

Christ Church CE VA Primary School

'Let your light shine'



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FROM THE HEADTEACHER

As National mourning ended this week for HM Queen Elizabeth II, our children continued to think about her life in school and what she meant to them. These words have been captured beautifully in our school book of condolences, as shared by Pepi, "I miss you, I love you and I hope heaven loves the Queen." Finley said, "Thank you for what you gave us - we said a prayer about you." Isaac showed empathy by writing, "Hello King Charles III, how are you feeling about the bad news? Just saying, I've got your back and every side you turn. Me and my mum cried for one hour straight when it was announced. I know how it feels - my Grandad died. Royal love."

I am so proud of all of our pupils at Christ Church, for they always do their best to 'let their light shine.' This week, I have had the pleasure of giving a record number of headteacher awards for writing. Well done everyone. It feels great to achieve a personal best, especially in areas that require extra effort.

This week, staff were delighted to welcome Year 7 ex-pupils back into school for hot chocolate and cookies and to hear all about their new adventures. With 80% of last year's Year 6 class returning to see their 'old' teachers, we can assume truth in the saying, 'once a Christ Church pupil, ALWAYS a Christ Church pupil.' May I take this opportunity to thank all of our families for working together as partners to give our best for our children.

Next week, our 30 reception children will all join together for the first time. The excitement of being at big school continues day after day through making friends, acquiring new knowledge and skills and feeling accomplished. Good luck EYFS!

BOOK FAIR

The school Book Fair is now here and will be open from today for business! We will open it every day after school up to and including Wednesday and Mrs Foote will open it up on Tuesday and Wednesday morning before school for anyone that can't make it after school. If you buy a book for £4.99 or more you will be given a raffle ticket and then 5 tickets will be drawn on Wednesday and 5 children will get the opportunity to have up book up to the value of £5 free! Hope to see you there.



INSET DAYS

We have now finalised the final 3 inset days for this coming academic year. They are:

Tuesday, 3 January; Wednesday, 4 January and Friday, 26 May.

Please make a note of these days on your calendars.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our annual Harvest Festival will take place at Christ Church Church on Thursday, 29 September at 10.00 a.m. We will again be supporting Foodbank and we look forward to our Year 6 pupils leading the celebration. Part of the service will include the giving of food donations to a representative from our local Foodbank. Should they wish, each child will have the opportunity to walk down the Church aisle and place their donations on the Foodbank table. We thank you for your support in advance and would ask for any items from the following list:

Beans/spaghetti with Sausages or Veggie Sausages
Tinned Fish
Tinned Fruit
Mashed Potato
Hot Chocolate



This year we are able to open our Service to family members so please feel free to come along and join us!

STREET CRICKET

Street Cricket starts again next week at three venues across the county including Hutton Moor. Covering children in school years 4, 5, or 6 who fancy playing some Fast, Fun & Free soft ball cricket. Ideal for young people not part of a cricket club, sports club or who are new to cricket. There is no cost to attend. To book a place and find out more please follow the link:

[Street Cricket - Somerset Cricket Foundation \(www.somersetcricketfoundation.org/community-programmes/street-cricket\)](http://www.somersetcricketfoundation.org/community-programmes/street-cricket)

CHRISTMAS DINNER

We will be holding our Christmas dinner on Wednesday, 7 December! Please remember that if you want your child to have a school lunch on that day, you must be signed up to Aspens Select who provide our lunches. The menu will be out shortly and we will let you know when you can book!



CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME

This year the children will be going to the Pantomime organised by Weston College and held at the Blakehay Theatre. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be going on Thursday, 8 December in the afternoon and Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be attending on Friday, 9 December. Both performances take place in the afternoon and there will be a charge of £4 per child and full details will be sent out nearer the time.

CHRISTMAS FAIR!

Our Christmas Fair will be held on Thursday, 8 December starting from 3.15 p.m. We are looking for stall holders who would like to come along to sell their goods. If you or anyone you know might be interested please contact the school office as soon as possible. Further details about the fair will be circulated later in the year. Please put the date in your diary!



PERSONAL BESTS

Well done to the following children who all achieved personal best this week!

- Year 1** - Ben for beautiful writing and good behaviour!
- Year 2** - Molly for working really hard and showing a huge improvement with her handwriting!
- Year 3** - Yana for fantastic contributions during maths lessons.
- Year 4** - Antony for great effort in writing his story!
- Year 5** - Cayden for trying his very best in his project work.
- Year 6** - Gabi for a great attitude to learning, blocking out all distractions!

STARS OF THE WEEK

Our child star of the week goes to Lena in Year 6. Lena has done some amazing story writing and been very brave at lunchtimes at school. Well done Lena, we are proud of you.

Our adult star goes to Mr Hiscox for showing kindness, determination and teamwork this week at school! Thank you Mr Hiscox.

STAR WRITER

Rebeka in Year 4 is our Star Writer this week. This was awarded for some fantastic writing using a wide range of vocabulary. Well done Rebeka!

MIDNIGHT THE OWL

Year 2 kept Midnight the Owl this week as their class had the highest percentage of children reading 4 or more times at home! Brilliant Year 2!! Keep up the good work.

Each week the children who read 4 or more times at home are entered into a raffle and the winners this week, who each received a lovely new book, are Erin in Year 1 and Raine in Year 6. Enjoy your new books!

ROARY

It's a good week for Year 2 as they have also won Roary the Lion for 100% attendance this week! Wow Year 2 that is amazing!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Wednesday, 28 September - Final day of the Book Fair
- Thursday, 29 September - Year 2 to visit The Matthew in Bristol
10.00 a.m. Harvest Festival at Christ Church
- Friday, 30 September - 08.45 a.m. World Parents' Meeting (in school)
- Wednesday, 5 October - Years 1 – 6 to visit See Monster (details to follow)
- Monday, 10 October - Wear Yellow for Children's Mental Health (details to follow)
- Friday, 21 October - School closes for end of Term 1 break
- Monday, 31 October - 8.35 a.m. School reopens for Term 2

Have a good weekend!

