

Christ Church CE VA Primary School

'Let your light shine'



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FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Christ Church community joins the whole country in a period of national mourning for the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.



We have been paying our respects to the Queen through discussions in class, sharing memories with friends, and more formally during our Remembrance Service last Monday, where some children absorbed the news for the very first time. Many have been surprised to feel loss more deeply than they had expected whilst others are sharing a different experience. I commend our children and adults for being sensitive and for showing respect to everyone at all times and look forward to sharing the beautiful words in our school book of condolences.

The Queen reigned during my whole life, (despite how old our younger children believe me to be), as was for many of us. I respect the dedication of those who spend their days serving others and have felt the steady leadership of the Queen for all of those years. To giggle along with her and James Bond's mission to get to the Olympic Stadium and watch her share marmalade sandwiches with Paddington during her Platinum Jubilee, was an absolute pleasure, but for me, I will never forget her poignant words during the COVID-19 pandemic, when in the midst of THE most uncertain times she assured us all that, "we will succeed ... we will meet again." So in the wise words of Paddington Bear, "Thank you Ma'am, for everything."

Whilst under our grey cloud of mourning, it is wonderful to have all of our children back in school, looking so smart in their uniform. We welcome our new Reception children to big school and wish them well as they transition to full days, buzzing with energy and enthusiasm.

As you might expect at the start of a new year, this week's newsletter is jam-packed with important information and start-of-term reminders, as well as celebrations of our pupils' achievements. We love a good news story, so please let us know if your child has done something brilliant - especially if there's a photo so we can tell everyone all about it!

WELCOME

Our new Reception children have been an absolute delight. We welcome them and their families into our Christ Church community and look forward to a strong partnership between home and school to achieve success.

We also welcome Mrs Sarah Nicholls as part time teacher in Year 2, and Mrs Alison Knowles as part time LSA supporting children in school. We are delighted they have joined our Christ Church Team!

PUNCTUALITY

Thank you to all of our families for ensuring their child has arrived on time this week; we have seen a huge improvement from last year. The school gate is open between 08:35 - 08:45. Registers close at 8.50am so

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children arriving after this time will be recorded as late, which is an unauthorised absence. Please remember to order or cancel your child a dinner via Select as appropriate.

ATTENDANCE

It is the policy of our school to celebrate achievement. Full attendance is a critical factor in ensuring positive educational outcomes for our pupils. Our school will promote and encourage 100 % attendance for all our pupils.

ABENCES

Please telephone the school on 01934 620738, before 09:00am, on the morning of your child's absence. Please leave a message on the school answer machine stating your child's name, class and the reason for your child's absence. Parents/carers of all absent children will be contacted if the school has not received a message by 09:30am. Please remember to cancel your child's school dinner via Select as any paid for dinners will still be charged.

JEWELLERY

Please remember that only stud earrings are permitted in school as hoops pose a risk to injury.

BOOK FAIR

The Travelling Book Fair is coming to Christ Church again this year! Arriving on Thursday, 22 September it will be open after school from the Thursday until the following Wednesday, 28 September. There will be well over 200 books with prices starting at £2.99 plus posters, stationary etc. Every child who purchases books to the value of £5 or over will receive a raffle ticket which will be entered into a draw to win a voucher for £5 to spend on goods at the fair – there are 5 to be won! A percentage of all sales will be given to the school who can purchase more books for the children to use in school!

If you aren't able to make it to our Book Fair, gift vouchers are available at www.travellingbooks.co.uk/parents, they're a great way to ensure your child doesn't miss out!

A school ping will be sent out with some of the books on offer. All children will be given an opportunity to look round the Book Fair and there will be wish lists available if they see a book they particularly like.

Hope to see you there!

YEAR 7 OPEN EVENINGS

Don't forget there are still two Open Evenings to take place for Secondary Schools nearby. These are:

Winterstoke - THURSDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER - 4.00 p.m. - 7.00 p.m.

