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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the final half term of the year!

An enormous thank you to all parents who supported the Friends May Ball last month and especially to Nini, Ian and their team for organising such a wonderful evening for everyone. It was an amazing achievement to raise over £6000 in one event! This money will go towards kitting out our new music room with high-tech recording equipment and a new interactive screen as well as brand new percussion instruments and paying for our new electric piano. We had the opportunity to refurbish this room back in November and the children have been using the space with Mr Pegden since January but it will be wonderful to be able to buy and use new instruments and equipment.

We have had a real focus on developing our music provision this year through our production last term and our class music assemblies this term – we hope parents have enjoyed our performances!

With best wishes, Katy Forsdyke, Head teacher



Update on our vision consultation and action plan

School staff and governors have been working hard behind the scenes developing an action plan for the short and medium term from the areas identified in our whole school consultation back in February. We will share the whole plan with parents by the end of this academic year but staff, parents and children should already have been able to see a few changes as a result:

- The consultation report suggested **more design and technology** teaching and learning in school – we've tried to build this in already this term with design, construction and evaluation of water filtration systems, houses with working lights and door bells, obelisks to support our growing plants and rain water collection systems.
- The consultation report suggested **more opportunities for staff to share** and learn from good practice across and beyond the school – all class teachers have had the opportunity to observe and discuss teaching in another class at Christ Church this half term and almost all staff members also spent a morning at Kentish Town School learning from their inclusion and SEN provision.
- The consultation report suggested the school think about further **promotion of healthy eating** – as part of our response to this feedback we are giving advance warning that we are changing birthday treats from September. We will not continue to invite children to bring in treats for the class but instead give children the chance to wear a birthday badge or hat for the day so that everyone will know it's their birthday and make it a very special day for them! We are also planning to introduce free fruit for KS2 at break time.
- The consultation report suggested we review our **modern foreign languages** provision – our whole school French Day on 11th June makes a start at building on our current French teaching in KS2.
- The consultation report suggested we **develop our website** - we have made a start with this by uploading information and photos of some of our recent events as well as our monthly newsletters.

Thank you - Walk to school week

It was amazing to hear that families made a real effort to travel to school healthily and sustainably in 'walk to school week' last month.

Lots of families made the effort to walk or scoot or even parked a distance from school and walked the extra distance. Please try to keep it up!

If you must park near school please be polite to our neighbours – we have recently received complaints from local residents about parents blocking driveways and even responding rudely when asked to move.



Class assemblies

Summer term class assemblies and performing arts assemblies – all at 10am

This term each class has their usual class assembly to share their learning in all subjects and a performing arts assembly organised by Mr Pegden to share their singing and performance work. Families are very welcome to come to both so please note down both dates!

Friday 8th June - Year 4 class assembly

Friday 15th June – Year 2 performing arts assembly

Tuesday 19th June – Year 1 performing arts assembly

Thursday 21st June – Year 3 class assembly

Tuesday 26th June – Year 4 performing arts assembly

Friday 29th June – Year 2 class assembly

Tuesday 3rd July – Year 3 performing arts assembly

Friday 6th July – Reception performing arts assembly

Friday 13th July – Year 6 memories assembly

Well done footballers!

Well done to our Year 3 and 4 football teams who recently represented the school in a Camden league. The boys played well in the league competition but didn't manage to make it to the finals day. The girls did even better and progressed all the way to the final only losing in the end to a golden goal! Well done, girls!

Sports Day – Tuesday 3rd July

(reserve for rain – Wednesday 4th July)

All parents are very warmly invited to join us for our Sports Day on Tuesday 3rd July. This year Sports Day will be back at our original location (after all the works on the Heath in recent years) at the flat grassed area at the end of the avenue. Please join us either at school to walk down at approximately 12.40 or on the Heath at about 1pm. We will all have lunch early (school dinners and packed lunches) in school beforehand.

Children need to wear their house colours and shorts/tracksuit trousers and trainers to school that day. They need to bring appropriate clothes for the weather (jacket or sun hat and sun screen) and a named water bottle.

We ask that you **do not bring your dog to sports day, please.**

The children will take part in a number of fun games in mixed house teams and we will run some class races at the end if space and time allows.

Everyone needs to walk back to school at the end of the day please – it's a great help to have lots of adults with us when we are coming back. We are all looking forward to it and hoping for good weather!



Thank you - Soccer aid

We all had a brilliant time just before half term raising money for UNICEF with our Soccer Aid challenge. Thank you to school

council for organising the event and to the parents who were brave enough to have a go at the obstacle course at the end of the day! We raised just over £350 which will help UNICEF provide a well to supply clean water for a whole school or village and this money will be matched by the government so UNICEF receives even more.

Theatre trips and performances!

The school has been fortunate to receive some compensation from our water company because of the disruption to water supplies after the snow earlier this year. After our own successes on the stage last term in 'Joseph', we have decided to put this money towards funding a theatre trip or live performance for each class this term. Year 5 and 6 are going to see Peter Pan at the Open Air Theatre in Regent's Park, Year 3 and 4 will see Aesop's Fables at the Unicorn, Year 2 are going to Sleeping Beauty at the Little Angel Theatre and Reception and Year 1 will enjoy a performance from a theatre company in school.

Information and reminders

Policies

School staff and governors have recently reviewed the following school policies which are available on the school website:

Teaching, Learning and Assessment Policy; SEND Policy and SEN Information Report; Health and Safety Policy.

Hot weather

Please make sure you send your child into school with a sun hat and that you have already applied sun cream when the hot weather (hopefully) returns. We have a very limited supply of school sun cream which we will apply at times in very sunny weather – please let class teachers know if your child cannot have sun cream applied.

If children are leaving...

If your children are moving on at the end of this term (or even if you are considering this but have no confirmation yet) please do let us know. This really helps us with admissions and filling places for other children next year. Thank you.

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 31

All children have a right to relax and play, and to join in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.



Dates

June

Friday 8th - whole school photo

Sunday 10th, 11am – Choir singing in church

Monday 11th – French Day with patisserie sale after school!

Wednesday 13th – class photos

Friday 22nd – INSET day – no children in school

Tuesday 26th, pm – new Reception parents and children in school

Friday 29th – non-uniform day – bring a toy for the summer fair

July

Sunday 1st, 11am – school choir singing in church

Week beginning Monday 2nd – last after school clubs this week

Tuesday 3rd, pm – Sports day – all families invited

Wednesday 4th, pm – reserve sports day

Thursday 5th, pm – Open afternoon

Thursday 5th, 6pm – Summer Serenade

Friday 6th – non-uniform day – bring a bottle for the summer fair

Sunday 8th – Summer Fair

Wednesday 11th, 6pm – Y6 production

Thursday 12th, 6pm – Y6 production

Thursday 12th – Reports home to parents

Tuesday 17th, pm – Y6 banquet

Thursday 19th – Talent show!

Friday 20th, 11.15 Leavers/End of term service in church – all families invited

Friday 20th, midday – children home for summer holidays

September

Tuesday 4th – Children back to school

Children in Church

The school choir are singing in Church at 11am on 10th June and 1st July. All families are warmly invited to these (and all) Sunday services in Christ Church and it has been great to see so many families at our school Sunday services recently.

Growing our own vegetables!

Miss Foster has been leading teams of children in planting lots and lots of vegetables recently. Most of our planters are



around the back of school on Christchurch Hill but there are some others spread around the school site. We are hoping to grow strawberries, tomatoes, beans, carrots, lettuces, courgettes and herbs this year!