 3 Woodland Day – please wear old clothes and bring in wellies or old trainers (postponed from Storm Eunice closure)



School News

Congratulations to Mr Hardwick



We are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Mr Hardwick's daughter, Phoebe. We send our warmest congratulations to all of his family. Mr Hardwick will return from paternity leave on the 1st of April.

Pond Life

Did you know that we have a pond at Christ Church? Possibly not as it has become very overgrown over the past couple of years. It is now time to get it back up and running - hurray! The school has assigned a staff 'ground-force' team to help oversee the pond redevelopment. Our vision is to restore it to its former glory so that it can be a wonderful learning resource for all of our Christ Church community. Essential preparations need to be undertaken to get the pond zone safe and ready for the children to access and enjoy. Therefore, we need to clear the overgrown trees and shrubs; make good the access and the jetties; update the educational signs; and provide new pond exploration equipment. We will be working closely with the school's Eco Council and seeking advice from outside agencies to help with our vision.



If you have any expertise in this area and would like to help, please contact us at the school via: admin@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk

Many thanks

Mrs Rachel Jones and Mrs Lisa Morling

The Pond Team



Christ Church Short Story Writing Competition 2022

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be an author?
To use your imagination to go on adventures and create new worlds?
To have the power to make your reader wail with laughter or cry tears of pain?
Well...here is your chance...

What's it all about?

You quite simply have to write a short story ...there really are no rules, as long as it is a piece of writing that you think will knock our socks off!

The only rule is that it cannot be any longer than a side of A4, please.

Who can enter?

Anybody. The beauty is that this competition is open to all of the children in the school, from Foundation to Year 6. There will, however, be 4 categories: Foundation stage, KS1, Lower KS2 and Upper KS2, so that we can judge the entries as fairly as possible.

What do I have to do to enter?

Firstly, and most importantly, you need to come up with a brilliant idea. Then, draft it, and then write the final, polished version. When you are happy with it, you need to hand it in to the school office via Mrs Jones, your class teacher, or to Mr Douglass. You can handwrite, or type your final story entry. It is up to you, but bear in mind that the presentation of the finished entry will be a factor in the overall judging, so think creatively about how you present your final piece to us.

The deadline for entries is on the final **Friday of Term 4 (April 8th).**

Are there prizes?

Apart from the warm glow of success that you feel when you know you have done something that you are really proud of, there are four main prizes. Each entry will be rewarded with a small token to say well done for taking part and each age category will have a winner who will receive a magnificent prize (book and story related).

Interested?

Get writing...put pen to paper and knock our socks off!

Good Luck! From Mr Douglass