



Christ Church School, Hampstead

A village school in London inspiring *life in all its fullness*

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Newsletter 2

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Dear parents and carers,

It has been a busy start to the school year and wonderful to see new children, families and staff members settle in to our school so confidently, already taking part in many school events and becoming a part of our community.

Staff and governors have been working hard on finalising our school improvement priorities for this year. Feedback we receive from children, parents and staff throughout the year helps us to decide what to work on to improve our school. This year our main focus will be continuing to work on refining our curriculum, ensuring the best possible, enriched provision for all children across all the subjects of the national curriculum. We are also continuing our work on embedding our reviewed Christian vision and values, developing the wider leadership roles of our Governing Body and subject leaders and maintaining our focus on attendance and extending this to work on punctuality across the school.

This week our curriculum provision focuses on PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) in particular, in our Positive Relationships and Diversity week. Please take the chance to talk to your child about their learning this week about friendships, anti-bullying, equality and celebrating diversity.

With many thanks for your ongoing support, Katy Forsdyke, Head teacher

'Try something new' week

Next week is our annual 'try something new' week! We run this week to develop children's resilience, confidence and openness to new experiences. We know that trying new things is good for our mental health and for keeping us happy and some of us might just find a new hobby or skill to develop in the future. Our try something new week is funded this year by the generous parent donation which match funded the total raised by the Friends Summer Fair.

This year our activities across the school will include tie dying, skipping, calligraphy, skate boarding, Tawainese fan dancing, circus skills, bread making and trying exotic fruits! Year 6 will be away on school journey in Dorset next week trying all sorts of new things, too!

Well done and thank you!

Well done to our **KS2 cross country team** who maintained their status as small school champions at the Camden cross country tournament last week! They came second overall, with some brilliant individual performances, and every child in KS2 can be very proud of their performances and great sportsmanship shown in the trials and tournament, even in the rain! Thank you to all the parents who came to support our runners, too.



Well done to our **choir** for singing so well at the Harvest Thanksgiving Service at Christ Church last weekend. It was wonderful to see so many families in Church and 25 members of the choir! Thank you very much to parents for their food donations for the Muswell Hill Baptist Church Soup Kitchen. We heard from their Minister in assembly how helpful our donations are in helping to feed between 30-60 people five nights each week.

Information and reminders

Please take care on our steps!

As the weather gets wetter and colder and the leaves begin to fall, please take extra care on the steps and around the school site.

Walking to school

Thank you to parents and families for their support of our walk to school campaign. We are now tracking how children get to school on a daily basis. In September we gave out lots of badges to children who travelled to school in an active, sustainable way at least twice each week. We are going to make it a little harder this month and encourage children to walk, scoot, cycle, use public transport or park and stride at least three times each week!

Information about children's allergies and medical conditions

Please keep us up to date if your child has any allergies and if they require any emergency medication or have a care plan. We ask parents to update us about children's medical needs each year on the contact sheet from the home-school book but you can check with the school office whether we have the most current accurate information. If your child's medical conditions change, please make sure the school knows. Thank you.



Welcomes

A very warm welcome to Max who has joined our Year 1 class and to Kimiya who has joined our Year 2 class. A very warm welcome to new pupils and their families!

Autumn term class assemblies – all at 10am in the school hall

Friday 18th October – Y6 class assembly

Friday 1st November – Y2 class assembly (with maths parent workshop beforehand at 9am)

Friday 8th November – Y4 class assembly (with maths parent workshop beforehand at 9am)

Wednesday 13th November – Reception class assembly (with phonics parent workshop beforehand at 9am)

Friday 15th November – Y1 class assembly (with reading parent workshop beforehand at 9am)

Friday 29th November – Y3 class assembly (with writing parent workshop beforehand at 9am)

Friday 6th December – Y5 class assembly

Campaign letter to the Prime Minister

You can see a selection of the letters, pictures and posters we sent to the Prime Minister to campaign about climate change on our website. We are hoping for a reply!

<https://christchurchschool.co.uk/events-autumn-2019/>

Wake and shake – every Monday at 8.45 in the Junior playground!

Every child, parent and family member is very welcome to join in to get the week off to an active start!

Please join in rather than filming us.

