



# Christ Church School

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

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Making a difference

Dear parents and carers,

As we come back to school for the last half term of the year, each class will begin thinking about and working on a project where they can make a difference to others. Children will be learning about why there is deprivation, disadvantage and exploitation locally and globally and trying to make a difference in lots of different ways.

- Reception will be learning about the role of UN Peace Keepers and how to be peace keepers in our playground;
- Year 1 will be fundraising for a school in Zambia, where conditions are very different from here at Christ Church;
- Year 2 will be learning about education around the world and fundraising for a UNICEF 'school in a box';
- Year 3 will be learning about the work of Christian Aid and running a project linked to Christian Aid week;
- Year 4 will be writing letters about reducing plastic in our environment and presenting these to our local MP;
- Year 5 will be learning about the persecution of different groups and presenting letters to our MP about the disadvantages found by asylum seekers and refugees in this country;
- Year 6 will be learning about sustainable ways to purify and filter water and running their own businesses to raise money for WaterAid.

These are all great projects and causes, many chosen by the children themselves. Last term we focused on explaining and understanding our school vision of 'inspiring *life in all its fullness*' for all in our school community; this term we want to look beyond this, thinking about *life in all its fullness* for all, to see how we can support others locally and globally who do not have the same opportunities as us. We want to teach children to learn and think about others and to empower them to know that, even if they start in a small way, they can make a big difference in our world. Please look out for information about your child's class project and how you can get involved - thank you in advance for your support.

With best wishes, Katy Forsdyke, Head teacher

## Staff news

There will be a few changes to the teaching staff team in September with three members of staff moving on to new and different things. Mrs Pagnello will begin her maternity leave at the beginning of July, Miss Allen is travelling to Zambia as part of a charity project to teach in a school there and Mr Pegden is moving out of London and will take up a post in a school in Potters Bar. All three teachers will certainly be much missed in September and the whole school community sends them best wishes for their new adventures!

The leadership team and governors have been busy recruiting new members of staff and information about the staff team for next year will be sent home to parents on 10<sup>th</sup> July. Children will get the opportunity to meet their new teachers on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July.

## Soccer Aid – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June



**SOCCER AID**

unicef

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June the whole school will be taking part in the UNICEF Soccer Aid challenge. UNICEF's theme this year is fundraising so that every child has the opportunity to play. Article 31 of the UNCRC states that 'every child has the right to relax and play' and UNICEF is highlighting that play is as essential to a child's development as nutrition, healthcare and protections from danger.

We would love to raise £375 to pay for a community playground in Zambia so that 100 children can play safely. If we could exceed this target we could also pay for a 'pre-school in a box' full of toys, games

and books for children in a refugee camp (an extra £172) or antibiotics for 125 children suffering from pneumonia (an extra £50).

School council will be setting up a fun football obstacle course in our playground and, through the course of the day, all our classes will be taking part. All parents are warmly invited to join us in the junior playground from 2.45pm to watch the winners and staff take part and to have a go themselves – for a donation towards UNICEF! Please come and have a go!

Each child can wear their Happiness T-shirt and/or PE kit all day and we are encouraging everyone to bring a donation of at least £2 in exchange for having a go at the obstacle course. Please help us raise lots of money for this great cause!

## PSHE week – the wider community

In this term's PSHE week (10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> June) we will be learning about living in the wider community. Classes will be learning about charities, careers, volunteering, democracy and money. The week will include visits from Tulip Siddiq MP and volunteers from Heath Hands and the Royal Free Hospital, and trips to MetroBank, Barclays, and to the Heath Education Centre to plant bulbs and to Henderson Court Age UK centre to sing and take part in craft activities with the elderly people. Our careers morning also takes place in this week with over 25 people coming to talk about their jobs with our Year 5 and 6 classes and the Year 6 class from another local school. It promises to be another very busy and interesting PSHE week!

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## New Junior Sunday School

Christ Church has recently started a new Junior Sunday School on certain Sundays for children aged 7 and over. The Sunday school takes place in the Vestry during the 11am morning service on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> June and 7<sup>th</sup> July.

## Information and reminders

### Collective worship this term

This term in our assemblies and collective worship we have been thinking about prayer and the Lord's Prayer in particular, learning about the meaning of each section of the prayer. We have also been collecting children's prayers in a school prayer book, including the thoughtful prayers children have been writing for their class assemblies. In their assemblies, Year 4 encouraged us all to reflect on those who are living in the aftermath of natural disasters and Year 5 asked us all to think about times when we have found it hard to forgive others.



### This month's school website updates

The summer term class leaflets are on the website here:

<https://christchurchschool.co.uk/parents/class-leaflets/>

Photos of all of our Summer term events are appearing here:

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

### Football kits

If your child has a school football kit at home after playing for a school team, please return it to school! Thank you!

### 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.

### Walk to school week – thank you!

Thank you to all the children and families who made an extra effort to walk to school in 'walk to school week' in May. This makes a real difference to the congestion and pollution around our school as well as being a healthier way to get to school each day. Please try to keep walking!

## Our Christian Values

In the Spring term we introduced 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.



**Community** This value is rooted in the Bible passage in 1 Corinthians 12: 12-26. *'A person's body is one thing, but it has many parts. Yes, there are many parts to a body, but all those parts make only one body. Christ is like that too. If the whole body were an eye, the body would not be able to hear. If the whole body were an ear, the body would not be able to smell anything. If each part of the body were the same part, there would be no body. But truly God put the parts in the body as he wanted them. He made a place for each one of them. And so there are many parts, but only one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the foot, "I don't need you!" And those parts of the body which seem to be weaker are really very important. If one part of the body suffers, then all the other parts suffer with it. Or if one part of our body is honoured and praised, then all the other parts share in its honour and praise.'*

We have been thinking about how, like each important and different part of our body, each one of us is unique and wonderful and has an important part to play in our community. We have been linking this value to our own lives by reflecting that:

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

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Y2 class assembly  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Y3 class assembly  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Rec performing arts assembly (church)  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Y1 performing arts assembly (church)  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Rec class assembly  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Y4 class assembly  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 memories assembly

## Dates

### June

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> – UNICEF Soccer Aid day – wear your happiness t-shirt! Bring a £2+ donation. 2.45pm all parents invited to join us in the playground.  
Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>, 11am – Children in Church, Confirmation Service, School choir singing  
Week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> - KS2 Spelling challenge this week  
Week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> – PSHE week: the wider community  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> – Careers morning  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> – Non-uniform day – bring a toy for the summer fair  
**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> – INSET day, no children in school**  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>, pm – New Reception children and parents afternoon  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> – class photos  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> – Non-uniform day – bring a bottle for the summer fair  
Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 12-2pm – Friends Summer Fair

### July

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> - last after school clubs this week  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>, pm – Sports Day  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>, pm – Reserve Sports Day (for rain)  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>, pm – Open Afternoon  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>, 6pm – Summer Serenade  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> – Church fair and concert – school choir singing at 5.30pm  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>, 6pm – Y6 production  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>, 6pm – Y6 production  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>, 11am – Children in Church, school choir singing  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>, pm – Y6 banquet  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup>, 11.15am – End of term/Leavers Service in Church, all families very welcome  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup>, 12 midday – all children home for the holidays**  
**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – new Y1-6 back to school for the new year**  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September – new Rec class start half days