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Newsletter 1

Welcome back!

Dear parents and carers,

A warm welcome back to the new school year at Christ Church! I hope all families had a refreshing and happy summer holiday; the children are full of amazing stories of things they have seen and places they have visited!

On behalf of all staff members, thank you very much to all children and families for their warm wishes and kind gifts at the end of last term – they are very much appreciated.

It is wonderful to see the children back in school ready for an exciting new year. We have plenty planned for the term and year ahead – look out for more information about how parents can get involved and about all school events in these monthly newsletters and in the class leaflets which will come home at the end of next week. It is always great to see so many parents at class assemblies and supporting school events. Please make a note of the key dates below in your diaries.

Please do remember that if you have anything you would like to discuss with me you can make an appointment via the school office or catch me in one of the playgrounds at the beginning and end of most days.

With very best wishes for the new school year,

Katy Forsdyke, Head teacher

Welcome!

A very warm welcome to all the children, families and staff members who have joined our school this week. We welcome Django, Yuto and Jeongyun to Year 1, Henry to Year 3, Louis and Neda to Year 5 and Widdy, Parsa and Nifemi to Year 6. We also welcome Saoirse, George, Sofia, Bianca, Tristan, Oliver, Scarlett D, Thor, Casper, Rachel, Jemima, Emily, Alejandro, Daniel, Summer, Arran, Edwin, Islay, Ryan, Loveday, Matilda, Scarlett S, Sayuri, Emilia, Rika, Ayrton and Eleanor who make up our new Reception class!

Welcome to two new teaching assistants, Miss Tunis and Miss Morris, and to Miss Morgan who will be completing her teacher training with us working in Year 2 this year. Congratulations to Miss Manning who got married over the summer break and who would now like to be known as Mrs Manning-Bennett. Mrs Manning-Bennett will be completing her teacher training working in Year 6 this year.

Open classrooms – Monday 11th September, 3.30 – 4.00

Parents in Y1 to Y6 are all very welcome to come into school to see their child's new classroom after school on Monday 11th September. Children should be collected in the usual way in the playgrounds and then children can bring parents into school to see the classroom. Teachers will be in the classroom to say hello and there will be some examples of books from last year for parents to have a look at. This isn't the opportunity to have a long discussion with class teachers; so please make an appointment if you would like to meet with the teacher.

Coming up this half term:



Arts Project - Self portraits

Our Christ Church Arts Project this term will focus on self-portraits with every class creating self-portraits in a different style to display in an exhibition on 10th November. Look out for more information later in the term!

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

Dates

September

w/b 11th – Friendship week

Monday 11th, 3.30 – 4.00 – Open classrooms for Y1-6 parents

Wednesday 13th – After school clubs start

Thursday 14th, 6.30pm – secondary transfer parent meeting Y4-6 (and school journey information for Y6)

Friday 15th, am – KS2 cross country trials

Thursday 21st, 6.30pm – Reception parent meeting

Wednesday 27th – individual school photos

Friday 29th – INSET day: no children in school

Friendship week

We will all be talking about making and keeping our friends in the second week of term. We will be thinking about how to welcome new people into our school, making friendship bracelets to swop with a new friend and creating a whole school friendship tree in the hall. Look out for our friendship displays around school, too!



KS2 creative history workshops

We welcome back the creative history workshop this half term for KS2 classes. You will not be able to miss the Viking longship, an Egyptian pyramid, a Stone Age round house and another Trojan Horse!



Harvest box food collection

We will once again be collecting dried food goods for a local charity for the Christ Church Harvest Festival. We will be collecting in the week beginning 2nd October – look out for more information nearer the time.

'Try something new' week

Everyone will be keeping themselves curious, interested and happy by trying out some new things in the week beginning 9th October. Year 6 will be on school journey this week trying out all sorts of amazing activities, while in school we will be planning lots of different things based on many of the children's 'try something new' presentations from last year.

Mindfulness sessions for KS2

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be trying out mindfulness techniques with a specialist teacher over ten class sessions this term. There will be more information in KS2 class leaflets.

Information and reminders

Website

The look and format of the school website has been updated over the summer – please let us know if you find any technical glitches with this new site. We will be working on adding more content over the coming weeks and terms, so again please let us know if there is useful information for parents that you think we should consider including.



Children in Church

Each term there are three Sundays, which we call our 'children in church' Sundays, when children play important roles at the 11am Sunday service at Christ Church. The school choir sings and children act as the readers and servers on these Sundays. All school families are very warmly invited to attend on these Sundays – or on any other Sundays, of course. There is always a crèche/Sunday school for younger siblings. This term the three specific 'children in church' services take place on 8th October for harvest festival, 5th November and 3rd December for a special confirmation service led by the Bishop of Edmonton.

October

w/b Monday 2nd October – Harvest box collection this week
Saturday 7th eve – Friends parent event tbc
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 1 Everyone under 18 years of age has all the rights in the UN Convention on the rights of the child.





Christ Church Primary School

2017/18 Term Dates

Please look carefully at these dates for the year, especially when you are booking holidays!

Autumn term 2017

INSET day: Friday 1st September

First day of Autumn term: Monday 4th September

INSET day: Friday 29th September

Half term: Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October

Last day of Autumn term: Friday 15th December

Spring term 2018

First day of Spring term: Tuesday 2nd January

Half term: Monday 12th - Friday 16th February

Last day of Spring term: Thursday 29th March

Summer term 2018

First day of Summer term: Monday 16th April

Bank Holiday: Monday 7th May

Half term: Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June

INSET day: Friday 22nd June

Last day of Summer term: Friday 20th July

INSET days: Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th July

Children are not in school for INSET days - these are used for staff training.