Junior Sunday School at Christ Church

Alongside the regular creche for younger children, a junior Sunday school takes place on selected Sundays during the 11am service at Christ Church. All children aged 7 and over are very welcome. The dates for this term are 6th, 13th and 27th October, 10th and 17th November and 8th December. Dates are also available on the church website at christchurchhampstead.co.uk.

New End Healthy School Street closure and Christ Church Passage closure

The start of the Healthy School street closures around New End School have been delayed because of technical issues. There is a new start date for the trial of the scheme of 28th October. We are hoping that Christ Church Passage will be reopened in mid-November which will really help with access to the school.

Website

Don't forget to look at our school website for copies of these newsletters, term dates, photographs of school events and much more! We have recently added the spelling lists for KS2 classes and the class leaflets for this term. www.christchurchschool.co.uk

Results

Year 2 and Year 6 again achieved excellent results at the end of last year as a result of the 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. Previous years' data is on our website.

Year 6 – 2019 – % of children reaching expected standard (scaled score 100+)

	Reading	Writing	Maths	RWM combined
Christ Church	96%	100%	93%	93%
Camden	80%	82%	86%	73%
National	73%	78%	79%	65%

Year 6 – 2019 – % of children reaching higher standard (scaled score 110+)

	Reading	Writing (greater depth)	Maths	RWM combined
Christ Church	52%	63%	52%	41%
Camden	34%	27%	34%	16%
National	27%	20%	27%	11%

Year 6 – 2019 – average scaled score

	Reading	No scaled score for writing	Maths	Grammar, punctuation and spelling
Christ Church	109.0		109.3	111.6
Camden	106.4		106.9	108.5
National	104		105	106

Year 2 – 2019 – % of children reaching expected standard

	Reading	Writing	Maths	RWM combined
Christ Church	89%	82%	86%	79%
Camden	77%	70%	75%	Not yet available
National (2018)	75%	70%	76%	Not yet available

Year 2 – 2019 - % of children working at greater depth

	Reading	Writing	Maths	RWM combined
Christ Church	39%	29%	29%	18%
Camden	26%	16%	23%	Not yet available
National (2018)	26%	16%	22%	Not yet available



Our school's Christian vision – a reminder

At Christ Church School we want every child and every adult in our school to experience life in all its fullness now and in the future.

We asked children across the school what 'life in all its fullness' means - here are some of their very thoughtful answers:

Life in all its fullness is: living the best life we can; trying 100% in everything; making the most of everything; not just doing maths and English but doing lots of things; building each other up and being kind to each other; listening to everyone's ideas; having the chance to think about things.

Dates

October

Tuesday 1st – Anti-bullying day, wear odd socks!

Friday 4th – INSET day, no children in school

Week beginning 7th – Try something new week!

Week beginning 7th – Y6 school journey

Week beginning 14th - KS2 times tables challenge this week

Tuesday 15th – Nasal flu vaccinations (Rec-Y6)

Wednesday 16th – Individual photos

Wednesday 16th, 3.30 – 7.30pm – Parents evening

Thursday 17th, 3.30 – 6.00pm – Parents evening

Monday 21st – Friday 25th – Half term

Week beginning 28th – KS2 spelling challenge this week

November

Sunday 3rd, 11am – Children in church, school choir singing

Wednesday 6th, 9.50am – Music assembly

Friday 15th, pm – CAP art exhibition – more details to come

Friday 22nd – Non uniform day, bring a toy for the Christmas Fair

Sunday 24th, 11am – Children in church, school choir singing

Friday 29th – non uniform day – bring a bottle for the Christmas Fair

December

Sunday 1st, 12-2pm – Christmas Fair

Week beginning Monday 2nd – Last after school clubs

Thursday 12th, 10am – Infant nativity play in Church

Friday 13th, am – Friends Present Sale

Tuesday 17th, pm – KS2 carol singing in Hampstead

Tuesday 17th, 6pm – School carol service in church – all families welcome

Wednesday 18th – Christmas Jumper Day!

Friday 20th, 11.15am – Christmas service in church – everyone welcome

Friday 20th, midday – all children home for the holidays

Monday 6th January – all children back to school for the Spring term

