



Christ Church School

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

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Please complete the
parent survey!

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you very much to the parents who gave their comments on the school's new vision statement last month. If you would still like to make a comment you are very welcome to send in your thoughts or come and find me in the playground before or after school. The new vision statement can be found at <https://christchurchschool.co.uk/mission-statement/>

I would like to encourage all parents to respond to our annual school survey giving us your comments about the school in general. The link to the online survey is <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ChristChurchParentSurvey> and the survey will be open for the next two weeks until Friday 15th February. Parents' views are really important in helping us to make decisions about our plans and development areas for the future as well as, we hope, providing positive feedback for the staff about our current provision. Please do take a few minutes to complete the survey in the next couple of weeks and then look out for the summary results in a future newsletter. We are also asking the children for their views, of course!

With best wishes,

Katy Forsdyke, Head teacher

Our whole school 2019 school new year's resolutions

All classes have been involved in suggesting ideas for our school 2019 resolutions – these are things we want to get better at or keep on doing really well!

<p>Be ready for school and lessons</p> <p> Correct uniform and PE kit. On time every day. Bring in everything that you need. Use break time to go to the toilet. Line up sensibly ready for lessons.</p>	<p>Keep ourselves healthy</p> <p> Eat the fruit at break time. Join in 'wake and shake' each week. Be outside in the fresh air as much as we can. Reduce our screen time.</p>	<p>Look after our school</p> <p>Keep the toilets clean and tidy. Put fruit peel and cores in the bin. Put playground equipment away. Pick things up in the cloakrooms.</p>
<p>Be eco-friendly</p> <p>Turn lights and screens off. Reduce how much plastic we use - no single-use plastic at all Re-use scrap paper before we recycle. Don't waste food. Grow our own vegetables and plants. </p>	<p>Keep ourselves and others happy!</p> <p> Give to others in different ways. Be positive and smile! Use mindfulness and enjoy simple things. Build our resilience and bounce back.</p>	<p>Be compassionate and make a difference whenever we can</p> <p>Put yourself in other people's shoes. Care for, include and forgive each other. Have courage to be an upstander. </p> <p> Promote children's rights. Campaigning, publicity and charity work.</p>
<p>Take time to think, worship, pray and spend time together</p> <p> Enjoy the fact we all belong to Christ Church School. Take part in activities as a community. </p>		<p>Experience life in all its fullness</p> <p>Try new things whenever we can. Make the most of every opportunity and try our very best. </p> <p>Take part in as many sports, arts, technology, creative and other activities as we can fit in!</p>

Parents can help their children to work towards these resolutions, in particular, by

- making sure children are on time for school every day and
- helping children to have PE kits and everything they need in school
- not sending in single-use plastic bottles, cling film or plastic bags in packed lunches or snacks and
- joining in with 'wake and shake' on Mondays, too! It's great to see so many parents joining in each week already – thank you!



Arts Project Film-making this term

Children will begin making their films for this term's Arts Project later this month and we will soon be sending home information about our film premiere at the Hampstead Everyman on 5th March.

We are also looking for parents who work or have contacts in the film business to come in to talk to classes about their work. If you (or someone you know) would be interested in doing this, please contact Mr Hollings via the school office.

Class assemblies

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

- Friday 8th February – Year 1 class assembly (school hall)
- Friday 15th February – Year 5 class assembly (school hall)
- Friday 1st March – Year 3 class assembly (school hall) with Y3 parent workshop beforehand at 9am
- Friday 8th March – Reception class assembly (school hall)
- Friday 15th March – Year 2 class assembly (school hall)
- Tuesday 26th March – Year 3 performing arts assembly (church)
- Thursday 28th March – Year 4 class assembly (school hall)
- Friday 29th March – Year 2 performing arts assembly (church)
- Tuesday 2nd April – Year 5 performing arts assembly (church)
- Monday 8th April – Rec, Y1, Y4, Y6 Street Dance performance (church)

Parent workshops this year

- The workshops start at 9am
- Wednesday 6th February – E-safety workshop – all parents welcome
- Friday 1st March – Y3 workshop – writing
- Friday 10th May – Y5 workshop – RSE (Relationships and Sex Education)

We are in the process of arranging an additional parent workshop about supporting your child to manage any anxiety about exams and tests – date to be confirmed.