Hans Price - THURSDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER - 4.30 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.

Year 5 parents are welcome to attend too, in readiness for decisions to be made next year!

Congratulations to Braulio in Year 6 who attended Broadoak's Open Evening last night and correctly guessed the number of sweets in a huge jar which Broadoak then presented to him today! Well done Braulio – great Maths!

ROADWORKS OUTSIDE OF THE SCHOOL

We have been informed that the work outside of the school on Baker Street is nearing completion and we look forward to seeing it all finished. As you are aware parking will be limited near the school so

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please make sure that you leave in plenty of time in the morning and if at all possible walk or cycle to school to avoid congesting the road. Thank you.

YEAR 6 CAMP

A letter was sent home this week about the Year 6 residential visit to Kilve Court which will take place from 17 – 19 May 2023. If you didn't receive a copy of this letter please contact the school office who will be happy to provide you with one.

Please note there will be a meeting about the trip where you can ask any questions. This will take place on Thursday, 24 November but if you have any questions or concerns in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact the school and ask to speak to Mr Rogers.

ASPENS SELECT

We have been advised that the cost of a school meal will rise shortly. As soon as we know when this will take place we will let you know.

Thanks to everyone for putting their lunches on to the system so far this term. It has worked much more smoothly. Please ensure as this month comes to an end that you book the meals for October.

As mentioned previously if you do not book a meal for your child by the cut off time, and they are expecting to have one, we will call and ask you to bring a packed lunch in for them. Again, please contact the school office if you have any difficulties booking meals etc.

LOCK IT MARK IT

There will be another chance to get your bike marked to deter thieves and reunite stolen bikes with their owners. This will take place at the Princess Royal Square (by Pierre Bistrot) on Thursday, 29 September between 3.00 and 5.00 p.m.

PERSONAL BESTS

We have two lots of personal bests to announce this week as we didn't send out a newsletter last week, due to the sad news about the death of Queen Elizabeth.

- Year 1** - Miley for being so helpful around the class.
Daria for sitting beautifully and listening carefully all week.
- Year 2** - Olivia for great learning!
Logan for showing a positive and enthusiastic attitude towards his writing.
- Year 3** - Cedrick for always making the right decisions.
Michael for fantastic instructions on 'How to Trap a Dragon'.
- Year 4** - Maksym for settling in so well into his new class.
Sara for exceptional listening skills and super effort in all tasks this week!
- Year 5** - Amelia for being an absolute superstar!
Harvey James for being a superstar in every way!
- Year 6** - Angel for an enthusiastic start to the school year.
Brooke for writing thoughtful and considerate pieces of work.

Well done to you all – a great start to the new year, keep up the good work!



STAR WRITER

Our Star Writer this week goes to Logan in Year 2 for some wonderful writing about a pirate. Congratulations Logan!

STARS OF THE WEEK

Our child 'Star' last week was awarded to Febe in Year 6. Febe had an amazing positive attitude at school and also has phenomenal success in tennis over the summer break! Fantastic!

This week our Star award went to Archie in Year 4 for being a great example of Christ Church and showing our school values through his actions. Well done Archie!

Our adult stars last week were awarded to Mrs Nicholls and Mrs Knowles, our two new members of staff, who joined our team with a positive attitude and showed great kindness to everyone!

Mrs Carpenter was our adult star this week! Mrs Carpenter makes Christ Church a special place to be at all times with her smile, kindness and energy! Thank you Mrs Carpenter!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday, 19 September	-	School closed for funeral of Queen Elizabeth II
Tuesday, 20 September	-	School opens as normal at 8.35 a.m. (Breakfast Club at 7.45 a.m.)
Thursday, 22 September	-	School Book Fair arrives
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 (details to follow)
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

As you know school is closed on Monday, due to the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II so we will see you on Tuesday, 20 September.

Best wishes

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