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Newsletter 2

Dear parents and carers,

It has been a busy first month back at school with children and adults settling into their new classes very quickly and a great deal of visits, workshops and school projects taking place already. Junior classes all had a wonderful time visiting Buckingham Palace – Years 3 and 4 took part in creative writing workshops in the State Rooms, enjoying a brilliant guided tour of the palace and even going behind the tourist ropes in some rooms and Years 5 and 6 took part in a drawing workshop in the inspirational setting of the Palace gardens and were allowed to walk out across the forecourt and through the front gates!

Our creative history workshops for the juniors have also now begun; the Y5 Viking ship was spectacular and Y6 crafted two more wicker Trojan horses to display near the school entrance. Look out for the Pyramid and Round House in the coming weeks!

Children in all classes have been setting goals for the year ahead to go into our time capsule boxes to be opened at the end of the year and they have all been trying hard to be nominated for one of our Friendship Flowers and creating Friendship films with Adrian from Bigfoot in their drama sessions.

It has certainly been a busy start to the term and there is plenty more to fit in around all our usual teaching and learning this month as we all take part in 'try something new' week and begin our work towards the Christ Church Arts Project self-portraits exhibition in November.

With best wishes, Katy Forsdyke, Head teacher

Staff news

Miss Willmer has made the decision not to return to work at Christ Church at the end of her maternity leave. She has moved with her family to a new life in Devon – we all send her our thanks for her amazing work teaching at Christ Church and our best wishes to the whole family for the future!

Cross country success!

Congratulations to the cross country team who were once again the small schools champions at the Camden competition and second over all! These are amazing achievements when running against over a thousand children from 26 other schools, many of the schools much bigger than Christ Church. The commitment and sportsmanship of all the children in the trials and then of the 67 children who came to take part on an INSET day was brilliant to see. Thank you to all the parents who helped to get their children to school or the event on the INSET day and who came to support – this was a real team effort!

Harvest box food collection

We are once again collecting dried food goods for the Christ Church Harvest Festival. This year we are collecting for the Muswell Hill Soup Kitchen which is run from Muswell Hill Baptist Church and provides meals for homeless people and others in need. Please send donations in to school by Friday 6th October. The Harvest Festival Service takes place in church on Sunday 8th at 11am - all families are very welcome.

Information and reminders

Parking vouchers

If there are any families who live very locally who would be willing to sell or donate any CAH parking vouchers to the school please let the school office know. We occasionally use vouchers for parking for those visiting the school for workshops and our supply is running very low. Do please let us know if you can help!

Welcome

A very warm welcome to Theo and Eshaan and their families who have joined our Reception class!

Vegetables

We have recently been eating the last of the vegetables grown in school including school-grown onions, potatoes, tomatoes and cabbage. Our crops haven't been very big but they have been tasty!

Class assemblies and parent workshops

Autumn term class assemblies - all at 10am

Friday 13th October – **Year 2**

(with Y2 parent workshop on maths beforehand at 9am)

Friday 20th October – **Year 6**

Friday 3rd November – **Year 1**

(with Y1 parent workshop on reading beforehand at 9am)

Friday 10th November – **Reception**

(with Rec parent workshop on phonics beforehand at 9am)

Friday 17th November – **Year 4**

(with Y4 parent workshop on maths beforehand at 9am)

Friday 24th November – **Year 5**

Friday 1st December – **Year 3**

Results

The new national assessment system and tests have now been running for two years. The test results are no longer presented in 'levels' but instead show whether or not children reached the expected standard for the end of the key stage. This expected standard reflects the new higher expectations in the new national curriculum. There is also a higher standard at both Year 2 and Year 6 which is awarded to children working at greater depth within the curriculum. Year 6 results are presented as a scaled score in the range 80-120 where 100 represents the expected standard and 110+ is the higher standard. Schools now have two years of data in this new system and comparative data for Christ Church for last year is available on the school website.

Year 2 and Year 6 again achieved excellent results at the end of last year which is the outcome of hard work by the children, great teaching throughout the school and the involvement of parents in their children's learning. Well done to all the children for their achievements. The school's results and comparisons with local and national data (where available) are included below.

Year 6 – 2017 – % of children reaching expected standard (scaled score 100+)

	Reading	Writing	Maths	RWM combined
Christ Church	100%	100%	96%	96%
Camden	76%	78%	82%	66%
National	71%	76%	75%	61%

Year 6 – 2017 – % of children reaching higher standard (scaled score 110+)

	Reading	Writing (greater depth)	Maths	RWM combined
Christ Church	61%	48%	57%	35%
Camden	28%	21%	28%	12%
National	25%	18%	23%	9%

Year 6 – 2017 – average scaled score

	Reading	No scaled score for writing	Maths	Grammar, punctuation and spelling
Christ Church	110.6		109.8	112.7
Camden	105.3		105.8	107.9
National	104		104	106

Year 2 – 2017 – % of children reaching expected standard

	Reading	Writing	Maths	RWM combined
Christ Church	85%	81%	85%	74%
Camden	74%	67%	75%	Not yet available
National	76%	68%	75%	Not yet available

Year 2 – 2017 - % of children working at greater depth

	Reading	Writing	Maths	RWM combined
Christ Church	37%	26%	22%	22%
Camden	24%	12%	21%	Not yet available
National	25%	16%	21%	Not yet available

Dates

October

w/b Monday 2nd October – Harvest food collection this week
 Sunday 8th, 11am – Children in church, school choir singing, Harvest Festival
 9th – 13th – Y6 school journey
 w/b 9th – 'Try something new' week
 w/b 16th – KS2 times tables challenge this week
 Wednesday 18th 3.40 – 7.30 Parents evening
 Thursday 19th 3.40 – 6.00 Parents evening
Monday 23rd – Friday 27th Half term

November

Friday 3rd – Friends disco
 Sunday 5th, 11am – Children in church, school choir singing
 w/b 6th – KS2 Spelling challenge this week
 Friday 10th pm and after school – CAP
 Exhibition of children's self-portraits time tbc
 Friday 17th – Non uniform day – bring a toy for the Christmas Fair
 Tuesday 21st, 9.50am – Music assembly
 Friday 24th – non uniform day – bring a bottle for the Christmas Fair
 Sunday 26th – Christmas Fair
 w/b 27th – last after school clubs this week

December

Friday 1st – last after school club for this term
 Sunday 3rd, 11am – Children in church, school choir singing – Confirmation service with the Bishop of Edmonton
 Thursday 7th 10am – Rec, Y1 and Y2 Nativity for parents in the Church
 Friday 8th – Friends Christmas Present Sale
 Tuesday 12th pm – KS2 carol singing outside Waterstones
 Tuesday 12th, 6.30pm – School carol service in Church
 Wednesday 13th – Christmas Jumper Day!
 Friday 15th, 11.15am – Christmas Service in Church – all families welcome
 Friday 15th midday – Children home for Christmas holiday

January

Tuesday 2nd - children back to school for the Spring term

Rights Respecting Schools – Article of the month

To remind parents and pupils that we are a UNICEF Rights Respecting School we continue to include a different article from the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child in each month's newsletter.

Article 6 All children have a right to life. Governments should ensure that children survive and develop healthily.