PSHE week 4th– 8th February – Keeping Safe and Healthy

Next week is our PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) week for this term and every class is focusing on how to keep themselves healthy and safe (at home, out and about and on-line). We have many different visitors and workshops planned including visits from the local Fire Brigade, Police, NSPCC, St John's Ambulance and two local doctors. There are also e-safety workshops, healthy lifestyle and pedestrian skills workshops led by experts for various classes. It is going to be a very busy but interesting week for all our classes!

In the following week we will be sending home a folder of your child's work and a set of parent information leaflets, too. We are sending home the children's work in this way so that they can explain their learning to you while it is still fresh in their minds and so that parents can reinforce the important messages about keeping healthy and safe at home. Look out for the folder of work and thank you for your help in talking with your children about their learning over the week.

Information and reminders

Parking vouchers

The school occasionally needs parking vouchers for visitors. If you live in area CAH and would be willing to sell (or give) the school some of your allocation of vouchers, please contact Mrs Connock in the office. Thank you very much.

Please take care and snow!

Please take care on the steps and around the school as the weather continues to be wetter and colder.

Please be aware that, in the event of snow, we will try our very best to keep the school open as usual. Please assume that school is open. In the very unlikely event that we were to close then a message would be posted on the home page of the school website soon after 7.30am and the class Friends reps would also contact individual parents.



This month's school website updates

The spring term class leaflets (including information about the curriculum for this term) can be accessed at: <https://christchurchschool.co.uk/parents/class-leaflets/>

We also continue to update our news and events page with photos and information of recent events: <https://christchurchschool.co.uk/news/events-2018-2019/>

Our Christian Values

This term we will be introducing our reviewed school vision and Christian values to the children. Our chosen Christian values are compassion, simplicity, courage, community and creativity, with each one rooted in a Biblical text or story and then related to children's own lives and how we act. Over the next five months we will introduce these values, one at a time, to parents in the newsletter, too.



Simplicity This value is rooted in the following text from Matthew 6: 25-34 and is part of Jesus's teachings to his disciples. *"Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly*

Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

"And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. ...If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

We will introduce this value by talking about this text as well as linking this to our own lives by reflecting on ideas such as:

- ❖ Simplicity is taking time in our busy lives to stop and reflect and to pray if we want to.
- ❖ Simplicity is spending time with and appreciating nature around us.
- ❖ Simplicity is thinking about what the most important things in our lives are and being grateful for and focusing on them.
- ❖ Simplicity is not trying to do too many things at once!
- ❖ Simplicity is not worrying about tomorrow but enjoying the moment.

Dates

February

Sunday 3rd, 11am – Children in church, school choir singing
Monday 4th – Friday 8th – Keeping Healthy and Safe Week
Wednesday 6th, 9-10am – E-safety parent workshop

Week beginning 11th – KS2 times tables challenge this week

Monday 18th – Friday 22nd – Half term

March

Sunday 3rd, 11am – Children in church, school choir singing
Week beginning 4th – KS2 Spelling challenge this week

Thursday 7th – World Book Day, Friends Book Sale – **only Reception class are dressing up this year**

Saturday 16th, eve – Friends Around the World event tbc

Tuesday 19th, 9.50am – Music assembly

Friday 22nd – INSET day, no children in school

Monday 25th – Last clubs this week

Sunday 31st, 11am – Children in church, school choir singing for Mothering Sunday

April

Wednesday 3rd, 3.45 – 7.30pm – Parents evening

Thursday 4th, 3.45 – 6pm – Parents evening

Friday 5th – Film Premiere! times tbc

Monday 8th, 10am – Rec, Y1, Y4, Y6 Street Dance performance

Friday 12th, 11.15am – Easter/End of term service in Church

Friday 12th, midday – children home for Easter Holidays

Monday 29th – Children back to school for Summer term

Events with other schools

Well done to the children who have recently represented our school at wider events – to our junior football teams who have been playing in the Camden league, to our Y3 and Y5 dodgeball teams and Y5 and Y6 athletics teams who took part in tournaments last month and to the group who represented the school at the LDBS Schools Service at St Paul's Cathedral. They have all been brilliant representatives of our school – well done!

