



Christ Church School

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

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End of term events!

Dear parents and carers,

This is a very busy time in school as we build up towards the end of the school year and we know that there are lots and lots of class and school events going on. We couldn't provide so many different experiences for the children without all the help and support we get from parents and families. It makes a real difference that family members come to support our assemblies and performances, our charity events, our Friends events, our trips, our Church services and all the many other school events that take place. Whether you have given your time to the weekly swimming trips on the bus or to the days out to Westminster Abbey or the Postal Museum, or you have rearranged your work schedule to come to see your child in a performing arts assembly, take part in sports day or sing in the choir, or whether you ran the barbecue, moved tables or sold ice creams at the summer fair – your help and support is very much appreciated and it all makes a big difference to our school and to all the children. Thank you!

Look out for one last, end-of-year newsletter in your inbox before the end of term including details of all the brilliant events from this year.

With very best wishes for the summer holidays,

Katy Forsdyke, Head teacher

Open afternoon – Thursday 4th July 2pm onwards

All parents and carers are very warmly invited to our Open Afternoon on Thursday 4th July. This is a chance for you to spend time looking at your child's work from the year with your child.

- Open afternoon starts at 2pm – parents can come at any point between 2pm and 5.30pm to look at children's work.
- If you are taking your child before the end of the usual school day you will be asked to sign them out from the classroom.
- This is not an opportunity to talk with teachers, as teaching will be going on as usual. Please feel free to arrange a meeting with teachers at another time if you would like to discuss your child's work.
- Please return all books to the classrooms afterwards – they will come home at the end of the year.
- Writing competition entries from all children will be on display in the hall.

Summer Serenade – Thursday 4th July, 6pm

Please join us for our end of year Summer Serenade concert in the Church where children from across the school will be playing their instruments and the choir will be singing.



End of year/Leavers Service – Friday 19th July, 11.15am

Everyone is warmly invited to join us for our end of year Leavers Service in Church on the last day of term at 11.15am. Please wait by the main Church front door which we will open just before 11.15am.

All children should be picked up from school for the summer holidays straight after the service at 12 midday.

Soccer Aid – thank you!

Thank you to parents who donated to our Soccer Aid appeal and to those who came to have a go at our obstacle course, too. We raised a brilliant £380 for UNICEF which will fund a safe community play space for up to a hundred children.



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

Friday 5th July – Y4 class assembly

Friday 12th July – Y6 memories assembly

Dates

July

Monday 1st - last after school clubs this week

Tuesday 2nd, pm – Sports Day

Wednesday 3rd, pm – Reserve Sports Day (for rain)

Thursday 4th, 2pm – Open Afternoon

Thursday 4th, 6pm – Summer Serenade

Sunday 7th, 2.30pm -Church fair and concert – school choir singing at 5pm

Wednesday 10th, 6pm – Y6 production

Thursday 11th, 6pm – Y6 production

Sunday 14th, 11am – Children in Church, school choir singing

Tuesday 16th, pm – Y6 banquet

Friday 19th, 11.15am – End of term/Leavers Service in Church, all families very welcome

Friday 19th, 12 midday – all children home for the holidays

Tuesday 3rd September – new Y1-6 back to school for the new year

Thursday 5th September – new Rec class start half days

Well done Year 3 – shhhh!

Year 3 took part in a sponsored silence for Christian Aid and raised over £150. They even had their class photo taken in complete silence!

PSHE week – the wider community

We had a brilliant PSHE week learning about the wider community last month. We enjoyed visits from our local MP Tulip Siddiq, from volunteers from the Heath Hands Association and the Royal Free Hospital and from over 25 parents and local people who presented at our careers morning.

Children took part in trips to Henderson Court Age UK centre to sing, create crafts with the elderly people and to plant their outdoor area, to Metro Bank and Barclays Bank to learn about finance and to the Heath Education centre to plant bulbs and seeds.

It was wonderful to receive some positive feedback from the adults the children worked with over the week:

What a fantastic week it has been with the children from Christ Church – they were polite, enthusiastic and a real pleasure to have in the centre.
(Age UK Centre Manager)

Thank you so much. We have been through the cards [children made birthday cards for hospital volunteers to give out to patients on their birthdays] – they are so lovely and so much effort has clearly been put into them.
(Royal Free Volunteer coordinator)

The students were a real pleasure to have at the branch and had so many great questions with much excitement and engagement around money and banking – they are a credit to your school.
(Barclays bank)



Information and reminders

Term dates

All the INSET days for next academic year have now been set (and please note the government's change in the May bank holiday date). A full set of next year's term dates are attached with this newsletter and are also on the website. Please look carefully at these term dates when booking holidays.

New End Healthy School Street closure to go ahead

Despite a number of concerns being raised about the proposals to set up road closures around New End School to limit school run traffic, Camden transport department has decided to set up a trial Healthy School Street scheme for next academic year. We are waiting for an information leaflet to send to parents about how the changes will affect us, but in the meantime the full Camden report containing details of the closures and restrictions can be found at:

<https://consultations.wearecamden.org/supporting-communities/newendschool/>



This month's school website updates

The Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 spelling challenge words are now on the website at: <https://christchurchschool.co.uk/spellings/>

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

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

Secondary school destinations

As in previous years, we felt it would be helpful to provide parents with the secondary school destinations of our Year 6 leavers. We wish all our leavers the very best of luck for much success in the future!

Bea C - Channing
Emily - Haberdashers
Emma – North London Collegiate
Charlie – Northbridge House
Aston – school in Hong Kong
Lola – Fortismere
Kitty - Fortismere
Matteo - UCS
Shaolin – Northbridge House
Nicole - Haberdashers
Chloe – Dame Alice Owen's
Ruby – school in Australia
Neda – Northbridge House
Diego – UCL Academy
Louis – Fortismere
Evie – St Marylebone Girls
Myaleena – Camden School for Girls
Sienna – Camden School for Girls
Alice – Hornsey School for Girls
Sofia B – St Margaret's
Joseph – Northbridge House
Henry – Merchant Taylors
Giovanni – St Marylebone Boys
Carla – South Hampstead
Rosa – South Hampstead
Bee T – Camden School for Girls
Sofia L – Fortismere
Zachary – St George's Harpenden

Well done to the athletics teams!

Well done to all the team members who took part in the Y3/4 and Y5/6 Camden athletics tournaments. They all represented the school brilliantly and several Year 5 and 6 children will represent Camden at the London Youth Games this week!

Updated school policies

Governors and staff have recently reviewed the following school policies. Copies can be found on the school website or you can ask for a paper copy from the school office:

- Health and Safety Policy
- Positive Behaviour and Anti-Bullying Policy
- Freedom of Information Policy
- Worship Policy
- Relationships and Sex Education Policy
- Medical Conditions Policy